



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Email Newsletter
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Save the Dates!

- ✓ May 9th - [Waco Meetings Marketplace](#)
- ✓ May 12th - Teacher Appreciation Day
- ✓ May 26-28th - Military Appreciation Weekend

Nonprofit Quarterly Report



TRHFM was happy to assist the following nonprofits and state agencies this quarter:

Association of Fundraising Professionals, Communities in Schools, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Family Health Center, Girl Scouts, Heart of Texas Autism Network, Historic Waco Foundation, Mission Waco, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Texas AHEC, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Need space for public service programs or training? The Public Safety Education Center is available to nonprofit and governmental

New Texas Ranger Equipment



A new, heavy-duty firearm was recently added to the Texas Rangers' standard issue equipment. Escalating Border violence, and incidents in rural areas far from backup, proved the need for a higher caliber, longer range alternative to the standard issue Bushmaster M4 rifle. The M4 is a derivative of Vietnam era .223 caliber AR-15 combat rifles. The Texas Rangers developed specifications for a custom made assault-style rifle in 7.62 caliber (.308 Winchester). Larue Tactical of Leander, Texas ultimately won the bid and produced the issued rifle.

Equipped with 14.5" barrels and sound suppressors, the rifles can accept a wide variety of telescopic and night vision sights. The M4 is generally regarded as accurate to 550 yards. Army and Marine Corps standards indicate that .308 rifles such as the La Rue can be reliably used at ranges of 800 to 1,000 yards! Firearms enthusiasts have taken to calling the customized LaRue .308 the "Ranger Rifle." The last firearm to bear this nickname was the old Winchester Model 1895 carbine.

public service organizations for programs and volunteer/staff training. Guest organizations focus on well-being and safety, youth development, history and education.

Please contact Casey Eichhorn, Education Coordinator, at (254) 750-8631 to discuss your needs and obtain an application.

DPS News



The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) periodically publishes news articles featuring recipients of law enforcement awards, travel alerts during the holidays, a most wanted fugitive list and more. To read their news articles, [click here](#).



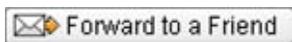
These photos are of members of Texas Rangers Company "E", based in El Paso and commanded by Major Brooks Long, sighting in their "Ranger Rifles" at the Iron Mountain Ranch in Brewster County near Marathon, Texas.

Spring Break Round Up

Spring Break Round Up was held on Saturday, March 10th, at the Texas Ranger Museum. Visitors were transported to the 1800s with activities that included a Ranger camp and songs from the Civil War. Captain Frank Malinak and Ranger Mark Leger spoke about the activities Texas Rangers are involved in today and showed the audience cutting edge technology used on the Mexican border. Below are a few pictures highlighting the activities of the day.

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A special thanks to our volunteers from Junior League of Waco, our sponsor George's Restaurant, and the participants: Captain Frank Malinak, Ranger Mark Leger, Joe Walker and Texas Top Guns.

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U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division at the Hall of Fame

In March, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame was honored to host the re-enlistment ceremonies for two CID officers, Sergeants Brian Beadle and Andrew Fank, and a promotion ceremony for SSG Ronald Massey.

The [U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division](#) (CID) is the primary criminal investigative organization for the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense's premier investigative organization. CID is responsible for conducting criminal investigations in which the Army is, or may be, a party of interest. CID Special Agents conduct criminal investigations that range from death to fraud, on and off military reservations and when appropriate, with local, state and other federal investigative agencies.



SA Brian Beadle

SA Andrew Fank

SSG Ron Massey

SGT Brian Beadle

SA Brian Donald Beadle Jr. was born on October 19, 1981, in Fort Worth, TX. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in July 1999, as a Medical Specialist. SA Beadle has deployed in support of Hurricane Katrina Relief 2005 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006.

SA Beadle chose to conduct his re-enlistment on March 2nd due to it being Texas Independence Day. "I am a native Texan with strong patriotism for Texas which is verified by one of my favorite quotes, 'American by birth, Texan by the Grace of God!'"

SGT Andrew Fank

SSG Andrew P. Fank was born on November 2, 1982, and is a native of Illinois. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 2001, as a Military Policeman and for the past 2 1/2 years has been serving as a CID Special Agent. SSG Fank deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2011.

SSG Fank chose to conduct his re-enlistment at the Texas Ranger Museum since the U.S. Army CID is the premier law enforcement agency of the U.S. Army. "I felt that there was no better place than the Texas Ranger Museum, which honors the premier law enforcement agency of Texas."

SSG Ronald Massey

SSG Ronald Massey has served in the military for 21 years on active duty, in the reserves and then returned to active duty after 9-11. During his career, he has served with the Military Police as a K-9 handler, trainer and instructor, and was an instructor for small arms. At present SSG Massey is a Special Agent with United States Criminal Investigations Division (U.S. Army CID), and as a Federal Agent, he conducts felony criminal investigations. He was promoted from SGT to SSG with the ceremony performed at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

Fallen Tree Becomes a Collectable

About 10 p.m. on February 11, 2009, Waco was hit by a large storm front. The huge 60-foot, 50-year-old Water Elm tree that stood proudly in front of our Museum was twisted and destroyed. Luckily, the elm fell just right and did not damage the Museum or either of our outdoor sculptures.

We took some of the wood and had it made into walking sticks! Now you can remember the fallen elm with these beautifully carved walking sticks. They are available in the Museum Store now for only \$30. Quantities are limited, so act fast!

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Call (254) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order one today. The gift shop is open 9 am to 4:30 pm daily. We ship worldwide.



Walking sticks (left) made from the Water Elm (right) before it fell in 2009.

**Save
8.25%**

SAVE THE TAX! During the month of April, the Museum Gift Shop is offering our email subscribers tax-free shopping in honor of Tax Day. Mention the code below or show your coupon when purchasing. Offer valid during the month of April and coupon must be presented at the time of purchase. Visit the [Gift Shop website](#) to see the products we offer. The Gift Shop is open 9am to 4:30pm daily. Purchases support the educational and preservational activities of the Museum.

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