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## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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### *Spring Break Round Up*

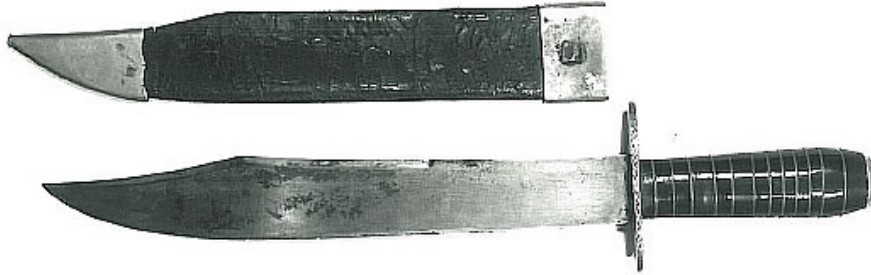
The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event on Saturday, March 10. This come-and-go event will showcase a Nineteenth-Century Texas Ranger camp scene, courtesy of the Texas Top Guns Frontier Battalion Company "D".



Additionally, living history group "Legends of the Texas Rangers" will be on hand, portraying Texas Rangers from the early Twentieth-Century. Visitors will be treated to special presentation on the current role of Texas Rangers in the state. Spring Break Round Up will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and is included with a regular admission ticket.

## ***Bowie Knife Publicity***

In our January issue, we announced the donation of a Bowie Knife attributed to Jim Bowie's brother Rezin Bowie. Afterwards, the announcement was picked up by several media outlets across the United States. Here are links to the features:



### **Cable, Broadcast and Internet Videos**

[Raycom Media - 65 Stations in 44 Markets](#)

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### **AP Newswire Stories**

[Waco Tribune Herald](#)

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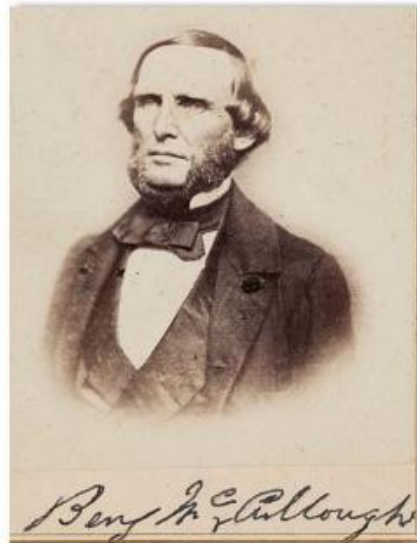
We thank Mr. Rudolph Gleichman for the generous gift to the people of Texas of a rare Bowie knife, one of perhaps great historical value.

## ***Masons and the Rangers***

*"Texas is emphatically a Masonic Country. Our National Emblem, The Lone Star, was chosen from among the emblems selected by Freemasonry to illustrate the five moral*

*virtues. It is a five-pointed star, and alludes to the five points of fellowship."*  
*-George K. Teulon, Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, 1844*

Freemasonry in Texas began in 1836, with the charter for the Grand lodge arriving in the saddlebags of a recruit shortly before the battle of San Jacinto. Among the Masons at the time of the Revolution and Republic were Anson Jones, later President of the Republic, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, William Barrett Travis, Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston.



Former Board member Marshall J. Doke, Jr., Chairman of the Texas Scottish Rite History Committee, has long been fascinated by this legacy. He uncovered an interesting chapter regarding Texas Ranger Benjamin McCulloch. The legendary Ranger served the revolutionary Texan Army, as a Ranger with Capt. Jack Hays, surveyor, volunteer in the Mexican War and Confederate Brigadier General.

To read about this sleuthing, and more on Texas Ranger Masons, please [click here](#).

### ***In Memoriam: Royal A. McMullin***



Royal A. McMullin, 47, has passed after a long illness.

A 15-year veteran of Texas DPS, Ranger Royal McMullin, served as a State Trooper, Texas Highway Patrol Corporal, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Sergeant, and Criminal Investigations Divisions Sergeant before promotion to the Texas Rangers in 2013. His service was with Texas Company "E" in El Paso.

He was awarded the Director's Citation in 2008 for his life saving actions and the Veteran's National Defense Service Medal.

### ***In Memoriam: Danny Rhea***

Sgt. Danny Rhea, 70, holder of the Texas DPS Medal of Valor, passed January 19, 2018 in San Angelo, Texas. He was born in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Sgt. Rhea was a Navy veteran who joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1976 and served in the Texas



Highway Patrol; Criminal Intelligence Division. He was promoted to Texas Ranger in 1988 and served in with distinction in Companies "E" and "B" in Ozona and Sulphur Springs, Texas until retirement in 2003. Sgt. Rhea was a specialist in crime scene blood pattern analysis and fingerprints and a member of the Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

In June of 1998 he was awarded the Medal of Valor, the highest award presented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. It may be issued to any member of the Department who intelligently distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her own life. His citation reads:

*"On January 6, 1998, Ranger Sergeant Danny V. Rhea assisted Trooper Cody Sanders and Trooper George K. Harris in dealing with a man who was carrying what was identified as a bomb at the Sulphur Springs Texas Department of Public Safety office. The man told Trooper Harris to evacuate the building because he was going to blow himself up. The building was evacuated and the officers negotiated with the man for almost an hour believing he was holding an explosive device and intended to detonate the device. The man eventually displayed a handgun and pointed it at Trooper Harris. Ranger Sergeant Rhea then fired one shot, fatally wounding the man.*

*Ranger Sergeant Rhea's courage, decisive action, and dedication to duty in this tense and volatile situation bring great credit to him, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the profession of law enforcement."*

### **Gift Shop Feature: Golf Balls**

These Nike golf balls are sold individually with either the museum logo or the Texas Ranger emblem on one side or in box sets of three designs: logo, emblem and Texas flag.



Individual logo or emblem \$3.95 + Tax  
Set of 3 with TX ball \$11.95 + Tax

Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email [thestore@texasranger.org](mailto:thestore@texasranger.org) to order. Thank you!

### ***Quick Links***

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### ***Education Center***

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

Girl Scouts of Central Texas  
 NRLCA  
 NAACP

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## SIGN UP & 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](http://www.texasranger.org).

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