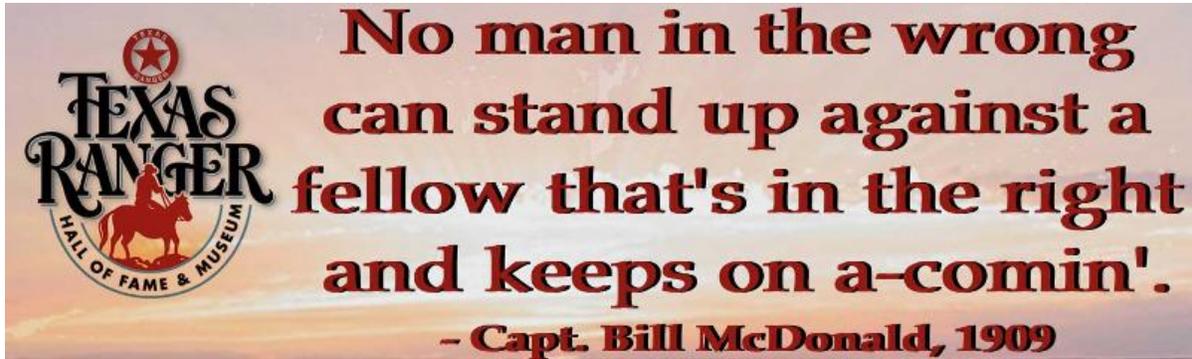


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Upcoming Events

Military Appreciation Day

Wednesday, November 11th



Active duty personnel, retirees and Veterans will receive FREE admission to the Museum while their family will receive discounted admissions. Please show a valid id or documentation of service.

A Memorial to Service

On September 28th, business associates Mr. Billy Janssen and Mr. Clayton Johnson of Victoria, Texas, donated a pistol owned by Texas Ranger Morgan Miller to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Ranger Miller served from 1978 to 2008, and was the longest-serving Texas Ranger at the time of his retirement. He was literally the 'lone Ranger' assigned to Victoria and six



Wednesday, Nov 11th -
Military Appreciation Day

Thursday, Dec 10th through
Saturday, Dec 12th - The
Big Texas Christmas
Present brought to you by
Allen Samuels Dodge
Chrysler Jeep Ram

Please note, the Museum is
closed on Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New Year's
Days.

Baylor Game Days



Please Note: Parking lots at
the Museum are closed to
the public on Baylor Stadium
Home Game Days --- the
museum is OPEN to foot
traffic. The days are 10/17,
10/24, 11/14 and 12/5.
Persons with mobility issues
and tour bus operators are
advised that parking
adjacent to the museum will
not be available on those
days.

Ram Dealerships Announce Donation



surrounding counties for his 30 years of his service.

In May of this year, Ranger Miller donated the pistol which he
acquired in 2007 to the Coastal Conservation Association, to be
auctioned in support of the organization. Messrs. Billy Janssen
and Clayton Johnson purchased the firearm and decided to
donate it to the Museum as a memorial to Ranger Miller's service.



Left to Right: Ranger Morgan Miller and Mr. Billy Janssen

In 2007, the Para-Ordnance Firearms Company produced a
special run of 200 "double stack" high capacity Model 1911 .45
caliber pistols for the Texas Rangers. They were manufactured in
stainless steel high with special engraving capacity. It is the same
M1911 made by Para-Ordnance for the U.S. Special Forces. Para
Ordnance pistols are currently carried by some active Texas
Rangers.

Our thanks to Billy Janssen and Clayton Johnson for their
generosity and to Ranger Miller for his service to the People of
Texas.



A Student Visitor from Mumbai

In September, Soumya Jayaraj
from Mumbai, India, visited the
Texas Ranger Hall of Fame
and Museum. After her visit,
she wrote a guest column to
the *Waco Tribune-Herald*
entitled, "Dreaming of Texas
Rangers from the Indian

In September we announced the Museum, in conjunction with the Texas Ranger Association Foundation, will receive a second \$100,000 donation by Ram and FCA Foundation. The dealerships in Beeville, Clyde and Eastland posted the announcement of this donation on their blogs. We appreciate their support in spreading the word about this partnership.

Please [click here](#) to read the Beeville dealership blog.

Please [click here](#) to read the Clyde dealership blog.

Please [click here](#) to read the Eastland dealership blog.

In The Press



Now available on German newsstands! The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is featured in the article "Eine Legende, die weiterlebt" by Dietmar Kuegler in the October issue of *Das Magazin für Waffenbesitzer*.

Best of Waco



Thank you, Waco! The Museum has been voted into the Top 3 Museums in the Best of Waco survey by *Wacoan* readers. We appreciate the support!

Subcontinent." She is a student at South Texas College and a member of the International Students Association.

I fell in love around the fifth or sixth grade - deeply, passionately and irrecoverably in love. Little did I know at the time that my love would one day bring me across oceans and continents to the land that I fell in love with - the land where the long grass blows, the longhorns roam, the land of cowboys and rodeos and tumbleweeds and, of course, the Texas Rangers!



Following Jayaraj's visit to the Waco, (left to right) Lieutenant Rick Rivera, Ranger Bobby Garcia and Major Brian Burzynski of Company "D" visited with her in McAllen.

Texas Rangers from Company "D," based at Weslaco, came to meet me today. I feel honored and privileged by their very kind gesture. They presented me with an autographed photo of Company "D" Rangers and took back an autographed copy of my article. I really have no words to express my thanks. It was a beautiful gesture and I will treasure this moment forever!

Please [click here](#) to read the full *Waco Tribune-Herald* article by Soumya Jayaraj.

Junior Ranger Billy Van Cleef

Texas Ranger Cody Mitchell and DPS Lieutenant Derek Prestridge co-founded the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) Program. This nationally recognized program trains troopers and other law enforcement officers how to recognize suspicious behavior in children and adults leading to the identification and recovery of abducted and missing children. Mitchell and Prestridge have traveled across the US training officers in other states. IPC training has been given to more than 3,400 law enforcement officers and organizations including the Association of Chiefs of Police and has drawn interest from as far away as Canada and the UK.

Detective William Van Cleef, of the Child Exploitation Task Force in Las Vegas, Nevada, got to know Rangers Mitchell and Prestridge in connection with the IPC Program. Detective Van Cleef's son Billy, age 12, has a strong interest in the Texas Rangers. One of his Christmas gift requests was a Walker, Texas Ranger doll which his dad had to make for him. The Detective brought him to an IPC session in Phoenix to meet the Rangers. In recognition of Detective Van Cleef's work and Billy's interest, Billy received a Junior Texas Ranger appointment.

Texas Ranger Classic



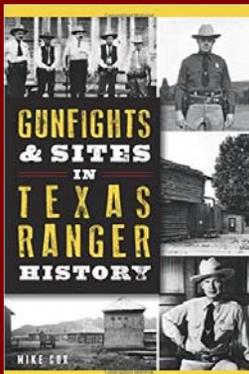
Please join us on Saturday, October 17th at the San Angelo Claybird Association for the Texas Ranger Classic Sporting Clay Shoot.

On November 7th, the next Texas Ranger Classic Sporting Clay Shoot is being held in Edinburg.

Both events benefit the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

New Book by Mike Cox



Since colonizer Stephen F. Austin proposed hiring ten rangers "for the common defense" in 1823, the Texas Rangers have protected the Lone Star State from its enemies with dedication and fortitude. All across Texas are places where Rangers made history. From the Alamo to nearly forgotten graves and battle sites, important landmarks in the story of these legendary lawmen lie in every corner of the state. Historian and author Mike Cox reveals history hiding in plain sight



Ranger Mitchell swears in Junior Ranger Billy Van Cleef.

We salute Ranger Mitchell, Lt. Prestridge and all the officers and child welfare personnel who work to protect children and youths.

Since its start in 1997, there are now almost 3,000 Junior Rangers in the program. Your children can become Junior Texas Rangers through a special program of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. As a Junior Ranger, they will receive: an honorary Junior Ranger certificate signed by an active-duty Texas Ranger, a child's Texas Ranger badge, their name will be listed on the Museum internet site and the family receives a one-time family pass good any time at the Museum.

A Junior Ranger membership is available for a donation of \$25 (\$13 qualifies as tax deductible). Please call us at (877) 750-8631 to order a membership.

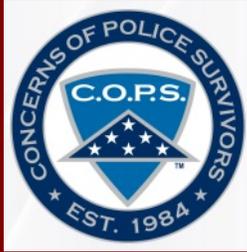
For more information on the (IPC) program, please [click here](#) to watch a museum video and please [click here](#) for an article recognizing the program by the FBI.

The Junior Ranger program is a registered trademark of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

and true tall tales of the world-famous Texas Rangers. \$21.99

To purchase the book, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or [email the store](#). Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

C.O.P.S. Conference



C.O.P.S. will host the first annual National Conference on Officer Wellness and Trauma from November 13th through 15th in Grapevine.

This 3-day conference will offer law enforcement officers the opportunity to hear from national experts and licensed mental health professionals in the field. The conference will also give officers time to network with others and gain a better sense of how agencies around the country are handling law enforcement wellness and trauma.

The deadline to register is October 13th. Please [click here](#) to download the conference packet.

Museums Along the Chisholm Trail



Discovering the Legend

Three new episodes of Discovering the Legend are now available to watch online!

Episode 22

features retired Captain Barry Caver, who discusses his role in ending the infamous Republic of Texas Standoff. From our recent "Gunfighterology" event, Episode 23 features a history of firearms technology by historian Doug Dukes. Episode 24 features Dr. Bill O'Neal, State Historian of Texas, who discusses the myths and realities of gunfights in the Old West.

Discovering the Legend is produced by the City of Waco's WCCC-TV station. It is distributed to over 50 college and municipal cable channels in Texas.

Please [click here](#) to watch the new episode of *Discovering the Legend*.

Czech Republic Delegation Visits Museum

In September, a delegation from Kunovice, Czech Republic visited Texas. Kunovice and West, a city just north of Waco, became official Sister Cities. An official agreement was signed by West Mayor Tommy Muska and Kunovice Mayor Ivana Majickova during the visit. As Sister Cities, Mayor Muska and Mayor Majickova believe it will help West citizens learn more about and connect to their heritage.



As part of the Kunovice delegation's Texas visit, they requested a

When planning a trip to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, please consider making it an overnight trip and visit nearby Bosque County.

Bosque County boasts three museums that lie along the Chisholm Trail. Day tours of the museums are encouraged on Thursdays.

1. Santa Fe Museum - Valley Mills, TX - (254) 749-3025 - features memorabilia related to the Santa Fe Railroad.

2. Bosque Museum - Clifton, TX - (254) 675-3845 - features artifacts from early days in Bosque County, including a rare 11,200-year-old Paleo-American whose remains were found in a cave in the Lake Whitney area.

3. Bosque County Collection - Meridian, TX - (254) 744-9141 - features historic documents from the County. The collection is a treasure trove for genealogy research.

Please call each institution to arrange the visit.

Education Center



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

Texas DPS
Texas Rangers
Association of Fundraising
Professionals
HOTRAC - Heart of Texas
Regional Advisory Council
NAACP

visit of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. We are pleased to have been part of their Texas adventure.

Wedding in the Hall of Fame

On September 25th, Joan Chanitz and Ken Bunselmeyer tied the knot in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. Ken, a self-proclaimed "history buff," became fond of the museum when he lived in Waco. He met Joan on April 25, 2014 when Joan's daughter introduced the couple through an email. The museum staff was privileged to serve as a witness to the marriage. Congratulations, Joan and Ken! We wish you many years of happiness.



Paying Respects to a Fallen Comrade

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The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum recently received a loan of a Jack Bryant, Jr. bronze sculpture from the Azleland Memorial Park and Cemetery near Fort Worth. *Paying Respects to a Fallen Comrade* depicts a Ranger who stops to pay his respects to a fallen friend and comrade.



Paying Respects to a Fallen Comrade

Jack Bryant, Jr. was born and raised in rural Texas, he is known for his bronzes depicting wildlife and the West. Azleland Memorial Park commissioned the Texas artist to create the sculpture as part of a fundraising effort for the cemetery. *Paying Respects to a Fallen Comrade* will be produced in a limited edition of 25 pieces, available for \$8,500 each. Once all of the bronze pieces have been produced and sold, the mold will be destroyed and a full-sized sculpture will be made for the park and cemetery.

For more information, please contact Azleland Memorial Park and Cemetery directly at (817) 444-1124 or at azlelandcemetery@gmail.com.

In Remembrance

We regret to note the passing of two distinguished Texas Rangers.



Retired Company "E" Texas Ranger and current Brown County Sheriff Bobby Rex Grubbs, 70, passed away on Thursday, September 3th, while serving his third term as Brown County sheriff. Ranger Grubbs was born in Sweetwater on June 18, 1945. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the destroyer USS Fletcher DD-445 during the Vietnam War.

Ranger and Sheriff Grubbs served a remarkable 47 years in law

enforcement: 35 years with the Texas DPS including 19 years as a Texas Ranger. He was elected as Brown County sheriff in 2004.

A detailed oral history with Ranger/Sheriff Grubbs was made possible by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. Please [click here](#) to download and read it. In 2011 he wrote a small paperback called *Five Essential Qualities of a Texas Ranger*.



Retired Company "E" Texas Ranger Pedro G. "Pete" Montemayor, 86, passed away on Wednesday, August 26th. "Texas Ranger Pete," as he was known to his friends, was born in San Benito in Cameron County.

He began his law Enforcement career in the San Benito police Department in 1952. In 1971 Col. Wilson Speir, Director of Texas DPS, commissioned Montemayor a Texas Ranger. In 1978-79 he was placed on detached duty with the South Texas Border Stepped-Up Law Enforcement Program (STBSULE), an early Border initiative. He retired from the Texas Rangers in 1984 after 32 years in law enforcement and investigation.

**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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