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## Texas Ranger Museum Newsletter

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### Save the Date



Wednesday, Nov 11th - Military Appreciation Day

Active duty personnel, retirees and Veterans will receive FREE admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions. Please show a valid id or documentation of service - medals, service records and photographs are

### Surveyors Exhibit Renovation Begins



In September 2014, Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles Foundation awarded the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation with a donation of \$100,000 to be used for exhibit renovations and academic scholarships awarded to children of active-duty

Texas Rangers. The Museum used some of the grant on our new exhibit, *Distinguished Service: The Retired Texas Rangers*, which opened in January and was dedicated in June at the annual Ranger Reunion.

The remaining funds have been allocated to the renovation of the Surveyors and Jack Hays exhibits. The Exhibits Committee is pleased to be working with Pony Allen Studios, of Austin, Texas on refabricating the exhibits. While the staff of the museum is busy readying new graphics and text for the new and improved exhibits, Pony Allen is working on construction drawings and fabrication of the new cases that will house the two new displays. The link between early Texas Rangers and surveyors is an important part of Texas history, and Captain Jack Hays is an important figure both as an early Texas Ranger and as a surveyor.

Below are photos of the original exhibits.

accepted.

## Sporting Clay Shoot



Texas Rangers Sporting Clay Shoot benefitting the Texas Ranger Association Foundation is Saturday, October 17th at the San Angelo Claybird Association.

There will be a live auction. Lunch will be available.

Money raised from the event will go towards scholarships for Ranger children and towards the compassionate support provided to Ranger families in times of need.

Please contact Jerry Wellborn at (325) 763-7859 for more information or to register.

## Gunfighterology



Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal featured the Museum and his "Gunfighterology" presentation on August 1st on his blog.

We are grateful Mr. O'Neal shared his program with our visitors and are looking forward to his next presentation at the Museum.

Please [click here](#) to read the article and view photographs from the event.



## Genealogy Lock-in



In celebration of "Family History" month in October, the Genealogy Center of the Waco-McLennan County Library System, in cooperation with the Central Texas Genealogical Society, will host the 15th Annual Genealogy Lock-in on Friday, October 16th. This event is free and open to those interested in genealogy.

It is a great opportunity for both the novice and experienced researcher to learn more about genealogy, pursue their individual family's history, and to learn about local hereditary and historical societies. The Lock-in will include genealogical advice, instruction, snacks and door prizes.

Rusty Bloxom, Research Librarian, will provide attendees with information on the resources of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center collections.

Please [click here](#) for more event information.

## In the Press

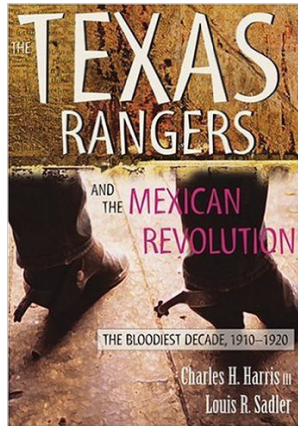


The Museum and Waco were featured in "Casual Sophistication in Cowtown" by Mona L. Hayden in the September issue of *Louisiana Road Trips*.

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

These old exhibit cases have been removed and the area is being prepped for the installation of new casework in mid-October. We will feature photographs of the installation and final product in upcoming newsletters. Stay tuned!

## Donation from Charles Harris



Writer Charles H. Harris III visited the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center on August 12th to do some work for his next book on the Texas Rangers in the early 20th Century. While researching, Dr. Harris donated four large file boxes packed with copies of documents he obtained from the State Archives in Austin while researching his book, *The Texas Rangers and the Mexican Revolution: The Bloodiest Decade, 1910-1920*.

These records from the period provide the Research Center a welcome and substantial expansion to our primary sources on an important and troubled time in Ranger history that remains controversial today. The donation includes monthly reports from the Ranger Force companies, Adjutant Generals' reports from the period, and documents from the 1919 Canales investigation into Ranger operations on the border from 1915 to 1919.

The donation also includes correspondence from the period, including a letter from the recently-retired Captain John R. Hughes to the Adjutant General telling him how glad he is not to have to deal with the issues and controversies any more, that he's considering taking a cruise to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii), and that he enjoys being able to tell anyone who bothers him to "go to the fiery lake."

Dr. Harris's donation gives our staff and patrons an invaluable source of vital and interesting material on a pivotal period in the Ranger story. We are looking forward to delving into it in detail.

## Ranger to Texas Population

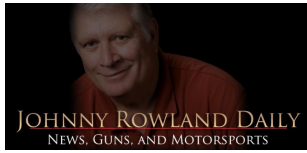
In 1835, when the first formal structure for the Rangers was created, there was 1 Ranger for every 164 Texans.

Today there is 1 Ranger for every 179,713 Texans.

The number of Rangers currently (150) is the same as in 1835 (180 years ago).

The number of Rangers per Texan is roughly the same as it was when Texas DPS was created.

## News, Guns & Motorsports



The Museum was featured on *News, Guns & Motorsports* on August 3rd and 21st. Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal was featured on August 10th and 17th.

*News, Guns & Motorsports* is a radio show and commentary about current events, guns and shooting and firearms issues, automotive and motorsports features, and special music presentations.

To listen to the interviews on August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 21st, please [click here](#) and select the air date. It will automatically download for listening.

## Tex Mex Beef Skillet



Please [click here](#) for Tex Mex Beef Skillet recipe. This easy dinner idea is one of many recipes from our friends at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

## Education Center



Year	Authorized Rangers*	Est. Texas population	Ratio Rangers to Population
1835	150	24,700	1:164
1836 (Texas Revolution)	280	50,000	1:178
1874 (Frontier Battalion)	450	818,519	1:1,819
1901 (State Police)	89	3,896,542	1:43,781
1935 (Texas Public Safety Commission/DPS)	34	6,119,770	1:179,993
2015	150	26,956,958	1:179,713

\* Authorized, actual numbers varied.

## Visitor Photographs

On July 12th, the Ruiz family visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. During their visit, Aiden and Zoey attempted to pose in front of our stage wearing our Ranger attire for their mother Kathryn but were overcome with laughter.



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

- HCCAA HeadStart
- Waco Foundation
- NAACP
- Baylor Family and Consumer Sciences
- Association of Fundraising Professionals

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### Gift Shop Feature

Now available! "One Riot One Ranger" metal signs are the perfect addition to any western-themed decor. The signs measure 5 1/2" tall by 14 1/2" wide. The signs are \$23.95 each.



To purchase the sign, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email [thestore@texasranger.org](mailto:thestore@texasranger.org). Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

# 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

**\$2.00**

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](http://www.texasranger.org).

**Offer Expires: October 31, 2015**

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