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Oral History: Texas Ranger Robert Favor

Texas Ranger Robert Favor served for 25 years from 1967 until retirement in 1992. This is an oral history excerpt recalling his first day as a Texas Ranger. Nancy Ray conducted the interview on Friday, September 5, 2008 at Favor's home in Clyde, Texas. The full interview can be read [online](#).

ROBERT FAVOR: December the 6th, 1967, was when I was sworn in.

NANCY RAY: And that's when you started the school, the Ranger school?

ROBERT FAVOR: Oh no, no, that's the day I got my education. I was, we got sworn in and I was sent to South Texas to go to work for Captain A. Y. Allee... and before I got down there, I got into a

damn gunfight. And shot a fellow, and I thought this is a hell of a way to get started. And so anyway things kind of smoothed out after that.

NANCY RAY: So that was your first case?

ROBERT FAVOR: That was my first day.

NANCY RAY: First day? Well, can you tell us a little bit about that? Most people don't start that fast.

ROBERT FAVOR: I had a map and I knew where I was going and I was going to Carrizo Springs. That's where headquarters was, was in Carrizo. And I started getting in the neighborhood of Uvalde, I started picking up on the old 37... county radio frequencies and talked about a manhunt that was going on, a shooting and uh, kidnapping, and just a bunch of, and then it got more intensive the farther along I got. I got to Carrizo, I stopped by the Sheriff's office and the woman in the Sheriff's office said, in response to my question about where the Captain was, she told me they were at so and so's ranch south of Asherton... that a deputy had been shot and they had a search going on. So she gave me directions on how to get down there. Well I drove down through Asherton and I got off down there and I saw the gate and went through there and back up in the pasture... saw this deputy sheriff's car sitting out there in a garden and a door standing open, and windshield shot out, and right front glass shot out on right front door and then there was an Oldsmobile Tornado behind this house and smoke was just pouring out this durn house. I walked up there and I saw, I'd never seen Captain Allee and never even seen a picture of him. He'd been described and I saw the meanest looking man that I'd ever seen in my life and said hell, that's gotta be him. So I walked up there and I offered him my hand and I told him who I was and wanted to know if I could be of any help. That old man, a cigar stuck in his mouth and his eyes would just cut a hole through you... just, didn't say hello or nothing, just get your a** over in the pasture and find them son of a b****s. And that's the extent of his instructions. Yes sir.

NANCY RAY: It was pretty clear!

ROBERT FAVOR: Yeah! Yeah. So I got in... I turned around and I went and got in my, my car and of course there was a Ranger there with him that I knew and had known for years and I'm wondering why doesn't send Tol with me, or me with Tol?

NANCY RAY: What is the Ranger's name?

ROBERT FAVOR: Tol Dawson. And anyway, he kept Tol there with him. So I headed off down in the direction where he pointed and as I was driving off down in that pasture, there was a deputy sheriff walking down there and he was carrying a shotgun. All I had was a .45 pistol, I hadn't been issued anything; it was just my personal pistol. And uh, picked this deputy up and kind of howdied and shook with him and he's as lost as I was, you know. And we knew there was a crop duster plane, we'd been hearing it fly around and I had found out that Captain Allee's secretary, her husband was a crop duster and he got hold of him to come over there and fly around to see if he could spot these people. We drove up down to that pasture, drove up to a set of good cattle pens. Got out and we were looking around and we'd hear this airplane... Well first of all, this airplane, when I picked this deputy up this airplane came over and he just leaned out the window and waved like that for us to follow him, and pointing. So we started following him off down there in that pasture. That's how we got down there to those cattle pens. That's where the road ended was at the pens... why we stopped there. The plane went on past and we could hear gunfire. We get out and we were looking around there a little bit and man, about that time, I... bam bam bam... and I wound up with three bullet holes in the right front fender of my car. And then I saw the shooter; you know he was in a little wuishachee bush, and

NANCY RAY: What kind of bush?

ROBERT FAVOR: That's, that's a South Texas particular brush. I saw him in that, kind of crouched down in that wuishachee brush and I pulled out my .45 pistol and then I could see past that brush and I saw some women and kids running down a cow trail. I couldn't just shoot at him because they were right in line. I moved over a little ways and shot and knocked him out of the brush. And the deputy, in the meantime, had spotted the other one and he shot him with his shotgun. And then we rounded up the women and kids and it was just a mess.

NANCY RAY: Gracious. So this is Day 1 on the job.

ROBERT FAVOR: Day 1, day 1, day 1, yeah.

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Town Hall Meeting



In the first month since its reopening, Knox Center has hosted ten events. One of these events was U.S. Representative Bill Flores' first town hall meeting since his election in November on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Congressman Flores, a Republican from Bryan, Texas, discussed government spending and presented an upcoming vote to raise the limit on the amount of debt the U.S. can carry only if "substantial budget concessions" were made. Voters asked questions about the proposed cuts from nursing home spending to farming subsidies and addressed concerns about social security and rising gas prices. During the meeting, Flores warned, "Instead of being the master of your own destiny, you can sometimes be the slave of whoever owns your debt." Approximately 300 voters attended the town hall meeting. The two-hour town hall meeting was the first of four meetings over three days.

An Artist Remembered



Richard Don Hunt 1940-2011

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame was sad to learn of the passing of San Antonio Sculptor Don Hunt.

Don (holding a miniature of his sculpture at the dedication) was a gifted artist who produced the hallmark outdoor sculpture of a Texas Ranger on horseback for the entrance to the museum. The sculpture "Texas Ranger" was dedicated to the Museum and the people of Texas on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, as a gift from Gift of Betsy and Clifton Robinson and in conjunction with the Waco Cultural Arts Fest's "Branding the Brazos" project.

The Board and Staff of the Hall of Fame and Museum offer their condolences to his family and friends. He was a gentleman who loved Texas and its colorful history.

To read more about the artist, [click here](#).

Store Feature



Miss Texas USA 2011 Ana Rodriguez visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in December. During her visit she received a Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum baseball cap in appreciation for her time and service to Texas. You can watch a clip from her visit on our [YouTube channel](#).

On June 19th, Miss Rodriguez will compete for the Miss USA title in Las Vegas. The Miss USA® Pageant will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

The baseball cap features an embroidered museum logo on the cap and red embroidered badge on the brim. Available in both white and kakhi, the hat retails for \$16.95. Call (254) 750-8631 or visit our [store website](#) to order one today.

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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.

For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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