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LEGENDARY  
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THE OFFICIAL TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM  
IN WACO



**Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter**

Sponsored by the City of Waco

Official Historical Center for Texas Rangers

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September 2014

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## Save the Dates

Military Appreciation Day on  
Veterans Day - Tuesday,  
November 11th

5th annual "Big Texas  
Christmas Present" -  
Saturday, December 13th



## Texas Roots: The Art of Lee Herring

Now on exhibit through  
January 11th, the Texas  
Ranger Hall of Fame and  
Museum presents *Texas  
Roots: The Art of Lee  
Herring*. The exhibit and  
benefit sale features over 20  
works of art by the 2007 State  
of Texas Artist. Mr. Herring is  
a master at capturing the  
American West.

An enthusiastic supporter,  
Lee has made these works  
available for purchase as a  
benefit in support of the  
Texas Ranger Bicentennial. A  
portion of the purchase price  
will be donated to the  
Bicentennial Fund to renovate  
and expand the museum.  
Artworks are popularly priced  
from \$650 to \$10,000. A full

**BOOTS  
&  
BADGES**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**SADDLE UP & CELEBRATE**  
the 1964 founding of the TRHFM

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014**  
**JOHN KNOX CENTER**  
TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

Brought to you by The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum,  
Museum Board and City of Waco

**5:30 - ROUND-UP**  
Mix & mingle and view our newest exhibit  
**Texas Roots: The Art of Lee Herring**  
(Sales from the show benefit the Museum's Bicentennial Fund)

**6:45 - PRESENTATIONS BY:**  
Chief Kirby Dendy, Ret.  
Major Frank Malinak

**6:30 - DINNER BELL RINGS**  
Prime Rib and fixin's  
served by On the Spot Catering

**7:30 - DANCE 'TIL THE COWS  
COME HOME**  
Real Texas Music by the Chris Low Band

Individual Tickets \$75 • Table Sponsorships \$750  
(Table sponsorships include 6 tickets & a Texas Ranger as a table guest)  
Hotel Accommodations - Holiday Inn Bellmead (254) 799-9997  
Tickets Reservations, call (254) 750-8631.  
Seating is limited. Please RSVP by September 17th.

## Guy Benard Speed

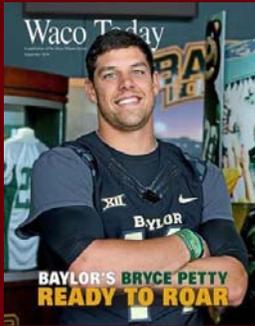
### Collections Donation

Mr. Bob Hendrix of Arcadia recently presented the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame with a Model 1894 Winchester .30-30 lever action rifle made about 1898 and a Colt .41 Long New Army Navy Revolver made in 1900-01. These family heirlooms add a dimension to understanding Texas and the Texas Rangers at the turn of the 20th century.

Mr. Hendrix' grandfather, Guy Speed, joined the Texas Volunteer Guard in 1900. The Texas Volunteer Guard was a State militia of up to 4,800 men deployed in infantry, cavalry and artillery units. Speed served in Company D of the 1st Cavalry, informally called the "Corsicana Light Horse."

list of artworks and prices are [available online](#).

To read an article about the exhibit from the *Waco Tribune*, please [click here](#).



### Waco Today

The September issue of *Waco Today* magazine features an article on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the museum and on the career and recent retirement of Texas Ranger Chief Kriby Dendy.

To read the article "Texas Ranger Museum turning 50, looks to future," please [click here](#).

To read the article "China Spring man retires as chief of Texas Rangers," please [click here](#).



### In the Press

Tim Orwig highlighted the museum and its exhibits in "Texas Ranger Museum honors legendary Lone Star lawmen" an article in the *Killeen Daily Herald*.

Please [click here](#) to read the story and view photographs of the museum.

Enlistment in the Guard was prestigious; the Texas Volunteer Guard had served in Cuba during the Spanish American War. In 1903 the organization was made a National Guard under the federal government. Both the new Texas National Guard and the Texas Rangers saw service in the border turmoil between 1910 and 1920.



Our thanks to Mr. Hendrix for sharing these items and history with future generations.

## Conversation with Tony O'Donnell

### A Texas Ranger Reenactor in the United Kingdom

I reenact the Old West over here in the UK, and one of the characters I portray is a Texas Ranger. My western name that I've used for 36 years is Tyrel Lee. It is not based on a real Ranger, but an amalgam of a few.



Tony O'Donnell as Tyrel Lee

I started re-enacting while I was still in the army in 1978. I used to do WWII re-enactments as a member of 101st Screaming Eagles. My reenactment group today is the [Wyoming Wild Bunch](#). It is one of the most authentic groups. We camp out at all of our events under canvas and have our own chuck wagon built from the correct plans. We focus on the American West.

I came to Texas 20 odd years ago and went to The Alamo and City of Brackettville and the Stockyards at Fort Worth. When I came back to the UK, a Friend of mine JB, who used to own a Wild West town, created a group known as The Texas Rangers Association of Great Britain. We all had to swear an oath to uphold the values and history of the Texas Rangers. I received the certificate in January 1993. I was no 9.

The certificate reads:

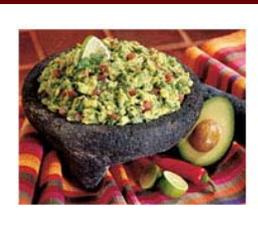
*The aim of the Association is to keep alive the Heritage & History of this Law Enforcement Agency, that is still in being to this day. Remembering at all times those early Rangers that made the History we wish to preserve.*



### Texas Cowboy Poetry

Texas Cowboy enthusiast Don Cadden recites his poem "Texas Pride" about Texans and their heritage. It was filmed by Jay B Saucedo in Alpine, Texas.

Please [click here](#) to watch the video.



### The Perfect Guacamole

The key to great guacamole is a good, ripe avocado - and of course the perfect recipe. Check out how to make the perfect guacamole - Texas style!

Please [click here](#) to see how to make it.



### Education Center

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

Parents Against Crime Coalition

Waco ISD Reading Academy

HCCAA HeadStart

*As a member of the Association I hereby promise to be loyal to all other members and in return can expect the same of all fellow members.*

I have many Heroes of the Rangers from Jack Hays to McNeely and Captains Lee Hall and J.B Armstrong right up to Frank Hamer. My interest in the West and Texas made me want to improve myself through my love of history, so after leaving school at 16 with no formal qualifications, I decided to go to night classes and got what we call A levels in History, English and Sociology. After that I did night classes again for four years to get a 2/2 degree in History, with my paper being on the History of the West from 1850 to 1900.

I love the Texas Rangers, and collect everything I can on the heritage of them even though I live in the UK. I have many books on the history of the Texas Rangers but two of my favorites are The Illustrated History of The Texas Rangers by Bern Keating and a 1965 edition of The Texas Rangers by Walter Prescott Webb with foreword by Lyndon B Johnson, a son of Texas.

## American Cowboy Collector Edition

**On Newsstands October 7th!**

The *American Cowboy* magazine's fall collector's edition features the Texas Rangers and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

This collector's edition showcases historic photographs from the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. Also, it highlights the Museum's renovation and expansion plans and the upcoming Bicentennial of the Texas Rangers.

Articles in the magazine include: "The 20 Greatest Rangers of all Time," "Colt .45: The Gun that Won the West," "Rangers Took 'Em Down" and "Ranger/Not Ranger."



Cover to cover, it was our pleasure to work with team at the *American Cowboy*.

## Kirby Dendy Day

**August 16, 2014**

Superior Health  
 REACH - Horses for Wounded Warriors  
 Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services  
 Association of Fundraising Professionals  
 HOT Community HealthCorps  
 Texas Department of Public Safety

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At Chief Dendy's retirement party, the TRHFM board and staff and the City of Waco presented Chief Dendy with a proclamation proclaiming that day as "Kirby Dendy Day." The proclamation reads:



Ret. Chief Kirby Dendy

"I, Malcolm Duncan, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, do hereby Proclaim:

August 16, 2014 as "Kirby Dendy Day"

in the City of Waco, and urge the people of Waco to join with the City Council and the City staff, in paying tribute to the distinguished public service of this remarkable Texan.

After 43 years of service he was the longest continually serving officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety and the second longest tenured Texas Ranger. He served in all ranks from Trooper to Assistant Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety and Chief of the Texas Rangers. The length of his law enforcement career exceeded even those of the famous 19th and early 20th century Texas Rangers.

From 1995 to 2011 he was stationed in Waco as commander of Texas Rangers Company "F" with headquarters at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. He strongly supported the partnership between the State of Texas, Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Waco to preserve the Texas Ranger heritage and share it with present and future generations. He continued his advocacy after promotion to Chief of the Texas Rangers.

Today, we honor Kirby Dendy and whole-heartedly thank him for his service to the State of Texas and Waco."

**Dream Wedding Giveaway**

**Inside John Knox Memorial Center**

On Friday, August 1st Josh and Mandy Jones were treated to a dream wedding. Action Rental Center, which organizes the *With This Ring Bridal Extravaganza*, created a contest for a bride to win a dream wedding. The reception was held in John Knox Memorial Center at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

"We have been through several months of unemployment, medical issues and some very humbling experiences," Mandy wrote in her contest submission. "He is a proud Veteran who now has been blessed with a job assisting fellow Veterans. We finally feel like we are living the life we are meant to have together. Most couples fall in love through the easy stuff and possibly grow stronger with time. We fell in love during the tough stuff and we get stronger every day."

Mandy concluded her submission with, "I submitted this entry for him. During the course of the last 17 months I have kept him encouraged and shown him that having faith pays off. That anything is possible. I want this for him as much as he wants it for me, if not more." We were happy to donate the space to this deserving couple.



**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](http://www.texasranger.org).

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