



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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I-35 Closures

TXDOT has closed the I-35 northbound exit ramps to 4th and 5th Streets and University Parks Drive (Exit 335-B) for bridge deck and rail repairs. These ramps will remain closed during the duration of the work which is expected to be completed on August 23rd. There also will be lane closures for the repair work, so expect travel delays. Please take 8th Street (Exit 334-B) when visiting us from the South (Austin, San Antonio...).

We'll post updates as it becomes available on our [Facebook page](#).



TripAdvisor Rating

A Certificate of Excellence

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum recently earned a Certificate of Excellence on the international travel site, TripAdvisor.

TripAdvisor awards Certificates of Excellence to accommodations, attractions and restaurants that consistently earn great reviews from travelers. TripAdvisor provides reviews and advice on hotels, resorts, flights, vacation rentals, travel packages, and more so you can plan and book your perfect trip!



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame ranked #2 attraction out of the 50 listed Waco TripAdvisor attractions. We also have 399 reviews and a 4.5 out of 5 star rating.

Please [click here](#) to see our TripAdvisor listing. Additionally, we rank high on [Yelp](#), [Foursquare](#) and [VirtualTourist](#), among others.

We've achieved these ranks because of your support. We appreciate your dedication to our mission to preserve the heritage and educate the public on the importance of the Texas Rangers!

Ranger Chief Promotes a new Junior Ranger!

Many special guests visit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum each year, but most aren't as lucky as young James Mann, age 5 years old, to have an unexpected greeting by the active Texas Ranger Chief! James and his family, who live in Cedar Park near Austin, visited the museum for the first time recently when his uncle was visiting from England. According to James' father they wanted to do something as a family that both James and his uncle would especially enjoy. "I was pleasantly surprised that there was so much to keep kids entertained. James really enjoyed doing the scavenger hunt and finding all the bad guys!" said Barry Mann, James' father.

Clay Shoots

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) hosts clay shoot tournaments around Texas to raise funds for their scholarship and compassionate relief programs. The next three locations are:

Co. "D" Clay Shoot
Aug. 17, McAllen

Co. "F" Clay Shoot
Sept. 16, San Antonio

Co. "E" Clay Shoot
Oct. 1, San Angelo

Please [click here](#) for more information on TRAF and the clay shoots.



During the visit, Chief Prince presented James with a Texas Ranger badge, and James presented the Chief with a great big hug in return! The interaction was meaningful for them both. "It was an honor to meet James. He is a remarkable young man that carries many of the same traits as a Texas Ranger, namely great courage and respect. The high honor of being a junior ranger shall continue with James into perpetuity." said Texas Ranger Chief Prince. In an email to TRAF Board Member Constance White, who introduced James and his family to the Chief, James' father wrote, "I wanted to thank you for making our visit to the museum even more memorable. James had a great time there and meeting the head Ranger was very cool for him."

James and his family spent more than three hours at the TRHFM. It is a visit they will long remember!



Nearly 50 Years Ago...

Nearly 50 years ago, Austin PD Officer and future Texas Ranger Ray Martinez responded to a call of a sniper in the University of Texas tower. In the article "Nearly 50 Years Ago, Bravery at a UT Tower" for *My San Antonio*, O. Ricardo Pimentel tells the story of his actions on that fateful day.

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



Colt-Walker Revolver

Marshall Trimble recalls the creation of this legendary revolver for *True West Magazine*.

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

Recap: Summer Camp

Friday, June 24th marked the fourth annual Texas Ranger Day Camp, hosted by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Texas Top Guns - Frontier Battalion Company "D", the official living history and reenactment group of the museum.



Nearly 30 campers from across Central Texas attended the half-day camp, which included activities such as roping, rope-making, leather working, tracking and cooking. The campers were treated to a special visit by retired Texas Ranger Sergeant Matt Cawthon, who spoke on the current mission and duties of the modern-day Texas Ranger law enforcement division. The camp concluded with a firearms-safety demonstration and a "One Riot, One Ranger" skit, in which one Ranger defeated 7 rioters.



Education Center

The following organizations were guests of the Capt. Bob Mitchell Education Center in June:

- DPS Software Training
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Waco Center for Youth Volunteer Services Council
- Baylor School of Education
- Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

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The Top Guns came back to the museum on Saturday, June 25th to display their Ranger camp and chuck wagon. Visitors were able to experience some of the same activities as our campers, including walking into a Captain's tent, learning about their tools and tasting biscuits cooked in a dutch oven over coals.



The Texas Ranger Day Camp was made possible through the generous support of the Texas Top Guns, without whom this camp would not be possible. Additionally, the museum wishes to extend its thanks to the staff of Quality Inn and Suites Near University, as well as author Robert K. DeArment and his wife, Rose, for the sponsorship of four day camp scholarships.

Region 12 Teacher Training

On Thursday June 23rd, Education Service Center Region 12 hosted a six hour professional development workshop for social studies teachers in partnership with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. The program focused on the importance of one of Texas' greatest natural resources: land.



The morning began at Region 12 offices in Waco with presentations by GLO Education Coordinator Buck Cole. After lunch, the group recommenced at the Ranger Museum, where author Bob Alexander spoke on the fence cutting wars of the middle Nineteenth Century. Research Librarian Rusty Bloxom shared the importance of primary versus secondary research sources, and provided a tour of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. The program was wrapped up with a tour of the museum



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is grateful to Education Service Center Region 12 Social Studies Content Specialist Bill Shuttlesworth for his efforts in coordinating this professional development workshop.

For more information on Education Service Center Region 12, please visit <http://www.esc12.net/>.

For information about the services provided by the Texas General Land Office, please visit <http://www.glo.texas.gov/>.



Ranger Announcements

Arrival of Eva Danielle Pena

On June 14th, newlyweds Company "F" Texas Ranger Patrick Pena and Michelle welcomed baby Eva Danielle Pena to the world. On his Facebook announcement, Ranger Pena wrote, "We have felt instant unconditional love. Happy birthday, Eva Danielle!"

Ranger Pena and Michelle were married in the Texas Ranger Museum's John Knox Memorial Center on November 7, 2015. Congratulations!



Please [click here](#) to read his oral history interview from 2015.

In Memoriam: Ranger Joaquin Jackson

Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson, 80, died on June 15th at his home in Alpine after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Jackson served for 27 years as a Ranger in Uvalde and Alpine, Texas. In 2005, Jackson published his memoir,

One Ranger.



Among his many Hollywood credits, Jeff Bridges modeled his Texas Ranger character in the upcoming movie, *Hell or High Water*, on Jackson.

Please [click here](#) to read his biography. Please [click here](#) to read his oral history interview from 2008. Please [click here](#) to learn more about *Hell or High Water*.

In Memoriam: Richard N. Harlan



Richard Neal Harlan, 87, of Waco, passed away on May 30th. Harlan was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety for 33 years and worked with many Texas Rangers during his career. He was the last of the original 12 narcotics agents for the State of Texas and retired in 1984. A Memorial Service

was held at the request of retired Rangers on June 12th in the Texas Ranger Museum's John Knox Memorial Center.

Please [click here](#) to read his biography.

Museum Gift Shop Facelift

The Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop has provided unique merchandise to millions of visitors for almost 40 years. The City of Waco has made display upgrades possible so more merchandise can be shown with a western flair. These upgrades included repurposing rustic furniture, such as bookshelves and TV stands. New metal pipeline outriggers give us more space to hang shirts and purses, and provide a nice contrast against our cedar walls. We invite you to come see the new look!



**ONE RIOT
ONE RANGER
ONE STORE**

A sampling of merchandise can be seen at [our online store](#). Our in-store staff is glad to talk with you about prospective orders from 9am to 4pm CST seven days a week at 1-877-750-8631.

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. The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off

\$2.00

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, 2016