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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Summer Camp Cancelled



Due to the amount of rain Waco received in late June, summer camp was cancelled. We decided not to risk the safety of the campers by exposing them to rain, mud and mosquitoes.

Because of conflicts in schedules, the camp cannot be rescheduled at this time.

Texas Ranger Training: Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments

During the week of June 23, 2014, nineteen Texas Rangers and two forensic scientists participated in a training course in John Knox Memorial Center and the Education Center at the museum. The course provides participants with the essential skills to investigate a hazardous environment crime scene for the identification, documentation, presumptive forensic testing, collection, packaging, preservation and transportation of hazardous environment forensic evidence.



On the first day, the Rangers and forensic scientists learned how to wear the hazmat suit. To get comfortable with the suit, the participants practiced throwing water balloons to each other. Some

We appreciate the support from the Texas Rangers, Texas Top Guns and the local community in working with us to plan the camp.

TxDOT Bridge Dedication



Join us, TxDOT and TTIA on July 2nd at 10am for a dedication and ribbon cutting of the new Brazos River bridges. Congressman Bill Flores, State Senator Brian Birdwell and State Representative Doc Anderson will speak at the dedication. Classic and antique car clubs are invited to come lead a procession across the bridges as we mark this occasion.

Texas Roots: The Art of Lee Herring



Texas Roots: The Art of Lee Herring will be on exhibit from August 29th to January 11, 2015. We will be exhibiting over 20 works of art from Lee Herring, 2007 State of Texas Artist. A portion of sale price will be donated to the Texas Ranger Bicentennial Fund.

Look for more information in the August newsletter.

Boots and Badges:

interesting facts about the hazmat suit include:

1. They wear four sets of gloves to keep them safe. The top glove is changed out as the wearer handles new evidence.
2. The wearer must remain standing once the gear is on. Sitting can lead to tears in the suit.
3. The air tank weighs approximately ten pounds.

In addition, participants learn how to monitor the environment and collect evidence for identification of hazardous materials and for criminal activity. These activities including dusting for fingerprints on glass beakers and collecting shoe prints.



Once the course is completed, the participants will need continuing education courses and yearly physicals to maintain their certification. The yearly physicals are also used to determine any changes in sizing that need to be made to the suits to keep the wearer safe in a hazardous environment.



The course is part of the Law Enforcement Terrorism Certification Program and is organized by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT). The mission of the [NCBRT](#) is to help America prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from acts of domestic and international terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and high-consequence events through teaching, training, technical assistance, and research.

Update: *Distinguished Service*

Danny Chandler, board chairman of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation, formally presented a check to museum director Byron A. Johnson for a grant towards the forthcoming exhibit *Distinguished Service: the Retired Texas Rangers*.

Celebrating 50 Years



Save the Date! Join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary on Saturday, September 27th with a dinner and dance.

Look for more information in the August newsletter.

Citizen's Police Academy



Do you want to know what a Citizen's Police Academy course is like? This video from Houston PD will show you all the fun things you get to experience.

[Watch on YouTube](#)

Waco Curfew



Did you know Waco has a juvenile curfew? Click here to watch a video and learn more about the law.



This donation matched the lead gift made by Mrs. Holly Holt Williamson of Austin and Mrs. Andrea Catania of Midland in honor of their late father, Robert Holt, chairman of the Texas Public Safety Commission. He was a strong supporter of the history, heritage and service of the Texas Rangers.

Distinguished Service: the Retired Texas Rangers will be a memorial documenting the extraordinary service of the 183 living retired Texas Rangers. The Rangers will have personal biographies documenting their law enforcement career. *Distinguished Service* is scheduled to open in December.

On Board: Split Rock Studios



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame has begun planning a redesign and future expansion of the exhibits housing its impressive collections. The award winning firm of Split Rock Studios, headquartered in Arden Hills, Minnesota, was selected to provide design and fabrication services. The City of Waco issued a request for proposals that drew interest from as far as

Great Britain and 14 responses from firms across the nation. There was a lengthy review process accompanied by a study of work done by the firms from Texas to Washington DC and Iowa.

Split Rock Studio's resume includes impressive work for Ford's Theater in Washington, DC, the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center, the National Park Service, and many other major clients. To view examples of their work, please [click here](#).

We look forward to working with the Split Rock Studios team on our first project, a small exhibit honoring the 180+ living retired Texas Rangers.

100 Club Donation

The 100 Club has graciously purchased a Lenco Bear Cat Armored Vehicle for the DPS Region II Special Response Team (SRT). It was presented by 100 Club leadership attendees:

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Education Center



The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in June:

- Texas Rangers
- Waco Center for Youth
- Texas Brazos Trail Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Waco ISD
- Texas Ranger Association Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity

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[The 100 Club](#) is a citizen-based, non-profit organization formed to provide financial support to the dependents of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty in an 18-county coverage area surrounding Houston, Texas.

This state of the art piece of life saving equipment will be utilized by SRT and SWAT for specialized police enforcement including counter-narcotics warrant service, special response missions in high threat environments, public disorders and counter-terrorism missions.



This Lenco Bearcat, valued at \$300,872.00, is equipped with the following:

- 4-wheel off-road upgrade package with run-flat tires
- Diesel 6.7 liter turbo Engine
- Thermal Image & color camera w/flat screen color monitor
- Whelen LED light bar
- 4-Door configuration - rear flip seats
- Front mounted receiver with ram post plate
- Hydraulic ram upgrade

Special Note: This vehicle was placed in service on 12-17-2013 and it was utilized in executing a high risk warrant the very next day.

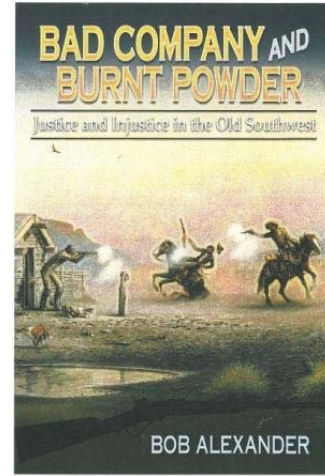
Respectfully,
Major Freeman Martin
Texas Rangers Company "A"

National Day of the Cowboy Celebration

Join the TRHFM as we celebrate National Day of the Cowboy Celebration on Saturday, July 26th in Hico, Texas. The [Celebration](#) is produced by the Billy the Kid Museum. Activities include: performances by folk singers, living history re-enactments, exhibit on the Indian Harvest of Food and art vendors.



Authors Bob Alexander and Jan Deveraux will accompany the TRHFM and sign copies of their books as a fundraiser for the museum. Mr. Alexander will debut his new book, *Bad Company and Burnt Powder*.

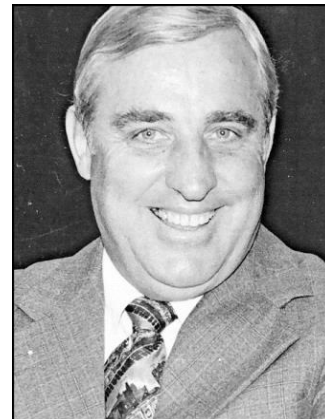


Bad Company and Burnt Powder is a collection of twelve stories of when things turned "Western" in the 19th century Southwest. Each chapter deals with a different character of episode in the Wild West involving various lawmen, Texas Rangers, outlaws, feudists, vigilantes, lawyers and judges.

To order *Bad Company and Burnt Powder* from the Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop, please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. We ship worldwide.

Remembering David Smith

The Board and staff sadly note the passing of TRHFM founder and former Waco City Manager David F. Smith, Jr. at 88. Born in the Central Texas town of Mexia, he served with the 5th Marine Regiment in the Pacific during World War II. David was proud of the fact that he "celebrated" his 18th birthday at a "beach party" on Guadalcanal.



After the war David graduated Baylor with a Business degree and joined the City of Waco. As Finance Director, and later Assistant City Manager, he lobbied for DPS authorization and secured funding to build the Col. Homer Garrison Texas Ranger Museum, predecessor of the TRHFM.

As Waco City Manager (1971 to 1988), he worked with a statewide legislative commission to build a State monument to the 150th anniversary of the Texas Rangers. This became the internationally known Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. After retirement he supported the transition of the museum to professional management and its continuing development. The TRHFM stands as a testimony to his foresight, public service and dedication.

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on

Save
\$2.00

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.

Offer Expires: August 31, 2014

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