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TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Ranger Stan Guffey Memorial

On Saturday, January 21st a memorial to the memory of Texas Ranger Stan Guffey was dedicated at the Horseshoe Bay Police Department. Texas Ranger Chief Randy Prince recognized the ultimate sacrifice Guffey made, "We, the Rangers of today, understand our reputation is built on the shoulders of Stan Guffey." Chief Prince also welcomed honored guests including Guffey's widow Josefina Garza Guffey Jennings and their sons. Josefina thanked the crowd for their support, "Texas Rangers are woven from a special fabric."

In addition, Horseshoe Bay Police Chief Rocky Wardlow read a proclamation from the City declaring January 21, 2017 as Texas Ranger Stan Guffey Day. Both the Horseshoe Bay Police Department and the Texas Rangers Division renamed two of their patrol boats in honor of Ranger Guffey. Amongst the crowd of family, friends, law enforcement officers and media was Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Board member Steve Wharram.



Above: Guffey's family surround the memorial. **Below:** Texas Ranger Chief Randy Prince speaks to the crowd. - A special thanks to TRHFM Board member Steve Wharram for taking the pictures.

Thirty years ago, on January 22, 1987, Ranger Guffey in the act of successfully rescuing 2-year-old Kara-Leigh Whitehead was killed by a homicidal kidnapper in Horseshoe Bay. Ranger Guffey and his partner, retired Ranger John Aycock, were awarded the Texas Department of Public Safety's highest award, the Commissioners' Medal of Valor, for their heroism and Ranger Guffey's ultimate sacrifice.

Please [click here](#) to read Texas Ranger Stan Guffey's biography. Please [click here](#) to read an article about the memorial service. - A special thanks to Glynis Crawford Smith with The Highlander for the quotes.

Exhibit Opens Honoring Dr. Aubrey Louis Goodman

An exhibit honoring the life and work of Dr. Aubrey Louis Goodman was recently installed in the Hall of Fame Lobby. Goodman was a first generation Texan, born in 1904 in Lott. The Goodman family moved to Waco in 1907, where Aubrey Goodman attended Waco



High School and Baylor University where he played football. He helped lead Baylor to the Southwestern Conference Championship in 1922. He then transferred to the University of Chicago, where he helped lead that team to the Western Conference Title.

Aubrey Goodman began his studies at Chicago's Rush Medical College in 1925 and during the following year also played professional football for the American Football League's Chicago Bulls. During the 1926 season, the Chicago Bulls were one of only four teams to survive the entire season as other franchises folded. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Aubrey Goodman worked at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, which was a major research and teaching hospital.

Dr. Goodman opened his medical practice in Waco, Texas in 1933 and married Frances Katherine Reed that same year. During the early 1930s, he also became associated with the Texas Rangers and stayed involved with the organization until his death in 1972. Over the years he developed close friendships with many Rangers, including Glenn Elliott and Charlie Miller. Goodman offered free medical care to Rangers during a time when it may not have always been available.

Dr. Goodman, who had ridden with Chicago police while in medical school, developed an interest in the effects of drug addiction. He studied narcotics and drug addiction in London, Paris and throughout the United States and became an expert in the field. Because of this expertise, Dr. Goodman lectured at the DPS Academy in Austin and was even able to assist the Rangers with narcotics investigations.



In appreciation for his many years of service and devotion, the State of Texas commissioned Aubrey Louis Goodman, MD as a Special Texas Ranger. In 1971, the Texas Department of Public Safety commissioned him as an Honorary Texas Ranger Captain. Additionally, Dr. Goodman's son Dr. James B. Goodman was also commissioned by the State as a Special Texas Ranger in January 1971. Both of these men were awarded this honor for their service to the Texas Rangers and the Department of Public Safety throughout the years. According to current archival review, this is possibly the only time the State of Texas ever commissioned both a father and son as Special Texas Rangers.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is incredibly grateful for the generosity of Dr. James Goodman and his family for loaning the artifacts for this exhibit in Memory of

Aubrey L. Goodman by his Great Grandchildren: Emma Keaton Andersen, James Reed Andersen, William Garrett Andersen, Ainsley Rose Robbins and John Henry Robbins.

Free Legal Advice

Sue and Bill Reaves recently made a generous donation to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum of a bronze sculpture by artist Lex Graham. Entitled *Free Legal Advice*, it depicts a scene outside of a courthouse from days-gone-by. A cowboy on horseback is seen discussing law and order with a circuit court judge in a horse-drawn carriage. The first casting (#1/25) of this sculpture is displayed on the first floor rotunda of the Tarrant County Courthouse. The Museum will now be the permanent home for the second casting (#2/25) of this wonderful Texas masterpiece.



Texas artist Lex Graham is not only an artist, but a farmer, rancher and well-known cartoonist from Archer County. He has created a number of bronzes depicting life in the American West. Many people might also recognize Graham for his widely-known, loved and collected, *Back Forty Calendars*, published since 1967. *Back Forty Calendars* feature cartoons that show the lighter, more humorous side of life in the country.

Free Legal Advice will be on exhibit in the Taub Hall Gallery at the Museum. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Reaves, their thoughtful gift will be enjoyed by Museum visitors for generations

to come.

Chip and Joanna Gaines Recognize Museum

Waco celebrities Chip and Joanna Gaines, hosts of HGTV show *Fixer Upper*, were interviewed by journalist Megan Stein for *People Magazine's* Home & Travel section about their top four favorite places to visit in Waco on January 3rd. The Gaines listed the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum as their number one destination. We are thankful for the support and recognition the Gaines have given the Museum to a national audience.

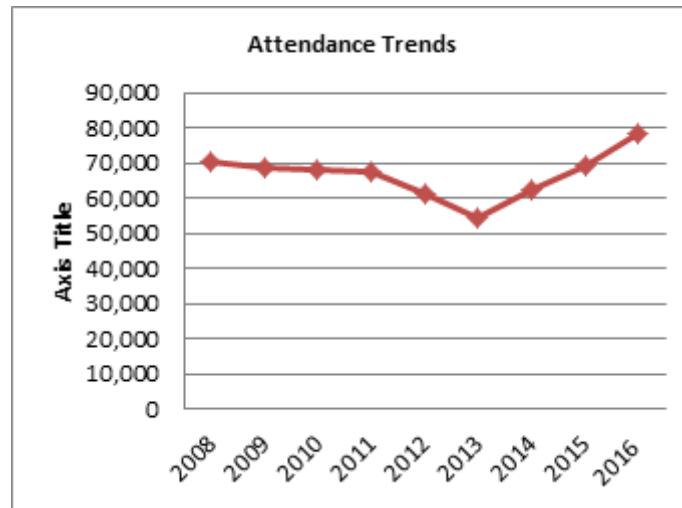


- A special thanks to HGTV for the photograph.

Please [click here](#) to read the article.

2016 Attendance Increase

The number of visitors to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is on the upswing! Between 2008 and 2015 two years of remodeling and three years of I-35 construction decreased museum attendance by a quarter.



The City of Waco sustained and even increased their commitment and support as keeper of the Texas Ranger heritage. Staff, the Waco Convention Center, WCCTV and other agencies developed low-or-no-cost schemes to let the public know we were still here and open. Grants were secured with Board and Texas Ranger Association Foundation assistance allowing us to improve and add exhibits. Educational programs not only continued, but increased, including Board member-led historical symposiums attracting visitors nationwide.

In 2016 overall attendance increased 11% above pre-construction levels, and front desk admissions increased 42%. Now we have a new sign visible from I-35, that is becoming a shining landmark on the highway. Our thanks to those visitors who persevered to find us during construction and to the many who helped us persevere.

Please [click here](#) to watch a video on our booming attendance.

Chief Ryan Holt

The new City of Waco Chief Of Police Ryan Holt was sworn in on January 12th in John Knox Memorial Center by City Secretary Esmeralda Hudson, and his wife Jan pinned his new badge onto his uniform. Mayor Kyle Deaver and City Manager Dale Fisseler thanked Chief Holt for his previous work as Assistant Chief with the City of Waco police department and wished him luck in his new promotion.



We are privileged to be the site chosen by Chief Holt for this memorable event. Congratulations, Chief Holt!

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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 11th. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and is included with a regular admission ticket.

More information will be in our special edition

Education Center

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

Texas Rangers Division
 Texas Workforce Solutions
 Vocational Rehabilitation Services
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 NAACP

TRHFM

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\$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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