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Spring Break Round Up

It's Spring Break in Central Texas! Round up the children and visit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

We're kicking off Spring Break on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with activities the whole family will enjoy. Sample bread cooked in a chuck wagon, sing songs from the Civil War, meet a REAL Texas Ranger, and more!

Admission is \$7 adults and \$3 children and includes Museum access. Call (254) 750-8631 for more information. Event is sponsored in part by George's Restaurant of Waco. We look forward to seeing you!

new issue of Texas Co-op
Power Magazine, [click here](#).



Now on Exhibit

Donald Yena Bio

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum has the honor of exhibiting three oil-on-canvas works by famed western artist Donald Yena. At the age of three Yena came to the Lone Star State with his family and lived on a farm near Castroville, southwest of San Antonio. A passion for times gone by was inevitable, for Yena was surrounded by Texas historic sites and landmarks in his youth. This passion for Texas and the Old West is reflected both in his paintings and in his private collection of antique artifacts.

His decision to become an artist started early after graduating from San Antonio's Vocational and Technical High School in 1953. Yena continued his art education at Hunter School of Commercial Art and through a correspondence course from the Famous Artist's School where he received a Certificate of Completion in 1962.

Mastering both oils and watercolors, Yena's works are prominently exhibited in private homes, businesses, galleries and numerous museums. In an interview for *Texas Parks and Wildlife* November 2011 publication Yena states; "I paint 'once upon a time in the West' with authenticity," and his expressive works convey that truth.



Tracker and Plenty Sign, 2011



Big Iron in Hand, 2011

Yena Loan

Along with lending our Museum his artistic talents, Mr. Yena has also loaned us an impressive collection of artifacts once owned by Texas Ranger Captain Frank Jones. This collection includes a silver coin pocket watch presented to Captain Jones by his Company D men on March 12, 1888 and later given by Captain John R. Hughes to Eddie Aten in 1936. Also on loan is a Frontier Battalion Ranger badge, a Winchester Model 1873 .44-.40 caliber rifle, postcard photograph of Frank Jones, a letter written by Frank Jones to Company D, the January 1929 *Frontier Times Magazine* retelling the death of Frank Jones and an assortment of treasury warrants.

Frank L. Jones Bio



Frank L. Jones was born in Austin on June 12, 1856. From a law enforcement family of seven Texas Ranger brothers, he first entered Ranger service in 1873 when he enlisted in Captain J.C. Nowlin's Kendall County Minute Men, Company C. Jones ultimately went on to serve two additional enlistments in other companies before enlisting in Company D under Captain Dan W. Roberts in 1881. He stayed with Company D twelve years, achieving the rank of Captain in 1886. In 1892, Frank Jones, a widower, married Helen Baylor Gillett in Ysleta, Texas.

During Captain Jones' time as commander, he and his legendary Company D men were involved in many well-known and dangerous assignments while stationed in West and South Texas. He experienced the role of the Rangers' evolution from frontier defense to a more organized, professional law enforcement body. As advancements in technology progressed, society too began to conform to the rest of the "civilized" nation. The invention and use of barbed wire created an explosive situation in the so called "Fence Cutting Wars" between farmers and ranchers. The modernization of transportation from horse to train brought a new breed of criminal to the Texas Rangers--the train robber. Frank Jones and his men were often called upon to locate these new types of bandits and bring them to justice. Investigation and apprehension of criminals became part of the regular duties of a Texas Ranger. It was during the execution of such an assignment that Captain Jones lost his life.

In June 1893 Captain Jones, along with Corporal Carl Kirchner, Private Ed Aten, Wood Saunders, Tom Tucker and Deputy Sheriff Ed Bryant, were on a scout looking for the notorious Olguin family outlaws who were wanted for cattle and horse rustling and assault. In an area called Pirate Island, near San Elizario, Texas, the outlaws opened fire on Jones and his men, killing the captain almost immediately. After the gunfight, it was discovered the group of Rangers had inadvertently crossed into Mexico. The Rangers were forced to leave the body of Captain Jones behind while they fled to the American side of the border. Through diplomatic means, Jones' body and personal belonging were retrieved and returned to Texas. Captain Jones left a wife and a daughter from his first marriage, Grace Kathleen. His son, Frank Baylor Jones, was born 10 days after his death.

Construction Update

The Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center continues on schedule towards its projected completion in April.

In February, crews framed windows, installed the dome in the reading room and ceilings throughout the facility, began to add drywall to the interior walls, and worked on the fire suppression system, electrical outlets and rain water drainage. Workers will soon begin the metal roofing.

The new Research Center, which houses the archives and library of the Museum, is designated by the State as an official repository for Texas Ranger archives, books, photographs, case files and related materials.

The original modest 900 square foot facility will expand into a modern facility of approximately 4,000 square feet and will feature expanded facilities for researchers and visitors, an exhibit of important Ranger documents, and greatly increased holding space for documents, records, books and oral history recordings.

A grand opening is being planned for June.



Interior view of the main reading room with circular ceiling detail.

A Texas Ranger Promotion

Texas Ranger Lieutenant Frank Malinak was promoted to Captain. On February 14th during a surprise reception surrounded by Company F Rangers, family, friends and TRHFM staff, Malinak received his gold Captain's badge from Major Alvin A. Alexis of Company F.

Captain Malinak became a Ranger on August 1, 1993. He transferred to Company F as a Sergeant in Bryan/College Station on August 1, 1995. Malinak was promoted to Lieutenant in Co. F on November 1, 2009 and stationed at the Waco Headquarters on the Museum premises. His promotion to Captain at the Austin Headquarters was effective February 1, 2012. In Austin, Captain Malinak will be coordinating Headquarters operations and special assigned investigations.

The Board and Staff are grateful to Captain Malinak for his assistance and many kindnesses while serving as the Museum's liaison to the Rangers. We wish him the best as he begins his new role within the Texas Rangers division.



Malinak's wife Lesley pinning the gold Texas Ranger captain's badge.

Trivia Answer



Congratulations Barbara McCurley Price of Houston, TX; Sherri Arrington of Round Rock, TX; and Dale Fisseler, Donna Karl and Nancy Pickett of Waco, TX, on winning a family pass to the Museum! We look forward to your visits. Here is the correct answer to February's trivia question, "What is the first name of retired Texas Ranger, H. Joaquin Jackson?"

Haynie

In his oral history, Jackson states, "Well, my full name is Haynie. Haynie Joaquin Jackson and that was my grandfather's name on my Mother's side. But I always went by H. Joaquin Jackson and mainly just Joaquin."

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum website hosts over 50 oral histories to read free of charge. The program is a joint project of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. The full interview with H. Joaquin Jackson is available on [our oral history page](#).

The Museum Gift Shop carries both of Jackson's autobiographies, *One Ranger: A Memoir* and *One Ranger Returns*. Contact the Museum gift shop staff at thestore@texasaranger.org or call (254) 750-8631 to order one today. Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop benefit the preservational and educational activities of the Museum. The gift shop is open 9 am to 4:30 pm daily. 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 Interstate 35 Exit 335B University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

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

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