







**June 2017** 

# **Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter**

Sponsored by the City of Waco Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

### **Welcoming the 2017 Texas Ranger Reunion**

For three decades the Texas Ranger Association Foundation has provided scholarships and compassionate assistance to the families of Rangers. They also support the educational programs of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. Each year Foundation members, active and retired Texas Rangers gather in Waco for banquets and a reunion. This year on June 10th at 1:30 pm our new sign and monument will be dedicated during this event.



Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Monument sign on Saturday, June 10th at 1:30pm by the entrance to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. We'll have a brief dedication followed by photo opportunities. No RSVP needed.

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If you would like to learn more about the Foundation, join and attend the reunion as a member please see their web site at <a href="http://thetexasrangers.org/">http://thetexasrangers.org/</a>.

### **June Museum Events**

#### TEXAS RANGER MUSEUM SUMMER CAMP

Kids, come discover the challenges of life on the Texas frontier! In partnership with the Texas Top Guns Frontier Battalion Company "D" re-enactment organization, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its Texas Ranger Day Camp on Friday, June 16th from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. Campers will have the opportunity to interact with 19th Century Rangers as they perform such tasks as making rope, tooling leather and cooking on a Dutch oven. The program will culminate in a performance by the Top Guns!

Registration is open to all children entering the fourth, fifth and sixth grades; registration closes June 12. Campers are requested to wear closed-toe shoes and sunscreen; water and a snack will be provided. \$25.00 per camper. Please call (254) 750-8631 to register.



#### **TEXAS TOP GUNS DAY**

In partnership with the Texas Top Guns Frontier Battalion Company "D" re-enactment organization, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host "Texas Top Guns Day" on Saturday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with 19th Century Rangers!

## Changing Exhibit: Distinguished Service

The Collections Department has recently rotated new artifacts into the *Distinguished Service:* Living Retired Rangers exhibit just in time for the 2017 Ranger Reunion.



An array of important artifacts has been newly installed, including a t-shirt from the Railroad Killer investigation informing our visitors that "Yes, I know Drew Carter." The exhibit also features several items from retired Ranger Rudy Flores' career, including a gas mask, ballistic plate carrier and discontinued Texas Ranger coveralls.

The Museum's collection is continually growing and we welcome donations and loans from Rangers and from their families. New additions to the collection help us to continue to tell the story of the Texas Rangers, past and present. If you are interested in donating or loaning artifacts to the collection, please contact Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager, at (254) 750-8481 or by email at <a href="mailto:shellyc@ci.waco.tx.us">shellyc@ci.waco.tx.us</a>.

Distinguished Service online exhibit

## Leica Training

Seventeen (17) Rangers attended Basic Leica Scan Operator training from May 1-4, 2017. The class will allow the Rangers to become competent operators of the Division's 8 Leica Scan Stations. The Leica Scan Stations are High Definition 3D laser scanners that collect millions of data points that are registered into a single point cloud. Scanning a crime scene with millions of data points allows Texas Rangers to better and more accurately document these scenes.



# **Visitor Spotlight**

Texas Ranger Joel Timms of Company "E" (Brady) speaks with students and faculty from Zephyr I.S.D., May 16, 2017.



#### In Memoriam

May was marked by the passing of two Retired Texas Rangers.

Adolfo "AL" Cuellar, age 71, retired Texas Ranger with 28 years of service to the Texas Department of Public Safety, passed away on Tuesday, May 2nd in San Antonio.

Please <u>click here</u> to read his oral history.







Grady Sessums

Retired Texas Ranger Captain Grady Sessums, Company "A", Houston, serving from 1969-1982, passed away on Monday, May 8th in Kerrville.

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#### **Education Center**

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

Texas Rangers
DPS Crime Lab
Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational
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NAACP
AFP

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# 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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