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Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center Renovation Begins



Crews began demolishing the old Texas Ranger Research Center last month. In the photographs above, workers remove the exterior stone and interior wood paneling in preparation for the expansion. The original modest 900 square foot facility will expand into a modern facility of approximately 4,000 square feet with greatly expanded archives, exhibits and reading space.

"YOU MAY ALL GO TO HELL
AND I WILL GO TO TEXAS"
DAVY CROCKETT

Davy Crockett

On August 17, 1786, Davy Crockett was born in Limestone, Tennessee to John and Rebecca Crockett.

This year marks the 225th anniversary of his birth and 175th anniversary of his death at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. Although he was never a Ranger, he is best known for his support of Texas.

Get your Davy Crockett gear at the

Rio Grande Valley Joint Operations Intelligence Center Issues Operation Border Star Challenge Coin

Museum Gift Shop! We feature a variety of t-shirts, magnets, mugs and more with his infamous quote, "You may all go to Hell and I will go to Texas."



Waco Spotlight

The Waco Convention and Visitor's Bureau has been a valued supporter in increasing the visibility of Waco and the Museum to cities across the nation.

In July, the Museum was highlighted on KEYE-TV in Austin, in "California Kids" newsletter in Sacramento and on "Traveling Adventures with Children" website. Click the following links to see the Museum featured in:

[KEYE-TV segment and commercial](#)

[California Kids newsletter](#)

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July 4th

On Independence Day, the Museum



Operation Border Star Challenge Coin, 20/100 Gift of Rio Grande Valley Joint Operations Intelligence Center Cat. No. 2011.23.1

The Challenge Coin for the Rio Grande Valley Joint Operations Intelligence Center (RGV JOIC) is a unique combination of the military and a law enforcement agency, the Texas Rangers. There were only 100 of these coins struck with the first 25 being numbered. Coin #1 was presented to Texas Governor Rick Perry and the remaining 24 were distributed to members of the JOIC team and various officials within the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Military Forces, and the US Border Patrol. Coin #20 was reserved for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. (These coins will not be produced again.)

The JOIC concept is the base of operations along the Border between the State of Texas and Mexico for Operation Border Star Intelligence collection and dissemination. The JOIC is supervised by a Staff Lieutenant from the Texas Rangers who is assisted by a Border Liaison Officer and members of the Texas Military Forces (TMF). The RGV JOIC is housed within the United States Border Patrol RGV Sector Headquarters and is deeply integrated with the US Border Patrol in intelligence collection and distribution.

The Challenge Coin was designed by two members of the TMF JOIC team; Sergeant First Class Ron Smith and Sergeant First Class David Gutierrez. The front side of the RGV JOIC Challenge Coin is dedicated to the Texas Military Forces, which is comprised of the Texas State Guard, Texas Army National Guard, and the Texas Air National Guard. Soldiers and Airmen from Operation Border Star and Texas Counter Drug are the Operators who man the JOIC.

The shield is the official insignia of the TMF and the palm trees represent the Rio Grande Valley, the six stars represent the original six Operators from the Texas State Guard who manned the JOIC from inception. (The JOIC TMF component has been increased in the number of team members since it began operation in 2008.)

The back of the coin has the distinctive cinco peso badge of the Texas Rangers and is the first time that a military unit and the Texas Rangers have been combined on a Challenge Coin. This is only fitting since both organizations, which trace their foundation back to 1835, have had significant interaction in many ways for over 150 years. The 7 stars under the Ranger badge represent the unity of the Texas Rangers and the Texas Military Forces in meeting the tasks and goals of Operation Border Star and protecting the citizens of Texas and the United States.

hosted a Military Appreciation Day in which Active Duty Personnel, Retirees and Veterans received FREE admission to the Museum while their families received discounted admissions.

The local station KWKT Fox 44 featured the event in their evening newscast. [Click here to read about the event.](#)

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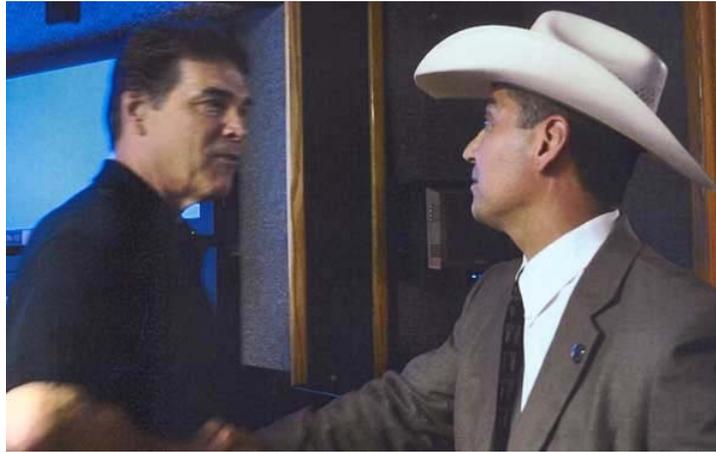


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Only those persons who have physically entered the RGV JOIC are privileged to receive this coin and it is passed on in the traditional method of shaking hands between the JOIC Team member and the recipient.



Texas Governor Rick Perry receives Coin #1 from Staff Lieutenant Ranger Art Barrera



RGV JOIC Team Members

Newly Unpdated Exhibit

Texas Rangers on the Home Front



Located in the Hall of Fame, the *Texas Rangers on the Home Front* exhibit was updated in June. The exhibit displays two interiors of a typical Texas Ranger home: the one on the left from 1870 to 1890 and the one on the

right from 1910 to 1930.

1870-1890

The home from this time period was often rugged and reflected the untamed environments in which many Rangers and their families lived. Until the 1890s only commanding officers in the Rangers were allowed to be married, so many Rangers may have lived with relatives including their mothers, sisters, and aunts who would have created homes using available resources, furnishings they were able to bring with them, and decorations and other feminine touches.

1910-1930

Instead of leaving for several weeks or months at a time to go out on scout as earlier Rangers would have done, Rangers of this time period might only be leaving for a few days or weeks at a time. While younger Rangers might still be living at the home of their parents, many Rangers would have their own homes, wives and children. By this time, women were able to create more stylish homes with household objects acquired through commercial resources in their communities.

Store Featured Item



Texas Ranger Leather Portfolio

These impressive legal pad cases are handmade for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shops.

The front of the portfolio is decorated with a hand-tooled Texas Ranger badge. The reverse displays a hand-tooled Great Seal of Texas. Inside it holds a letter-sized pad, two pens or pencils and features a business card pocket with a velcro fastener.

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The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off Interstate 35 Exit 335B University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

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