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Rangers Face New Responsibilities

Legislation passed by the 84th Legislature will increase the number of Texas Rangers and expand their responsibilities in border security, in the protection of children and in investigations into the integrity of public officials. Chief Randy Prince gives an overview of the changing responsibilities of the Rangers.



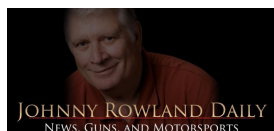
Please [click here](#) to read the article by Chief Randy Prince.



Fort Hood Sentinel

The Museum was featured in "Look into lives of historic, current heroes" by Erin Rogers for the *Fort Hood Sentinel* on July 16th.

Please [click here](#) to read the article.



News, Guns & Motorsports

Brazil's Military Police Cadets Visit

In July, cadets from the "Barro Branco" Military Police Lieutenants Academy of São Paulo, Brazil met with the Texas Rangers and visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco. Their trip is part of the International Law Enforcement Cultural and Technical Interchange Program organized by police Chief Michael Horak of Eastfield College in Dallas.

Brazil, famed for its beaches and culture, is wracked by poverty, drugs and gangs. Murder rates are up to 1,370% above those in the U.S. The state of São Paulo has a population of 44 million. The Military Police works with the civil police in escort, patrol, intelligence and interdiction duties. It is very high risk – on average an officer is killed every 4.5 days.

The Museum was first featured on *News, Guns & Motorsports* in June in a series of three episodes.

On July 3rd, Johnny Rowland interviewed Scott "Rowdy" Bundy, of the Texas Top Guns, a group of Texas history reenactors, who partner with the museum during our annual Spring Break Round Up and Summer Camp.

On July 20th, Rowland interviewed Byron Johnson, Executive Director, about the guns of the 19th Century Rangers and about the transition from cap and ball to cartridge ammo.

News, Guns & Motorsports is a radio show and commentary about current events, guns and shooting and firearms issues, automotive and motorsports features, and special music presentations.

To listen to the interview on July 3rd and 20th, please [click here](#) and select the air date. It will automatically download for listening.



While in Waco, the cadets studied pistol and rifle proficiency with Texas Ranger Special Response Team members Jim Hatfield, Jr. and Gary Phillips. The Rangers presented them with challenge coins. They learned about the expanding role of the Texas Rangers on the Mexican border and the museum staff introduced them to Texas Ranger history.

The cadets were quite moved at how well they were treated during their visit and how respected law enforcement personnel are treated in the United States and Texas. The museum is delighted that we could make their trip more memorable.

Please [click here](#) to watch a YouTube video of their academy. NOTE: The video is in Portuguese, but shows their training and the academy in São Paulo.



TRAF July Newsletter

The July issue of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation's newsletter is now online. Articles include: SEAL/Astronaut, chief fascinate crowd; 1st day shoot huge success; Since 1989, scholarships total \$1.8 million; Museum assures Rangers' posterity; Honoring a Texas Gold Star family; and more.

Please [click here](#) to read the newsletter.



Education Center

The following groups

Television Series Wins Telly Award

Discovering the Legend is produced by the City of Waco's WCCC-TV station. WCCC-TV won a bronze Telly award for the production on Lee Herring and his artwork on display at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. The program titled "The Art of Lee Herring" was shot and edited by Kyle Muscarello of WCCC-TV. The program consisted of Lee Herring explaining how he got into painting and information on the paintings on display at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.



"It was an honor to work with Lee Herring and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. I'm very grateful Mr. Herring gave me the opportunity

utilized the Education Center for programs in July:

Prosper Waco
Community Race Relations
Coalition
Texas Department of
Criminal Justice
Texas Historical Commission
HCCAA Head Start
Association of Fundraising
Professionals
Waco-McLennan NAACP

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to tell his stories." - Kyle Muscarello

Please [click here](#) to watch "The Art of Lee Herring."

A New Episode

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum presents *Discovering the Legend*, a show highlighting Museum artifacts and exhibits. Episode 21 features an Andrew Carter t-shirt, map of Texas, challenge coins and Republic of Texas flag and armband.



Please [click here](#) to watch the new episode of *Discovering the Legend*.

Museums Marketplace Showcases

Educational Services

On Wednesday, August 12th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the Museum Association of Waco is hosting "Museums Marketplace" educational fair in Knox Center at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.



A free, annual trade show, it highlights the services that area museums offer educators, students and the general public in Central Texas. Representatives from 13 museums and cultural organizations will be on hand to answer questions and showcase their programs. Door prizes and free pizza will be provided!

Please [click here](#) for more information on the museum members.

New Billboards on I-35



Check out our new I-35 billboards! We appreciate Lori Kasparian's assistance with the redesign and installation of our three billboards.

Gunfighterology: Frontier Gunfighters and Shootouts

On Saturday, August 1, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum hosted "Gunfighterology: Frontier Gunfighters and Shootouts," a presentation by Dr. Bill O'Neal, State Historian of Texas.



With more than 300 people in attendance, the presentation began with a brief history on firearms technology by retired Austin Police Department Lieutenant and author Doug Dukes. Author Bob Alexander, emcee of the program, then turned the show over to O'Neal, who regaled the audience with colorful accounts of some of most daring gunfights of the Nineteenth Century. In all, O'Neal has authenticated a total of 590 gunfights in the Old West. Of these gunfights, 408 were fatal fights, 638 people (criminals, law officers and bystanders) lost their lives and only 182 fights had no fatalities. Afterwards, O'Neal and Alexander autographed copies of their books for attendees.



Please [click here](#) to read an interview with O'Neal by Carl Hoover for the Waco Tribune-Herald. Please [click here](#) to see photographs by the Waco Tribune-Herald of our guests at the event.

Gift Shop Feature

The Texas Ranger Museum gift shop has new etched crystal and glassware available for purchase.



Luigi Bormioli 13oz. crystal wine glass etched with Texas Ranger badge
\$27.95

Luigi Bormioli 23oz. crystal stem-less wine glass etched with Texas Ranger badge \$27.95

Luigi Bormioli 10oz. crystal martini glass etched with Texas Ranger badge \$27.95

Margarita glass etched with "Texas Rangers Est. 1823" on the rim \$18.95

Shot glass 2oz. etched with Texas Ranger badge \$11.95

To purchase these items, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email the store at thestore@texasranger.org. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

<p>Save \$2.00</p>	<p>Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value. The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off I-35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.</p>
<p>Offer Expires: September 30, 2015</p>	

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