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# Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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Greetings!

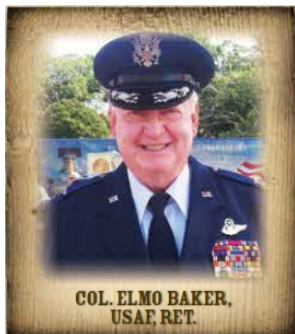
Please join us for:

### **Military Appreciation Weekend - Saturday - Monday, May 28th - 30th**

On Memorial Day weekend (May 28th through May 30th), we honor our nation's military and their service. There are 2.5 million active and reserve servicemen and 21 million veterans. An estimated 1.4 million have died in the line of duty since 1775. Active duty personnel and veterans visiting the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame will receive free admission and their immediate family members receive discounted admissions with valid id or documentation of service.



### **Ranger Reunion**



The 34th annual Texas Ranger Reunion, presented by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF), will be June 3-4 in Waco.

On Saturday, June 4th the Evening Social and Banquet will feature a

### **Texas Ranger Summer Camp - Friday, June 24th**

Texas Ranger Summer Camp is Friday, June 24th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Texas Top Guns will join the TRHFM to bring to life the 1800s. Campers will learn skills critical to surviving the Texas frontier, including: cattle branding, roping and rope making, cooking biscuits, and plant identification. Summer camp is open to students entering 3rd, 4th and 5th

keynote presentation by Colonel USAF (Ret), Elmo "Mo" C. Baker. Individual tickets for Saturday night are \$50 each.

Please contact [TRAF](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

### Featured in Texas Monthly

## Texas Monthly

The April issue of *Texas Monthly* featured the Colt Walker and Colt Paterson on display at the Museum in the article "Two Sams and Their Six-Shooter" by James Donovan.

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

### Featured in Trucks & Guns Magazine

## TRUCKS & GUNS

The March/April issue of *Trucks & Guns Magazine* featured a Colt Series 80 MK IV Gold Cup National Match .45 caliber automatic pistol carried by Texas Ranger Stan Keith Guffey, which is in the Museum collections, and Guffey's biography.

To request an issue, please [click here](#).

### Visitors Featured in Waco Tribune



grade. \$25.00 per camper. Registration opens April 18, 2016. Contact TRHFM at (254) 750-8631 to register.

### Texas Top Guns Day - Saturday, June 25th

On Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Texas Top Guns will display their camp and chuck wagon. Enjoy a cooking demonstration! Activities are included with Museum admission.

## George Arrington Exhibit

The *Captain George W. Arrington Exhibit* was recently installed by the Collections Department to open during the Lone Star History Conference. Dedicated to the famous Captain who served in the Frontier Battalion, this exhibit features artifacts and photographs related to his life and career. The family of A.R. Hoghland, Jr, grandson of Captain Arrington, generously donated a large collection of artifacts and archival material to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in 2014. Mike Arrington, the great grandson of Captain Arrington, is also loaning a Winchester rifle and brass knuckles to the museum for the exhibit.



Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager, installs the Arrington Exhibit. Photograph is courtesy the *Waco Tribune*. Please [click here](#) to read the article.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is incredibly grateful for the generosity of Captain Arrington's family in making this exhibit possible.

Please [click here](#) to read Captain George W. Arrington's full biography.

## New Leadership for Department of Family and Protective Services

### Retired Chief Hank Whitman

Governor Greg Abbott has selected former Texas Ranger Chief Henry "Hank" Whitman to lead the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) as its Commissioner. Chief Whitman, a former Marine, has 34+ years of law enforcement and investigative experience and serves as the Chairman of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Advisory Board.

We wish him the best in this new job!

In addition to our April newsletter, the *Waco Tribune-Herald* featured a visit to the Museum by the Peter Folger Chapter of Waco, members of the Texas Society Colonial Dames XVII Century.

Please [click here](#) to see the feature.

Please [click here](#) to read an article about his new role.



### Texas Rangers Advise Queensland Police



Texas Ranger Cody Mitchell was interviewed in an *ABC News Australia* article entitled, "Texas Ranger urges Queensland Police to adopt child protection training" by Michelle Rafferty and Damien Larkins.

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

### A Better Path to History

In 1979, Henry J.N. Taub (of Houston) generously funded the construction of Taub Gallery connecting the museum to the new Hall of Fame. A doorway between the two spaces was built, but no one could predict that more than 4 million persons would visit or that individuals with mobility issues would be empowered by computerized wheelchairs, carts and prosthetics. The doorway was only wide enough for one person to pass at a time and did not meet modern ADA standards for wheelchair accessibility.



In April, a grant generously provided by the Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) Foundation allowed us to widen this doorway to accommodate school and bus tours, high volume traffic and meet ADA standards.

### Three Famous Rangers



The *Texas Hill Country* published the article "3 Famous Texas Rangers (Not Including Chuck Norris)" by Lorenzo Holt. The three Rangers featured are John Coffee "Jack" Hays, Bill McDonald and Frank Hamer.

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

\*Note: You will need to click through all three



We appreciate the support of the FCA Foundation and the work of the

pages to read the full biographies.

### Texas Ranger Badges



Marshall Trimble asks the question, "Did most Texas Rangers not wear badges until after the turn of the 20th century?" in his latest article for *True West Magazine*.

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

### That's Got to Hurt!



Terry A. Del Bene shares stories of survival from Old West battles in the article "That's Got to Hurt!" for *True West Magazine*.

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

### Texas DPS Awards



The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented awards to DPS employees for their exemplary service for 2016.

City of Waco Facilities Department in making this possible.

## Tribute Schofield Revolver

### America Remembers Collectible

America Remembers is proud to announce a classic western tribute to these ultimate frontier lawmen: the Texas Ranger Tribute Schofield Revolver. Issued in a limited edition of only 500 Tributes, each revolver available in the edition is a working top-break Schofield revolver produced by the master craftsmen of Uberti. The Tribute is issued in cooperation with the Texas Ranger Museum. Each revolver is decorated by craftsmen with elegant 24-karat gold artwork.



The Schofield Revolver was carried by some Texas Rangers and legendary Old West figures including Buffalo Bill Cody, Frank and Jesse James, Cole and Jim Younger, Charlie Pitts, John Wesley Hardin-captured by Texas Ranger John B. Armstrong- Bob Ford, Texas Jack Omohundro, Pat Garrett, Virgil Earp, Bill Tilghman, Marshal Dallas Stoudenmire, and Ranald Mackenzie-among many others.

On the left side of the revolver, there are portraits of Frontier Battalion Texas Rangers John B. Armstrong and Ollie Perry. It is etched with the proud designation of "Texas Ranger". The right side features a portrait of Captain Leander McNelly and a group portrait of members of the Texas Rangers Frontier Battalion. The barrel is etched with the infamous words by Texas Ranger John S. "Rip" Ford, "They Knew Their Duty and They Did It."

For more information on the Tribute and to order, please call toll-free at 1-800-682-2291 or order online at [America Remembers](#).

## Discovering the Legend

### Episode #25

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

### Education Center



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

- Baylor School of Education
- Baylor Scott and White Hillcrest KidSafe
- Presence, Power and Passion
- Waco NAACP
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Heart of Texas Communities in Schools

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### Join Our List

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A new episode of *Discovering the Legend* is now available to watch online!

Episode #25 features our two new exhibits, *Texas Ranger Surveyors* and *John Coffee "Jack" Hays*, and the first Texas Ranger Bicentennial commemorative, a print by Texas artist Gary Crouch.



*Discovering the Legend* is produced by the City of Waco's WCCCTV station. It is distributed to over 50 college and municipal cable channels in Texas.

Please [click here](#) to watch the new episode, and please [click here](#) to see all 25 episodes of *Discovering the Legend*.

### Photographs from Our Visitors

In April, Ed Beesley visited Texas for the Lonesome Dove Reunion and to visit the Museum. Mr. Beesley is the Field Editor for *The Rundown*, the print magazine of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA). He will be writing an article on the Museum for their upcoming issue.

His timing to the Museum was "a dream come true." It was the same day as the Texas Ranger In-Service School on Hypnosis, which was held in the Captain Robert K. Mitchell Education Center. Texas Rangers use hypnosis techniques to calm eye witnesses during interviews. The eye witnesses also are able to recall more details in their relaxed state. Company "A" Texas Rangers, stationed throughout the Houston area, were here for the class. Mr. Beesley was able to meet and take a photograph with them for the article.





**Left to Right:** Texas Ranger Daron W. Parker, Lieutenant Wende Wakeman, Mr. Ed Beesley, Texas Ranger Joe W. Haralson and Assistant Chief Frank Malinak.

We look forward to seeing the upcoming article in *The Rundown* and appreciate Mr. Beesley sharing this photograph. If you have a photograph of a recent visit to the Museum and want to submit it for publication in a future newsletter, please email it with caption information to [news@texasranger.org](mailto:news@texasranger.org). Thank you.

### Lone Star History Conference III

Over the weekend of Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum hosted its third Lone Star History Conference. The free event featured numerous presentations by noted historians, authors and active duty Texas Rangers.



Topics of discussion ranged from firearms technology to historic figures such as Sheriff John Olive and the legendary Frank Hamer. The event served as the formal debut for John Boessenecker's *Texas Ranger: The Epic Life of Frank Hamer, the Man Who Killed Bonnie and Clyde* (Thomas Dunne Books) and Bob Alexander's *Whiskey River Ranger: Baz Outlaw* (University of North Texas Press). More than twenty authors were on hand to meet event attendees and autograph copies of their published works.



Museum advisory board member Steve Wharram presented Ron Chrisman of [University of North Texas Press](#) with an award for outstanding service to the field of the American West.



Also in attendance were members of the Albany-based Fort Griffin Living History Association. They shared with guests stories of the eponymous U.S. Cavalry defensive fort located twenty miles north of Abilene.



Texas Ranger Company "F", headquartered in Waco, was on hand to provide guests with an opportunity to compare the tools of Rangers today with those used in Nineteenth Century. The Texas Rangers displayed the DPS Crime Lab Vehicle, which is regularly deployed to crime scenes to assist in the investigation of crimes in Texas. In addition, Taronda Schulz brought her 1934 Ford V8, which was just like Frank Hamer drove, and displayed it alongside the Crime Lab Vehicle.



During breaks, the guests were treated to music by Short Grass Prairie. Guests danced and even taught special guest [Soumya Jayaraj](#), an exchange student from India, how to two-step.



The museum staff is grateful to our presenters, sponsors and donors, without whom this conference would have not been possible. Special thanks go out to museum advisory board members Bob Alexander and Steve Wharram, as well as author Doug Dukes, for the countless hours of work put into coordinating presentations, soliciting donations and raising awareness for the event. Our generous sponsors include:

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## **Free Admission During Military Appreciation Weekend**

On Memorial weekend, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum honors our nation's heroes with Military Appreciation Weekend on Saturday, May 28th through Monday, May 30th. Active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive free admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions (with valid id or documentation - medals, service records, photographs are accepted).

**Offer Expires: Saturday, May 28th through Monday, May 30th**