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Dear Christine,

Happy Holidays from the board and staff at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum!



#### Big Texas Christmas Present

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Friends for Life, along with Big 95 KBGO and Mi Familia Car Club, have teamed up for the "Big Texas Christmas Present" to benefit Gifts for Grannies on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Anyone making a donation to Gifts for Grannies will receive free admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame - one admission per item.

Gifts for Grannies provides items to the elderly and people with disabilities who have no one to remember them during the holiday season. The Museum staff needs your support to reach a goal of providing unwrapped, new gifts to 4,000 elderly Central Texas citizens. Many items are available in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop and can be purchased that day.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is open 9am to 5pm daily. The last guest is admitted at 4:30pm. Please remember, the Museum is closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

**Gift Shop Guaranteed Christmas Delivery**



Are you planning on ordering a gift through the Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop? For Christmas delivery, please order by Wednesday, December 19th.

[Click here](#) to browse our online catalog. The gift shop is open 9am to 4:30pm daily. We ship worldwide.

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Museum gift shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

**End of Year Donations**



As the year comes to an end, please remember the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for your 2011 donations. All donations are tax-deductible.

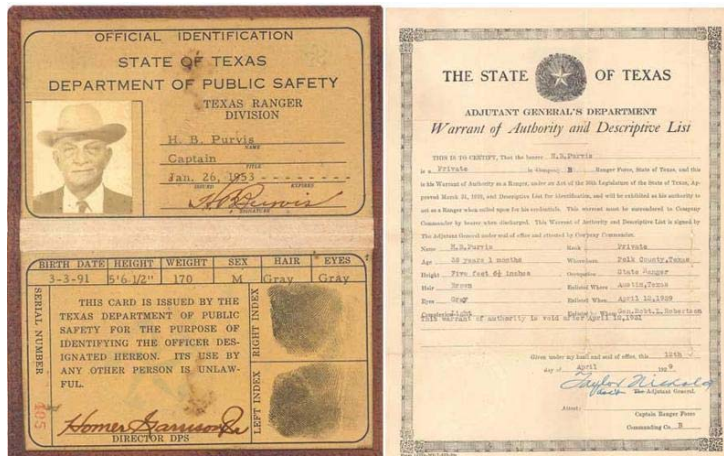


For more event information, visit [our website](#).

**→ Purvis Collection**

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum recently received a generous donation from Mr. Clayton Star and the Estate of Sherry Purvis. In early November Mr. Star delivered a trunk belonging to the Purvis Family that contains photographs, documents and artifacts related to Captain Hardy B. Purvis and his son L.H. Purvis. The Collections and Library/Archives Departments are continuing to process this large collection.

Hardy B. Purvis was born in 1891 in Polk County, Texas and joined the Texas Rangers on April 12, 1927. He was appointed to Captain of Company A in 1936 where he served until his retirement in 1956. Captain Purvis' son L.H. also served as a Ranger for twenty-two years.



The Museum can accept donations of cash, stocks, and in-kind services. For more information, contact Christine Rothenbush, Marketing and Development Coordinator, at (254) 750-8631. Thank you.

### Featured on the Web



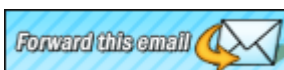
The Texas Ranger Museum was featured in two online articles.

Kevin Wierzbicki, Travel Editor and Senior Music Reviewer, wrote about his visit to Waco as part of his road trip series for antiMusic.com. [Click here](#) to read about his trip.

Cameraman Roger Woodruff who is a member of the Nashville crew for Go To Team, a film production company, wrote about his visit to Waco on his blog. [Click here](#) to read about his trip.

### Quick Links

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Left: Official Identification for Captain H.B. Purvis, January 26, 1953  
Right: Warrant of Authority for H.B. Purvis, dated April 12, 1929

## → Book Donation

The Armstrong Research Center recently received a gift of more than 400 volumes from Bob Alexander and Jan Devereaux of Maypearl, Texas.



Mostly dealing with the military history in the American West and Native American tribes of the Southern Plains region, these books help to fill in wide gaps in the Research Center's book collection. "This is a fantastic collection of books," said Christina Stopka, director of the Armstrong Research Center. "The collection has always been weak in the areas of Native American history and culture as well as the frontier Army. This donation from Bob and Jan will help strengthen those areas considerably. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. We rely heavily on donations. To get this many volumes all at once is a great pleasure."

The Research Center staff will be spending the next several weeks inventorying and cataloguing the collection.

## → A Year In Review

2012 was an exciting year filled with the opening of a new Research Center, special events, gifts of historical artifacts to the People of Texas and expansion





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of our community outreach.

#### **Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center:**

The Armstrong Research Center was dedicated on June 9th. It is a State designated repository for library and archive materials and serves a diverse audience of family history researchers, historical writers, students and faculty, and documentary, television and movie producers. The new Center significantly increases the capacity to house the growing collections, which span three centuries. We appreciate the support the facility received from Spindletop Charities, Inc., the Texas Rangers, the family and friends of Tobin and Anne Armstrong, and the City of Waco.

#### **Special Events:**

This year was one focused on educating the public about the history of the Texas Rangers and about their duties as modern Texas Rangers.

- During spring break, visitors came to a series of live history activities and a presentation by Ranger Captain Frank Malinak on the tactical equipment used by the Texas Rangers.
- The Museum in partnership with the Texas Top Guns re-enactors held a one day history camp on July 20th. Campers stepped into the boots of a 19th century Ranger and learned about survival skills on the Texas frontier.
- On September 29th, the Museum hosted 'Barbs, Bullets & Blood: The Wire War That Revolutionized Texas.' Four well-known researchers and authors - Bob Alexander, Clifford R. Caldwell, Harold D. Jobses and Michael Barr - shared their knowledge of one of the truly amazing chapters in Texas history - the struggle over the introduction and acceptance of barbed wire in the Lone Star State, as well as its lasting impact on our everyday lives.

#### **Artifact Donations and Long-Term Loans:**

Every gift and long-term loan is appreciated, and we are especially grateful to receive:

- Former Chief Hank Whitman and current Chief Kirby Dendy formally transferred 170+ boxes of case files and records dating back four decades from Texas Ranger Headquarters
- A flight suit and cowboy hat, both worn by Texas Ranger Pete Rogers, were gifts from Gil and Angela Nunez
- The Museum received thirty-seven firearms from Mr. Harold Star, Jr.
- Former Chief Hank Whitman donated a customized flight helmet presented to him by the Texas DPS aircraft pilots
- The family of Sheriff John P. Kirk who served during the 1880s donated two top hats and a dress coat with tails (c. 1860)
- Artist Lee Herring placed a painting of the ambush of Bonnie and Clyde on loan
- Major Timothy Forsting and his sister Katherine Forsting donated an 1858 Remington Revolver owned by cowboy John Forsting, their great grandfather
- A handmade chair, brought from Pennsylvania to Texas

more than 150 years ago, was a gift from the Gus Knox Fariss family

- Artist and collector Donald Yena loaned a Reconstruction-era 1870s Texas State Police Badge
- The Blackwell family loaned a cased pair of Colt 1862 Pocket Navy .36 caliber revolvers, which belonged to Ranger Charles Jourdan Blackwell (b. 1865, d. 1935)

### Community Outreach:

- In March, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame hosted the reenlistment ceremonies for two US Army Criminal Investigation Command officers, Sergeants Brian Beadle and Andrew Fank, and a promotion ceremony for SSG Ronald Massey.
- The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum hosted Teacher Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 12th.
- The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum won two *Locals Love Us* awards: Best in Tourist Attractions and Best in Reception/Event Facilities for John Knox Memorial Center.
- We attended the ABA Marketplace in Grapevine, Fort Hood Travel Show, *With This Ring* Bridal Extravaganza, Meetings Marketplace, Community Visioning Project, Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Convention, Wild West Festival in Grapeland, and the Alton C. Allen Historical Conference in Hallettsville
- We presented at Keene ISD, Greater Waco Homeschool Co-op, Waco Seniors Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis of West, Lakeshore Retirement Texas Independence Celebration, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Northwest Rotary Club, Texas Heritage Committee in Killeen, Waco Rotary Club
- Many news outlets featured the Museum throughout the year: Texas Co-op Power Magazine, Are We There Yet, Mom?, Urban Times, Bargain Travel West, North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens website, HOG Magazine, Sirius XM Radio, New 92 FM in Houston, Williamson County Sun Newspaper, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, 97.5 FM in Waco

**Save  
\$2.00**

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](http://www.texasranger.org).

Offer Expires: December 31, 2012

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