



# Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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### Dear Christine,

March was filled with exciting events and visits from distinguished guests. We celebrated Texas Independence Day, entertained guests from China and delighted local children with Ranger-inspired activities. Here is a recap of these exciting events.

### A Fond Farewell



Texas Ranger Chief Antonio "Tony" Leal announced his retirement effective March 31. Leal was the youngest Ranger and first Hispanic to hold the Chief's position.

[Click here](#) to read more about Chief Leal and his distinguished career.



In his place, Hank Whitman has been named the DPS Assistant Director over the

Texas Rangers.

[Click here](#) to read more about Hank Whitman and his distinguished career.

*Information is courtesy of Texas Department of Public Safety.*

### Texas Drug Wars

On Saturday, March 12, the Discovery Channel gave the public an inside look at the state's efforts to fight gangs and drug cartels on the Texas border.

The show, titled "Texas Drug Wars" focused on the Texas Rangers Reconnaissance Team, DPS Aviation and SWAT, Highway Patrol and Criminal Investigation Division agents as they work with local, state and federal agencies and Texas Military Forces to meet the increasing threat posed by vicious cartels and gangs who are determined to transport illegal drugs into the U.S.

"DPS, working with our state, local and federal partners as part of a statewide unified effort, has taken unprecedented steps to protect Texas from an insidious threat," said DPS Director Steven C. McCraw. "This show, which records our brave men and women of law enforcement as they conduct dangerous border operations, gives the citizens of Texas and the nation an opportunity to witness the daily fight to keep them safe."

To watch a clip from the show, visit [The Discovery Channel](#).

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### A Visit From China

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum hosted a delegation of visiting Chinese police officers on Friday, March 4, 2011. The group toured the Museum and visited with Major Kirby Dendy of Company "F" Texas Rangers.

Mr. Hao-sheng represents 10,000 police officers in his province and 10 million residents. By comparison, Major Dendy represents one of the 144 Texas Rangers protecting 25 million residents in Texas. The delegates were eager to learn about the work the Rangers perform, their jurisdiction, qualifications to become Rangers, and their history. Dr. Ning translated for the group.

The Chinese delegate consisted of six members. They were:

1. Ding Jian-rong - Dean of the Department of Public Security at Zhejiang Police College (head of delegation). Professor Ding is also a Commissioner for the Jejiang province, which has 52 million people.
2. Guan Hao-sheng - Deputy Director (D-ty Commissioner) of Political Division of the Public Security Bureau for the city of Hangzhou. He is the head of Intelligence Bureau of the Chinese Police for the province and specifically for the city of 6 million people plus 4 million in surrounding city's jurisdiction.
3. Liu Jian-jun - Deputy Director of Public Security Bureau for Xihu, the region around Hangzhou with 4 million people in the jurisdiction.
4. Wang Hong-fang - Secretary of Discipline Inspection Commission of Public Security Sub-bureau in Hangzhou .
5. Hu Guo-sheng - Deputy Director (Deputy Police commissioner) of Public Security Bureau in Tongxiang with 2 million people in the region.

6. Dr. Ye Ning - Lecturer at Zhejiang Police College and a forensic linguistics expert (interrogation, law and language analysis).



#### Recap: Spring Break Round Up



Here's what kids were saying, "This is my favorite day ever!" Their words, not ours, we promise!

Over 250 children attended the 2011 Spring Break Round Up including several groups from local day cares. Some of the groups who enjoyed the activities included Oaklawn Baptist Day Care, Play & Learn, Kidz Turn Learning Center, and Bellmead Calvary Child Care. Activities included making bandanas, badges, and bookmarks to take home, but the favorite was the Wild West Shooting Game. Congratulations to our trivia contest winners! Scott, Amie, and Erica received free family passes, a book, and a prize from our gift shop.

*A special thanks to the volunteers from Junior League of Waco and to the sponsors, the Bellmead Lions Club and the Greater Lacy Lakeview Chamber of Commerce.*

#### Recap: Texas Independence Day Celebration

On Friday, March 4, Historic Waco Foundation hosted a dinner, at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Texas Independence. Over 230 individuals attended the event and raised money to support Historic Waco Foundation and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in our efforts to preserve Waco/Texas history. Guests enjoyed a sampling of Texas beer and wine; were entertained by fiddler Mia Orosco, comedian Dave Tanner and Jonquil Street



band; and toured the Museum with the Foundation's Belles and Beaus. The Belles and Beaus are local high school student volunteers dressed in period costume. Attendees dined on Texas delicacies, including bacon-wrapped quail, buffalo sliders, sweet potatoes, chicken chili and berry cobbler. Valley Mills Vineyards had a wine tasting bar with samples of their different wines. We would like to recognize the other major sponsors: Johnson Roofing, Talon Asset Management, Glazers, and San Saba Deer Hunters. Due to the success of the event, the Museum and Foundation are collaborating again for a Civil War summer camp in June.



*A special thanks to Historic Waco Foundation for the photographs.*

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Save \$1.00 off adult admission for up to two regular adults. No cash value.

The museum is open 9 pm to 5 pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30 pm. The Museum is located off I-35 Exit 335B 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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