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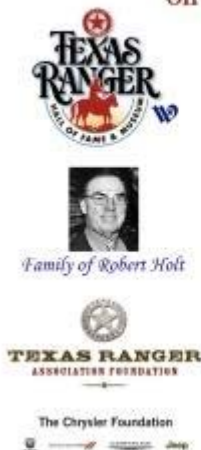
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You are Invited to a Dedication of
Distinguished Service: The Retired Texas Rangers
on Saturday, June 20th from 1:00 - 1:30 pm



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame
100 Texas Ranger Trail
Waco, TX 76706

"GUNFIGHTEROLOGY"



On Saturday, August 1st at 2:00pm, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host "Gunfighterology", a presentation by Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal.

The author of more than forty books, O'Neal will

Ranger Reunion & Ram Truck

The 33rd annual Retired Ranger Reunion is June 19th through 20th in Waco, Texas. Ranger Reunion is an opportunity for the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum to honor retirees, remember those who passed and support the scholarship fund.



TEXAS RANGER
ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

The TRAF is opening this year's Saturday, June 20th dinner to the public to meet active and retired Rangers and listen to Captain Cassidy. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased and reservations made through

discuss the impact of firearms on gunfights and shootouts in the American West. Guest speaker Doug Duker will provide an introduction to firearms technology, and author Bob Alexander will serve as emcee.

BOOTH AT TEXAS RURAL CHALLENGE



The Museum will have a booth at the Texas Rural Challenge on June 15th through 16th at the Waco Convention Center.

The conference features engaging and accomplished leaders in business and government. The theme this year is "Rural Matters: Growing Our People, Resources, and Future." The conference will highlight rural statewide issues.

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

IN THE PRESS



"Waco... Who Knew?" by Pamela Hammonds is an article on Waco that appeared in the Northeast Tarrant County, McKinney/Allen and Champions (outside Houston) editions of the May issue of LIVING MAGAZINE.

the foundation office at 254-752-1001.

Saturday, June 20th Evening Social & Banquet

5:00pm - social and silent auction

6:30pm - banquet begins

Presentation by U.S. Navy Captain and NASA astronaut Christopher John "Chris" Cassidy, Keynote Speaker



Captain Cassidy is only the second Navy SEAL to serve in the U.S. Astronaut Corps. Cassidy has been to the space station twice, once for a two-week mission, followed by a six-month journey, joining two Russian cosmonauts.

He served 10 years with the SEALs and made two deployments to Afghanistan and two to the Mediterranean Sea. Cassidy was awarded the Bronze Star for leading a nine-day operation at the Zhawar Kili cave complex at the Afghan/Pakistan border and a second Bronze Star for combat leadership service in 2004 during Operation Freedom in Afghanistan.



In addition to the various Ranger Reunion activities, Ram is bringing the Texas Ranger concept truck to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for visitors to see in person. The truck will be here on Friday and Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Please [click here](#) for more information about the concept truck.

Register for Summer Camp

Learn what it takes to be a Texas Ranger at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum! Texas Ranger Summer Camp is Friday, June 26th from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Please [click here](#) to read it on page 50.

THE BEAT



Are you curious what is going on in Waco this summer? The summer issue of The Beat by Waco & The Heart of Texas has many event listings including convention and hotel news.

Please [click here](#) to read The Beat.



TEXAS TIME TRAVELER!



Coming Soon to Texas Historical Sites: Texas Time Traveler!

Interactive, touch-screen kiosks will be developed for a number of THC State Historic Sites. These kiosks will enable users to discover other heritage tourism destinations around the state with stories that relate to those told in our historic sites. Users can build a personalized itinerary that will be emailed to them when complete with live links to additional heritage tourism resources.

EDUCATION CENTER



The following groups

In the morning, campers will have the chance to step into the boots of a 19th-century Texas Ranger and learn about the skills critical to survival on the frontier. In the afternoon, the children will learn about the duties of the modern Texas Rangers, including their work as criminal investigators. Campers may even get to meet a real Texas Ranger!

Camp registration is open to children entering third, fourth and fifth grade. Scouting groups are welcome based on availability. The cost is \$25 per camper, and the deadline to register is Friday, June 19th. Please call (254) 750-8631 to register.

TRHFM Ranked in Top 50 American Landmarks



On May 13th, John Blosser published "The 50 American Landmarks Every Patriot Should Visit" on Newsmax. Mr. Blosser wrote:

Any patriot wanting to fully understand how our country began and persevered over nearly 400 years, from when Pilgrims first set foot on Plymouth Rock in 1620 until today, owes it to themselves to spend some respectful time visiting those sacred places so crucial to our shared past.... Some are well known, some less so, but all are integral parts of our history and our heritage. As an American, you owe it to yourself to visit every single one of them.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is listed as the #10 American Landmark.

10. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Waco, Texas - The museum holds guns, saddles, badges, and other artifacts from the lengthy history of the Rangers, and even includes a Lone Ranger collection with original mask, guns, and memorabilia from the beloved 1950s TV show.

Please [click here](#) to see the full listing of American Landmarks.

utilized the Education Center for programs in May:

- Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
- Baylor School of Education
- Prosper Waco NAACP
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Texas Department of Public Safety

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Forward to a Friend



Armstrong Research Center Donation

Author Rick Miller made a third donation from his library to the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center in April. This donation consists of 91 boxes (approximately 1,500 books) and will be added to his previous two donations totaling nearly 1,300 books.



The collection covers a broad range of Texas and Southwest lawman and outlaw history. Miller used Ramon Adams' bibliography Six-guns and Saddle Leather as a guide to his collecting. The collection will provide a solid foundation for researchers on the subject of outlaws and lawmen in the American West. These resources will be invaluable to visiting researchers as well as in aiding in the creation of educational materials and exhibits. Our thanks to all the donors and supporters who make it possible to preserve this heritage for future generations. We are already looking forward to the next installation of books from Mr. Miller.

Republic of Texas Standoff

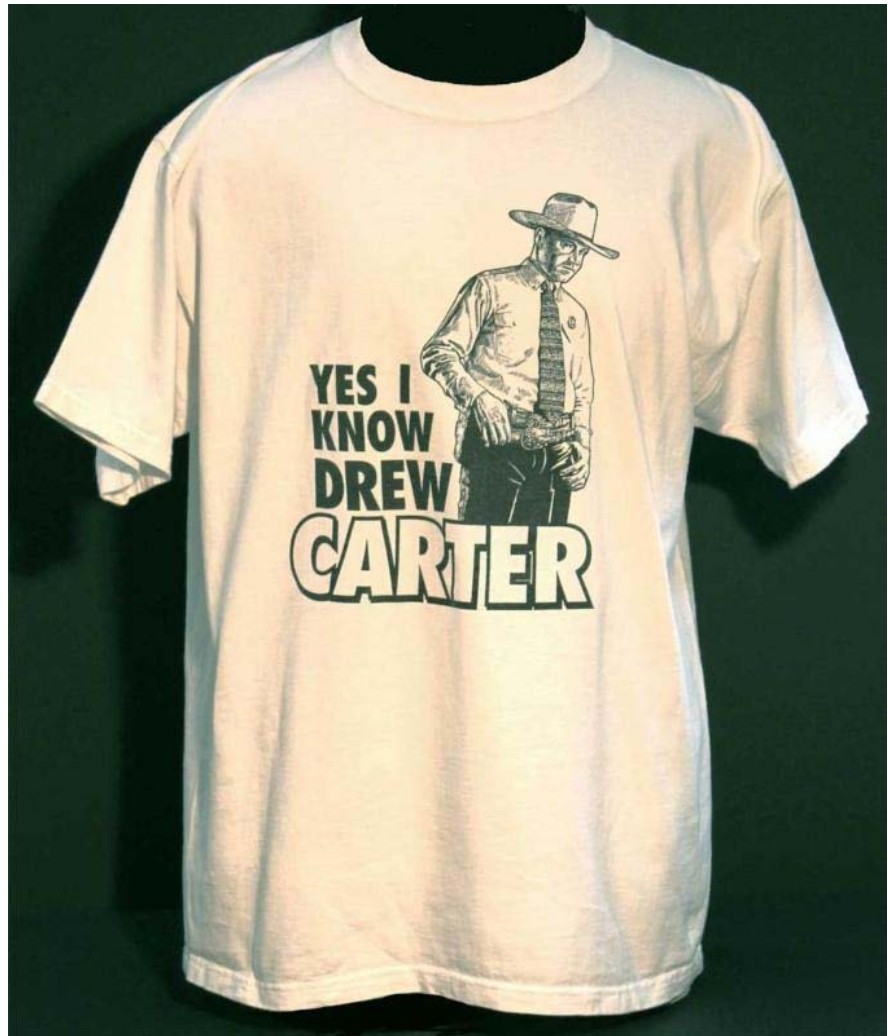
Retired Texas Ranger Captain Barry Caver recently donated several artifacts and photographs from the well-known 1997 Republic of Texas standoff near Fort Davis, Texas. The Republic of Texas 'separatist' group claimed the annexation of Texas in 1845 by the United States as the 28th state was illegal. They believed Texas remains an independent nation. During the standoff members of the Republic of Texas seized two hostages in retaliation for the arrest of two of its members. The standoff ended when a group member's wife convinced him to release the hostages after a week-long negotiation with the Texas Rangers.

The artifacts include a Republic of Texas armband and flag. In the photo below, Ranger Caver is seen after the conclusion of the standoff in front of a building designated as the Embassy of the Republic of Texas Office of Foreign Affairs holding the group's flag.



"Do you know Drew Carter?"

In 1999, Ranger Drew Carter arrested Angel Maturino Resendez, the infamous "Railroad Killer" near El Paso, Texas. Little did Ranger Carter suspect that he was about to become an overnight sensation. News outlets interviewed people who had contact with Ranger Carter from all areas of his life. He became a household name, and this led to the often-asked question "Do you know Drew Carter?" The question was asked so often that the Rangers of Company "A" had these t-shirts made as an inside joke. This t-shirt was donated by Assistant Chief Frank Malinak.



According to Assistant Chief Malinak, he and his wife attended a Ranger event and she ran into Earl Pearson who was Captain of Company "A" at the time. Drew Carter's name had been all over the news, and she asked Captain Pearson the same question every Ranger in Company "A" had heard a million times, "Do you know Drew Carter?" In response, Captain Pearson reached into his desk and pulled out this t-shirt and handed it to Mrs. Malinak as a gift.

Both Captain Pearson and Ranger Carter have since retired from the Ranger service. Please visit our Retired Ranger Register at <http://www.texasranger.org/retirees.html> for more information about them.

Visitors from Germany

On May 15th author Dietmar Kügler brought a group of six visitors from Germany to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. Mr. Kügler first visited in 2003, fulfilling a lifetime desire to see the symbolic home of the Texas Rangers. He returned home and wrote several articles and a book, which led to the creation of a press Verlag fuer Amerikanistik, (American Studies Press) specializing in the American West. In 2007 he established a travel agency bringing small groups to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. On this trip through Texas his group is visiting the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, the Alamo and the San Jacinto Battlefield. Gute Reise unser Freund!



Mr. Kügler is the third person from the right in the plaid red shirt.

**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.

Offer Expires: July 31, 2015

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