



## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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### Summer Camp

Registration for Civil War Summer Camp ends June 10th. For more information, visit [our website](#) or Historic Waco Foundation's [website](#).

### Chamber of Commerce

On June 28th from 5pm to 7pm, the Museum is hosting a "Business After Hours" networking social for the members of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce in Knox Center. The event is sponsored by Texas First State Bank.

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### Military Appreciation

#### Independence Day

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is honoring military service personnel and their families on Independence Day, July 4, 2011!

Active Duty Personnel, Retirees and Veterans will receive FREE admission to the Museum while their families will receive discounted admissions (with valid id or documentation - medals, service records, photographs are accepted)



### 1 Year Anniversary

#### Texas Ranger Public Safety Education Center

On June 12, 2010, the Texas Ranger Public Safety Education Center officially opened with a dedication ceremony at the annual Ranger Reunion. The City of Waco Council members, construction companies, Department of Public Safety representatives and retired Texas Rangers joined the Museum staff at an open house and recognition ceremony. Funding for the Center was promoted by Captain Robert K. Mitchell who believed that personal responsibility and public service are core values to be taught to present and future generations. It adjoins Texas Ranger Company "F" Headquarters and serves as a meeting place for the many organizations that teach those ideals.

Since opening, over 40 different nonprofit and governmental agencies have used the free facility for delivering educational programs and for training volunteers, employees and caretakers. Some of the educational programs have included: car safety seat installation course, public forum on the status of public school education, tutoring for the math and science TAKS test, citizen's police academy training, public forum on the



status of upcoming highway improvements, Girl Scout workshops and more.

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To learn more about the Texas Ranger Public Safety Education Center, contact us at (254) 750-8631.

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## Lone Star History Conference

### WWHA Event

On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum (TRHFM) hosted the Lone Star History Conference for the Wild West History Association (WWHA). Almost 300 members of WWHA from all over the United States attended the conference.

Kicking off the conference was a presentation by Assistant Chief Kirby Dendy on today's Texas Rangers.



Following that was a panel discussion moderated by Bob Alexander, WWHA Advisory Board member. The panel focused on three state wide law enforcing agencies; The Texas Rangers, the Arizona Rangers and the New Mexico Territorial Mounted Police. Rick Miller represented the Texas Rangers during the Frontier Battalion Days, Bill O'Neil highlighted the activities of the Arizona Rangers and Chuck Hornung reviewed New Mexico's historic lawmen.

On Saturday morning, Byron Johnson, TRHFM Executive Director, welcomed the attendees with a presentation on the mission and divisions of the Museum. Afterwards, Donaly Brice of the Texas State Library & Archives Commission spoke of the great Comanche Raid of 1840.

Chuck Parsons and Harold Weiss Jr. Parsons shared the story of the "Border Boss" Ranger Captain John R. Hughes. The famed Captain is the subject of Parson's latest non-fiction work. "Yours to Command" is the title of Weiss' biography on Texas Ranger Captain Bill McDonald.

Following a lunch break and tour of the Museum, Chuck Hornung gave a

peek behind the black mask of The Lone Ranger. Completing Chuck's presentation was a preview of several rare Lone Ranger artifacts that are archived at the Museum by TRHFM's Deputy Director, Christina Stopka.

Following a reception, the evening wrapped with two more presentations. Award-winning authors (Two Spur Awards), Dr. Ray Harris and Charles Sadler, III, presented their work on the Plan de San Diego and the bloody chapter in Texas borderland history it sparked. Dr. Paula Mitchell Marks, also a Spur award recipient, shared a look at the influence of the Wild West on entertainment and editorial cartoons.

In addition to the presentations, the authors above were on hand to autograph copies of their latest publications for attendees.

Our thanks to Bob Alexander and Jan Devereaux of Maypearl, Texas, who spent many hours coordinating the event. Doug Dukes of Austin handled the audiovisual equipment and volunteers efficiently wrangled the hundreds of visitors.

Sponsors included the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, University of North Texas Press, True West magazine and the Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce. Pam Potter, the President of the Wild West Historical Association, graciously flew in from California to attend the event.



Photographs are courtesy Ellis Lindsey

Event information is courtesy the Wild West History Association. For more information on WWHA, visit [www.wildwesthistory.org](http://www.wildwesthistory.org)

## Store Special

### Father's Day Sale

Father's Day was first observed in 1910, a few years after Mother's Day

was first observed. Congress passed legislation in 1972 to officially designate the holiday as the third Sunday in June.

To celebrate Father's Day, the Museum Gift Shop is offering 10% off buckles and wallets in June. The Texas Ranger service buckle and three-piece buckle sets with bolo and keychain are excluded from this special. Offer ends on Sunday, June 19th.

**Buckles include:**

Gold and silver tone rodeo buckle featuring a badge and inscription fields  
State of Texas buckle available in silver tone  
Texas Lone Star buckle

**Wallets include:**

Wrangler roper large and small bi-fold wallets in brown or black leather in a commemorative tin  
Faux ostrich leather large bi-fold wallet in black, brown, or peanut brittle leather in a commemorative tin  
Faux crocodile small bi-fold wallet (no commemorative tin)



**Save  
10%**

Get 10% off buckles and wallets in June. Use code: **FDS11BWD** when ordering online or by phone. Visit [The Gift Shop](#) or call (877) 750-8631 between 9am and 4:30pm CST daily. Offer not valid on Texas Ranger service buckle.

**Offer Expires: June 19, 2011**

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