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Change of Command: Board Leadership

Over the last five years the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Board has been led by two outstanding veterans of business and public service. Chairman Joe Hinton, related to Bonnie and Clyde posse member Ted Hinton, has served as Board Chairman. Joe is the retired head of Exxon Mobil Oil Europe and was a gubernatorial appointee to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and headed the Brazos River Authority. His exceptional personal generosity made possible several exhibits, capital projects and programs.



Save the Dates



The Lone Star History Conference will take place on May 10th and 11th.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4th and Military Appreciation Weekend on May 25th through 27th.

Come See Us



Vice Chairman C. Tom Clowe, Jr. retired as a leader in the business and the freighting industry, served on the Texas Public Safety Commission and Texas Lottery Commission. He has worked tirelessly to coordinate relations with Texas DPS and plan fundraising efforts.

During their tenure, the museum successfully completed the Texas Ranger Co. "F" Headquarters Building, the Capt. Robert Mitchell Education Center, the remodeling of the John Knox Memorial Center banquet hall and the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. We owe these leaders gratitude for their tireless efforts and thousands of hours of commitment. They have been appointed special Emeritus members and will remain active in the development of the museum.

We are pleased to welcome two exceptional leaders to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Hinton and Mr. Clowe. These volunteers will guide the next stage in the development of the official historical center of the Texas Rangers.

Henry "Hank" Whitman of Floresville will serve as incoming Chairman. Hank is the recently retired Chief of the Texas Rangers and Deputy Assistant Director of Texas DPS. He joined Texas DPS in 1990 as a trooper and served in the Highway Patrol. In 1996 he was promoted to sergeant/investigator in the Criminal



On February 3rd, Kate McCarthy, Collections Assistant, will present on Bonnie and Clyde at the Bosque County Museum in Clifton, Texas.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will attend the AAA Travel Show in Fort Worth on February 23rd. Please visit our booth!

Physician's Money Digest



Authors Eric Anderson, MD, and Nancy Anderson, RN, visited the Museum in 2012 and have published an online article in the *Physician's Money Digest*.

Please [click here](#) to read about the Museum and view their photographs of our exhibits.

Museums Rule!



Have you wondered why museums have rules, such as "no running?" KQED and Bay Area



Intelligence Service. In 2001 he was selected for the Texas Rangers and was promoted to lieutenant in 2005 and captain in 2008. His abilities earned him appointment Chief of the Texas Rangers. During his tenure the Texas Ranger Division grew to 209 employees including 150 Texas Rangers.

Hank has been an energetic advocate on behalf of the museum and, as Chief, created a strong awareness of the value of the museum within DPS and on the Texas Public Safety Commission. He has arranged fundraising events, donated personal artifacts and archives, and arranged for the transfer of 40 years of Texas Ranger records to the museum.



Ross Darden of Waco will serve as incoming Vice-Chair, Ross is the owner of Darden Building Materials, a family-owned Central Texas firm established in 1882. Born and raised in Waco, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics at The University of Texas at Austin.

Ross has a long history of local service, chairing and volunteering for many civic organizations. The Darden Family Foundation has contributed to exhibits and educational programs of the Hall of Fame. This is Ross' second term on the Board.

Save the Date: Spring Break Round Up



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event on Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The come and go event will feature activities and programs for children and adults, including a chuck wagon cooking demonstration and presentation by a real Texas Ranger! Entrance is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and includes general museum admission. For more information, contact the museum staff at (254) 750-8631 or visit online at

youth produced a superhero-style short film about why museums have these rules.

Please [click here](#) to watch the film.

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CSI: An Educational Program

Today the Texas Rangers are an elite crime investigation force. With state-of-the-art equipment at their disposal, the Texas Rangers piece together clues and solve crimes. An educational program of the museum makes it possible for students to learn about their use of modern forensics.



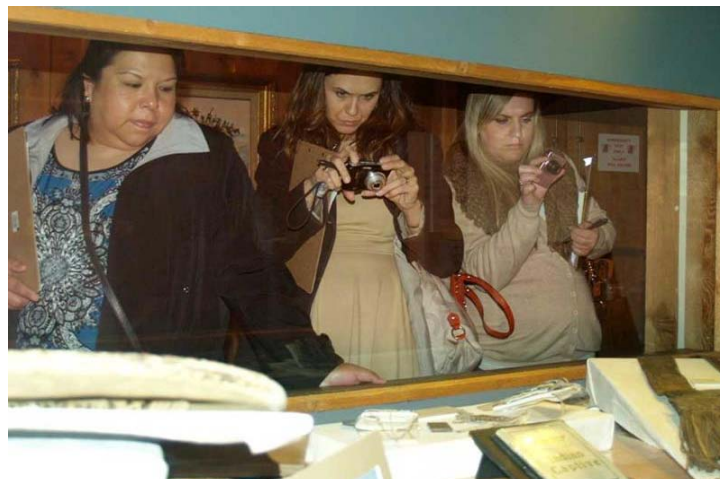
Cub Scout Pack 173 participated in the CSI program on January 12th.

School and scout groups can book our Crime Scene Investigator Training educational program. It begins with a tour of the museum. After learning about the Texas Rangers, students learn different investigative techniques to solve a mysterious theft.

One of the investigative tools students use is Chromatography. This is when one breaks down the various colors in ink samples to match the pen used in a note found at the crime scene.

The program is targeted for children ages 6 to 12. Reservations are required for all groups and must be made at least seven days in advance. Calling early in the school year will ensure that you receive your desired program date and time. Group size is limited to 25 total participants and availability is limited. To book the CSI program, call the Education Coordinator at (254) 750-8631.

A Special Visit



On January 15th, staff members from The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center in Lawton, Oklahoma and Texas Tech University visited on a grant funded project. Their purpose is to explore how the shared history of the Comanche, Anglo-Europeans, Tejanos and other Texas tribes is interpreted in Texas. Like Texas Ranger history,

Comanche history is far richer than commonly known. Between their arrival in Texas about 1705, and the reservation period beginning in the 1870s, they engaged in both warfare and far-reaching trade that spread over New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. Our staff met with them to discuss that shared history and how the Texas Ranger and Comanche heritage centers may collaborate. Their goal is expressed by their museum motto "Lords of the Plains, Know Us."

Gift Shop Feature



Don't miss our unique selection of purses, backpacks and luggage featuring iconic Texas details, such as horseshoes and longhorns.

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email [the store](#) to order one today. The gift shop is open 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily CST. We ship worldwide.

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.

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