



One of our most recent donations, this flight suit and cowboy hat, both worn by Texas Ranger Pete Rogers, was a gift from Gil and Angela Nunez. Mr. Nunez, a friend of the Rogers' family, obtained the flight suit and hat through Captain Rogers' sister. He then generously donated these items to us. We appreciate this donation and the many others we receive yearly. We proudly display these objects in our newly updated exhibit case on Texas Ranger Captain Pete Rogers.

Before Pete Rogers was a Texas Ranger, he was a fighter pilot during World War II. During his military service Rogers won three Distinguished Flying Crosses, twelve Air Medals and the Purple Heart. Pete joined the Department of Public Safety in 1947 as a Highway Patrolman. He became a Pilot Investigator for the DPS in 1951. In 1958 he was promoted to sergeant and later to captain in the Texas Rangers. A Ranger for 24 years, Pete Rogers was a blend of the old and the new. Remarkably, he was a skilled horseman experienced with a lariat and a pilot with a jet rating.

## Construction Update Armstrong Research Center

Through holidays and rain, construction of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center continues on schedule towards its projected completion in April of 2012. The new archives and library will feature expanded facilities for researchers and visitors and greatly increased holding space for documents, records, books and oral history recordings.



In the photographs above, workers nail wood sheets on top of the rafters as part of the framing of the Research Center roof.

## John Knox Memorial Center One Year Later

The year 2011 began with the reopening of the newly renovated John Knox Texas Ranger Memorial banquet center.

Knox Center was originally presented to the City of Waco and Texas Rangers in 1982 by the family and friends of John Knox. John Knox, who lived from 1881 to 1964, was the surveyor of Lee County, a Texas Ranger enthusiast and a historian of Central Texas.

Reopening in January 2011, Knox Center was renovated to



become a deluxe rental space. It now offers a panoramic view of the Brazos River; a vaulted ceiling creating a feeling of openness, light and elegance; uninterrupted floor space, which allows for creative seating arrangements to suit any style event; all new lighting and audiovisual systems.

In the 11 months it has been open, more than 100 events were held in Knox Center. Aside from the traditional wedding rental, some of the events held this year have included a town hall

meeting, a Wild West Historical Association conference, a simulated radio show performance by the Waco Civic Theater and McLennan County Public Library who partnered with the Museum for *Lone Ranger Fan Day*, McLennan County Republican Party luncheons, DPS officer retirement parties, and more.

Bookings are made up to one calendar year in advance on a month-to-month basis. To learn more about renting Knox Center, visit <u>the Knox Center website</u> or call the booking office Monday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm at (254) 750-8631.

 Save
 Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value.

 \$2.00
 The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off Interstate 35 Exit 335B University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

 For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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