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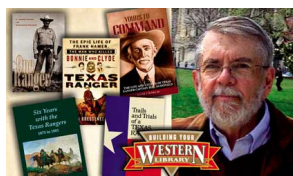
"Ranger Museum Tells TX History"



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is featured in the article "Ranger Museum Tells TX History" by Erin Wood for the *Fort Hood Sentinel* newspaper.

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

"Building Your Western Library"



Welcome to the Board

Matt Cawthon, Ret. Texas Ranger

William Matthew "Matt" Cawthon joined DPS in 1982 and served as a Sergeant in the Texas Rangers from 1992 to 2009 in Companies "D" in Harlingen and "F" in Waco. He was also a sniper for the Rangers. During his DPS service, Ranger Cawthon was awarded the Regional Commander's Award (DPS) for assisting a wounded Killeen police officer and the National Police Officer of the Year in 1999 (U.S. Department of Justice) for an investigation of a child pornography ring.



Matt Cawthon



Laura Mobley Greenwood



Lauren Daugherty

Laura Mobley Greenwood, Substitute Teacher

With a BS in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University, Mrs. Greenwood worked for the Texas Department of Corrections, the Nueces County Constable Pct. 1 and the Lincoln County New Mexico Sheriff Department. Currently, a Brady ISD Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional, she also serves as a Heart of Texas Chapter DRT member and as the Vice-Chairman of the McCulloch County Crimestoppers. Mrs. Greenwood has been working with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Bicentennial Committee for over a year before officially joining the Board.

Lauren Daugherty, Financial Consultant

Lauren Daugherty is an independent financial consultant, who was selected for her skills with nonprofit fundraising. She also serves as the Special Projects Chair for the Libertarian National

Noted historian Mike Cox shares his tips for "Building Your Western Library: Mike Cox, Texas Author Recounts Best in Ranger History" for *True West Magazine*.

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

"The Strangest Adoption in the History of the West"



Ron Soodalter shares the little known story of Santa Anna's adopted Texian son in "The Strangest Adoption in the History of the West" for *True West Magazine*.

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

Major Huff



As a result of the selection process for major, Texas Rangers, Company "B" Garland, Grover "Frank" Huff, Captain, Austin Headquarters, was appointed and will be promoted effective 10/01/2016. Congratulations Frank!

Major Taylor

Committee in Central Texas. Ms. Daugherty was previously the Executive Director for the Libertarian Party of Texas and the Development Coordinator for FreedomWorks. She studied at Johns Hopkins University, Institute of World Politics and Emory University.

Oakwood Cemetery Celebrates 178th Birthday of Governor Sul Ross



Oakwood Cemetery, opened in Waco in 1878, is the final resting place of one of Waco's most respected citizens, Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross.

Born on September 27, 1838, in Bentonsport, Iowa Territory, Sul Ross served as a Texas Ranger and helped to recover Cynthia Ann Parker. During the Civil War he rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the CSA Army. Afterwards, he

became McLennan County Sheriff and helped found the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. He became a Texas Senator before becoming the 19th Governor of Texas. While Governor, he was offered the president's post at Texas A&M, where he served until his death.

His obituary stated, "It has been the lot of few men to be of such great service to Texas as Sul Ross." Sul Ross State University, in Alpine, is named in his honor.



Clint Lynch, General Manager of Oakwood Cemetery, stands in front of Gov. Sul Ross' grave.

In an effort to recognize individuals who have made a lasting contribution to our local and state history, Oakwood Cemetery celebrated one of Waco's most respected citizens, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, on his 178th birthday. We were honored to participate in the celebration.

Please [click here](#) to read a biography on Sul Ross.

Waco Hispanic Museum



As a result of the selection process for Major, Texas Rangers, Company "A" Houston, Jason Taylor, Captain, Austin Headquarters, was appointed and will be promoted effective 10/01/2016. Congratulations Jason!

Cultural Arts District



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Over the last year, Creative Waco has been busy gathering cultural organizations and community leaders to help Waco, through a cultural district designation, become the cultural hub it deserves to be.

In September, the Texas Commission on the Arts unanimously voted to designate Waco a State of Texas Cultural District.

A huge thanks to all who helped make this bid successful and to all who carry this vision forward!

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

Donations Welcome

Waco's Hispanic community dates back more than 150 years to the founding of Waco. In 2014 City Councilor Alice Rodriguez asked the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame to assist a local group in collecting and sharing that history. Executive Director Byron Johnson assisted the group with planning the Waco Hispanic Museum and its exhibits.



On Friday, September 16th the community welcomed the new museum located at the South Waco Community Center. We were honored to be part of the process and wish them continued success.

Please [click here](#) to watch a video on the opening by the Waco City Cable Channel.

Texas Ranger Museum Events

Texas Top Guns Day

Join the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Texas Top Guns for a living history day on Saturday, October 22nd from 10am to 2pm.

Military Appreciation Day

For Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th, active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive FREE admission to the Hall of Fame and Museum in honor of their service and sacrifice. Family members will receive discounted admissions. Please show a valid id or documentation of service.



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is fundraising to renovate its exhibits and galleries.

To be a part of this legacy and heritage, please contact Christine Rothenbush, Marketing and Development Specialist, at (254) 750-8631 for more information.

Education Center

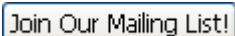


The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs during the month of September:

- Texas Rangers Blood Pattern Training
- NAACP
- AFP
- Hillcrest KidSafe

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Traveling Texas

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum board and staff participates in events around the State of Texas as the budget allows. In September, we were invited to participate in three such events: Heart of Texas Historians & Storytellers, Museums Marketplace and Texas DPS Museum Day.

Heart of Texas Historians & Storytellers held on Sunday, September 18th featured presentations by Retired Texas Ranger Chief Hank Whitman and noted Texas Ranger historian Bob Alexander. Chief Whitman is board chairman and Mr. Alexander is a board member of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum advisory board.

The Museum Association of Waco's Museums Marketplace (picture below) was held on Saturday, September 17th. It was a trade show designed to highlight the services that member organizations provide educators, students and the general public in our community.



The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), parent agency of the Texas Rangers, held Texas DPS Museum Day (picture above) on Sunday, September 18th. The event was attended by 1,100 individuals who learned about the process of becoming a State Trooper and eventually a Texas Ranger.

Board and staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will attend three October events: the Fort Griffin Living History Days on October 7th and 8th, the 16th Annual Genealogy Lock-In at the Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Center on October 21st and "Frontier Violence, Depredations, Outlaws, and Rangers" Symposium on October 22nd in Killeen.

Please click here for more information on the [Fort Griffin Living History Days](#).

Please click here for more information on the [Genealogy Lock-In](#).

Please click here for more information on the ["Frontier Violence" Symposium](#).

Gift Shop Feature: Saddle Bags

Now available: Hand-tooled leather saddle bags. Perfect for motorcycles and as decorative storage, these saddle bags are available in two sizes. The large bags have two pockets each measuring 11.5" long x 3.5" wide x 11" tall. The small bags have

two pockets each measuring 9" long x 3.5" wide x 9.5" tall. The large bags are available in black and dark brown. The small bags are available in all four colors: black, dark brown, medium brown and tan. The large size is \$275.00 and the small size is \$220.00.



Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. Thank you!

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Marketing & Development Specialist**

**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.

Offer Valid: November 30, 2016