



September 2017

## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

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### ***Sam Houston Painting Re-Dedication***

In March, Mr. J. Fred Bucy III and family of Fischer, Texas responded to a request for support to restore a historic painting of the legendary Sam Houston. His generosity made a three-month treatment and restoration possible by Anne Zanikos Art Conservation in San Antonio. It also provided for a new exhibit case to house the painting upon its return.



An unveiling of the finished work was held Monday, August 28th, with the Bucy family as guests of honor. Mr. Bucy was presented with a plaque of appreciation by Waco City Manager Dale Fisseler on behalf of the Texas Rangers, City of Waco and the Museum board. Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager, delivered a program on the conservation of the portrait and other known paintings and photographs of Houston.



The generosity of the Bucy family will enable future generations to visit the Museum and view the portrait of the man who served as revolutionary military commander, President of the Republic of Texas, Texas Senator and Governor.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame continues to seek private and corporate sponsors for needed artifacts, educational exhibits and conservation projects. We hope you will consider becoming part of the legend by helping

to preserve and share the history of the Texas Rangers. For further information please contact Byron Johnson, Director, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame at 254-750-8631.

Please [click here](#) to read an article about conservation work by Collections Assistant Mary McCarthy.

Please [click here](#) to see more photographs from the unveiling. Photographs courtesy WCCC-TV.

### ***Changing of the Guard***

In September, we celebrate the service of a long-time friend, retiring Assistant Chief of the Texas Rangers Frank Malinak. He began his law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff in Giddings, then joined the Bryan-College Station Sheriff's Department, and the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority in Laredo and Bryan. Malinak was commissioned as a Texas State Trooper in 1984 and promoted to a Texas Ranger in 1993. He served in Midland with Co. E, in Bryan and Waco with Co. F, and at Headquarters in Austin.

On his first day as lieutenant in Waco in 2009, Malinak and thirty Rangers responded to the mass shooting by Nidal Hasan at the Fort Hood Army Base in Killeen, Texas. In 2010, he led a multijurisdictional task force in pursuit of a suspect known as the "Twilight Rapist," who targeted elderly women in Central and Southeast Texas. The offender was identified and received multiple life sentences.

An avid Texas Ranger history enthusiast, Frank spent many hours assisting with educational programs while stationed in Waco as a Lieutenant and Major. While in Austin, he kept us up-to-date on the ever expanding role of the Rangers. After 33 years with Texas DPS and 24 with the Texas Rangers, we extend our thanks and wish him the best.



*Asst. Chief Frank Malinak, Ret.*



*Asst. Chief Chance Collins*

Over the years, several veterans of Texas Rangers Co. F in Waco have been promoted to command positions at Headquarters in Austin. These have included legendary Capt. Clint Peoples, Capt. Earl Pearson, Major Kirby Dendy and Major Frank Malinak. The latest in this line is Major Chance Collins who takes up the post of Assistant Chief of the Texas

Rangers (now titled Assistant Division Director, Texas Rangers Headquarters in Austin).

Major Collins served as a Texas DPS Trooper from 1993 to 2002. Over the years he has been assigned to companies A, D, E, F, Headquarters and as head of SWAT. During his time in Waco as Major of Co. F, the roles of the Texas Rangers in Border security, intelligence and reconnaissance expanded greatly. We appreciate his guidance as Major and the support he and his Rangers have provided to our education programs.

### ***DPS Museum Day***

Sunday, September 17, 2017

11 AM - 4 PM

DPS Headquarters

Building A Lobby and the Front Grounds

5805 N. Lamar Blvd.

Austin, TX 78752



Theme: "Safety & Security, A Child's Right: Learn How to Recognize and Avoid Dangers."

The DPS "Texas Crimes Against Children Center" will be showcased and the event will provide children, parents, and all adults an opportunity to meet representatives from various DPS areas, learn ways to protect themselves, and talk about difficult topics.

### ***Visitors from the Czech Republic***

The fame and reputation of the legendary Texas Rangers has attracted many distinguished international visitors to their historical center in Waco. These have included bankers from the Kyrgyz Republic, University officials from Thailand, members of President Vladimir Putin's delegation from Russia, President Vicente Fox of Mexico, Police officials from Brazil and the highest-ranking police officials from the People's Republic of China.

In August, officials of the city of Kunovice in the Czech Republic toured as guests of the City of West, Texas. Kunovice and West are sister cities and exchange delegations and students. In attendance were:

Ivana Majickova, Mayor of Kunovice; Olga Strasakova, Vice-Mayor Kunovice; and Czech Students: Katerina Polachova (20 yrs.), Petr Polach (16 yrs.), Renata Skraskova (19 yrs.), Adam Joura (17 yrs.)

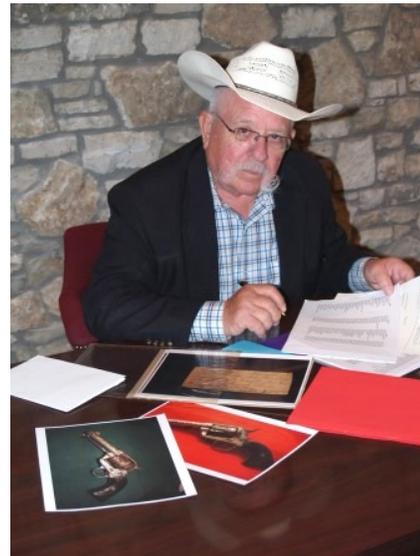


### ***TSPS Presentation***

A special thank you to board member, Bob Alexander! On Monday, August 21st, Mr. Alexander spoke on the role Texas Rangers played in surveying early Texas properties and in the Fence Cutting Wars of 1883 to the members of the Fort Worth chapter of Texas Society of Professional Surveyors (TSPS) on behalf of the Museum.

"We had a larger crowd than normal, and they were there to see Bob. The clapping at the end of his talk was as loud as I've ever heard. He was great! Thank you for putting us in touch with him."

- Kenneth H. Yazel Jr.



### ***Governor Mark White***

The Board and staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum are sad to announce the passing of Board Member Emeritus and former Governor Mark Wells White, Jr. He passed away from a heart attack at his home in Houston at age 77.

Governor White served as the 43rd Governor of Texas from January 18, 1983 to January 20, 1987 and found time to support the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum on the Board and as an emeritus member for many years. As



Governor he was staunchly supportive of the Texas Rangers and their importance to Texas law enforcement and history.

Our deepest condolences to his wife Linda Gale and family.

Please [click here](#) to read his biography.

### ***Hurricane Harvey Relief***

Our thoughts are with our neighbors in the 33 Texas counties and Louisiana devastated by Hurricane Harvey. As many as 13 million people from Texas and Louisiana have been under flood watches and warning, as more than 50 inches of rain have inundated tributaries, bays and marshes.



Many nonprofits, government agencies and corporations are involved in the relief efforts. "Here's How You Can Help People Affected By Harvey" article from *NPR* lists some of the charitable organizations taking part in the recovery that are seeking donations.

Please [click here](#) to see the list of charitable organizations.

### ***Three Fun, New T-Shirts!***

The first t-shirt is a blue-gray body, featuring a yellow-gold sun (or moon) with an inverse silhouette of a Texas Ranger on horseback in the middle, and has "Texas Ranger Hall of Fame" in white and gold letters. Price is \$16.95.

The second t-shirt is a solid light gray body, featuring a gold silhouette of a Texas Ranger on horseback, and has "Texas Ranger Hall of Fame" in white letters. Price is \$16.95.



The third shirt is a baseball sleeve t-shirt. It has light red sleeves, a gray colored body, featuring a navy blue Texas Ranger badge, and has "Hall of Fame" in navy letters. Price is \$22.00.

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

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### ***Education Center***

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

Texas Rangers  
 Texas DPS-CID  
 Waco Foundation

[Museum Video](#)  
[Texas Ranger Bicentennial  
Bicentennial Video](#)  
[Texas Ranger Association  
Foundation](#)  
[Facebook](#)

Texas Workforce Commission  
NAACP

Our sincerest apologies to Mr. Darren L. Ivey. In our August newsletter, we mistakenly mentioned him as Mr. Don Ivey. We are working with Mr. Ivey on a book signing for his upcoming publication and will be announcing it in the October issue.

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## SIGN UP & 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).

Offer Expires 10/31/2017.

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