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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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TEXAS RANGER TRIVIA



In what decade were horses last commonly used as part of the Rangers' standard equipment?

The first three people to email news@texasranger.org with the correct answer will each receive a family pass, which admits four people to the Museum. Please include your name

Summer Camp!

June 27th and 28th from 8am to noon each day

On day one, campers will have the opportunity to step into the boots of a 19th century Texas Ranger and learn about skills critical to survival on the frontier. Day two of the program will provide an opportunity for campers to learn about the duties of the modern Texas Ranger, including their work as Crime Scene Investigators.

Camp Registration is open to all children entering fourth and fifth grade. Scouting groups are welcome based on availability. Cost is \$25.00 per camper. Deadline to register is Friday, June 20th.

To register, please call (254) 750-8631.



On April 23, 2014, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame a Museum received a generous donation from the descendants of Ranger Capt. G. W. Arrington. Michelle Nelson, along with her two sisters, Cynthia Shaffer and Jennifer Curlee, presented to the Museum two boxes of papers, photographs and books, along with a Civil War officer's sword and the branding iron from the Rocking Chair Ranch, which Arrington managed. The collection from the Arrington family is a treasure trove of original documents, including muster and pay rolls and monthly reports for Company "C", arrest records and letter books. There was also a nice



and mailing address with your submission. Good luck!

example of saloon art in a framed charcoal sketch showing leading citizens of the Mobeetie, Texas area.

IN THE PRESS



Jennifer Babisak visited the Museum and various Waco attractions. Her article can be read in *IN Magazine* and on her blog, *Vagabond Minivan*. Our thanks to Waco and the Heart of Texas for arranging her visit.

Please <u>click here</u> to read the article.

SPONSORING THE TEXAS BRAZOS TRAIL CONFERENCE



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in partnership with the City of Waco is sponsoring the Texas Brazos Trail's 3rd Annual Conference on June 4th. The event will take place in the Education Center and in Knox Center.

Learn how to tell your stories! Topics covered include: starting a storytelling guild, elements of good stories, how to start storytelling events, creative writing techniques, and using graphic design elements to convey your story. This is a full day workshop and the registration fee includes an awards lunch.

Please <u>click here</u> for more information.



George Washington "Cap" Arrington was born John C. Orrick, Jr., on December 23, 1844 in Greensboro, Alabama. In 1861 he joined the Confederate Army and rode with Mosby's Rangers doing spy work. In 1867 he was indicted in the murder of an African American business man and fled to Central America. In 1870 he moved to Texas and assumed the name George Washington Arrington - his mother's maiden name.

Arrington enlisted in Company E of the Frontier Battalion in 1875. By 1878 he had risen through the ranks as was appointed captain to Company "C". Most of the next four years was spent in the Panhandle of Texas. His company was successful in exploring and charting the area of Texas known as the Staked Plains, discovering watering holes and Indian hideouts.

In 1882 Arrington resigned from the Rangers to take advantage of the ranching opportunities in the Panhandle area. In addition to ranching, Arrington also served several years as sheriff of Wheeler County. Arrington died from a heart attack in 1923. He was buried in the cemetery at Mobeetie.

The Texas Ranger Hall and Fame and Museum is grateful to the family of G.W. Arrington for this amazing and generous gift.

Discovering the Legend



Episode 17 is now online featuring artifacts from Captain Ira Long, an interview with Ranger Cody Mitchell on the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children Program, and highlights the leather goods for sale in the Texas Ranger

Museum Gift Shop. Please <u>click here</u> to watch the episode.

LESSON PLANS: MEXICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE



The Texas Archive of the Moving Image's lesson plan for grade 4 and grade 7 uses primary and secondary source audiovisual materials to examine and trace the history and experiences of Mexican-Americans in the Southwest and Texas from the sixteenth to twentieth century.

Please <u>click here</u> to access the lesson plans.

STATE PEPPER



Did you know the state pepper of Texas is the Jalapeño? Here's a recipe for a Jalapeño favorite, Armadillo Eggs. These sausage-stuffed appetizers are sure to pack a punch!

Armadillo Eggs

EDUCATION CENTER



Presented by The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and produced by the Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC-TV), this series takes a look at some interesting stories covering more than two centuries of law enforcement by the revered members of the Texas Rangers.

"Discovering the Legend" series airs on WCCC-TV in Waco and is distributed to 50 other Texas City and College cable TV stations.

This new episode and the original 16 videos can be viewed online at www.WCCC.tv. More episodes will be uploaded as they air.

Texas Ranger News

Texas Ranger Joe Haralson, Texas City, instructs active and retired Texas Department of Public Safety officers just prior to firearms qualification at the annual region 2 retiree firearms shoot in Cleveland, Texas this April.



Well over 130 Texas Department of Public Safety officers and friends attended the event that was sponsored by The American Association of State Troopers, Retired Texas Ranger Captain Dan North, Retired Texas Ranger Major Brooks Long, SCI Management Incorporated, John Hebert of JJ's Chevron of Liberty, and Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

Our thanks to Ranger Brandon Bess, Company "A," for the article.

Mounted Horse Patrol Unit at the Capitol

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced the official start of its Mounted Horse Patrol Unit (MHPU) during a ceremony on May 6th at the Texas State Capitol. The MHPU will be assigned to the Capitol Complex to enhance security and law enforcement capabilities. The MHPU joins other special DPS units assigned to the Capitol Complex, including the bike patrol, motorcycle unit and explosive-detection canine teams.

In May, the following groups used the Texas Ranger **Education Center:**

National Rural Letter Carriers Association **Texas Rangers Hypnosis Training** Association of Fundraising **Professionals** Department of State Health Services Waco Foundation T.A.T.L. Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Altrusa International

QUICK LINKS

Website Gift Shop **Knox Center Education Center Education Programs** Research Center Museum Video **Texas Ranger Bicentennial Bicentennial Video**



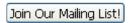








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DPS Director Steven McCraw, Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon and Commissioner Steven Mach, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo and Houston Police Department Senior Officer Gregory Sokoloski, among other officials and guests, attended the ceremony.

Please click here to read more and see additional photographs.

Baylor Club

The Baylor Club, a private social and business club in the new McLane Stadium, is scheduled to open September 2nd. The club will feature a BAYLORCLUB place for Baylor University supporters to connect, host, celebrate and play in an atmosphere that promotes the rich traditions of Baylor and the beautiful scenery of Waco.



On home football game days, the Baylor Club will host its members and their quests in the spacious Knox Center, situated inside the historic Texas Ranger Museum, just a short walk to the stadium. Prior to the start of Baylor Club activities the Museum will be open to visitors; however, the Museum parking is limited to Baylor Club members only.

Memberships are currently available, and to apply please contact the membership office at ryan.hulme@clubcorp.com or (254) 710-8073.



Please click here to watch a time lapse video of our new neighbor across the river and the new I-35 access bridges. In some of the shots you can

see the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. The McLane Stadium will open for the Baylor Bears' inaugural football game on August 31st.

Gift Shop Feature: Children's T-shirts

"I'm a Ranger Kid" is a new design by artist Larry Jackson. Available on both pink and taupe colored children's t-shirts, these are sure to be a hit! Each retails for \$13.99.



To order, please call (877) 750-8631 between 9am and 4:30pm Central time or email thestore@texasranger.org. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. We ship worldwide.

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, 2014

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