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## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

### ***Military Appreciation Day***

Veterans, and those now in the military, have earned our respect and gratitude. On Veteran's Day we remember their commitment and the many sacrifices of their spouses and children that enable them to serve. On Saturday, November 11th, all active duty personnel, retirees & veterans will receive FREE admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in honor of their service (valid id or documentation of service required). Family members receive discounted admission.



### ***Bicentennial Book Signing***

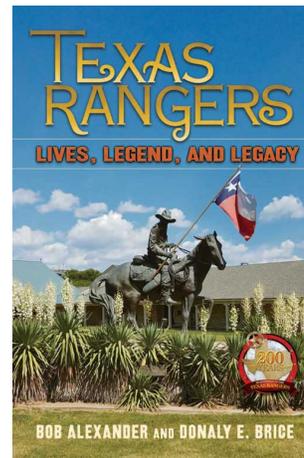
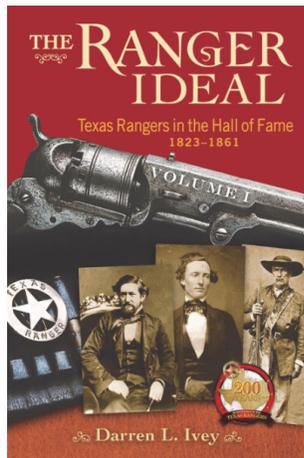
Join us on Saturday, December 2nd when authors Darren L. Ivey and the team of Bob Alexander and Donaly E. Brice discuss their work and autograph copies of their new books, *The Ranger Ideal: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame 1823-1861* and *Texas Rangers: Lives, Legend, and Legacy*. These books are the first two in the Texas Ranger Bicentennial Publication Series and are available for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop. Admission is free from 1 pm to closing (please see Big Texas Christmas Present article below for details).

#### Schedule of Events:

1:30-2:00pm - Presentation by Darren L. Ivey

2:30-3:00pm - Presentation by Bob Alexander and Donaly E. Brice

3:00 - 4:30pm - Book signing by the authors



### ***Big Texas Christmas Present***

You can help Big 95 radio and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame support Compassion Ministries to combat homelessness. Compassion Ministries assists those who are homeless, or on the verge of homelessness, secure permanent housing and employment. Interim shelter, financial training, and other life training and services are provided.



Compassion Ministries needs gift items and donations for children, teens, and adults this holiday season. Saturday, December 2nd, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will serve as a collection point. For each item you will receive a free admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. You can get a list of donation suggestions at [compassionwaco.com](http://compassionwaco.com).

### ***Collections Spotlight: Red Work Embroidery Quilt***

Over the years Cynthia Salm has donated a collection related to the famous Sutton - Taylor feud of 1868 to 1876 involving Texas Rangers, especially the family of William Sutton. All of the donations have included textiles, and the last group, received in mid-October, included an excellent example of red work embroidery.



Red work became popular in the late 19th century with the introduction of an embroidery thread called Turkey Red that, unlike other threads available, was colorfast. Red work consisted of simple outlined designs stitched using mainly a backstitch or a stem stitch. These stitches were simple to learn and could be done by children. At first red work was worked on a variety of household items including tea towels, napkins, pillows, and chair cushions, with the technique beginning to be used on quilts around 1900. Designs ranged from the simple to intricate. Iron-on transfers were available through magazines or women used carbon paper, or tracing paper to create their own patterns. Animals, flowers, toys and nursery rhymes were all popular subjects to stitch. As more colors became colorfast red work waned in popularity.

The quilt in our collection features 20 squares set with red sashing, a red and white border and is backed in solid white. We estimate it to date ca. 1915. Each square features a nursery rhyme character including Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Old Mother Hubbard and Jack Spratt stitched with a simple backstitch. The red thread and fabric have held their color well over the years. The Salm collection also includes other examples of embroidery, clothing, tatting and thread crochet. These textiles help to tell the story of home life in late 19th and early 20th century Texas.

## ***New Commander Continues Educational Partnership***

In 1957 a new Texas Rangers Co. "F" was established in offices in downtown Waco. When the new Texas Ranger Homer Garrison Museum opened in 1968, the headquarters moved to the State designated museum. For a half century commanders and Rangers from Co. "F", as well as those at companies around Texas, have partnered with us on educational programs presented worldwide on site and over the internet to children and adults.



We welcome the latest commander at Company "F" to continue this tradition, Major Corey Lain. Raised in Mexia, Texas, he attended Sam Houston State University completing a degree in criminal justice. In 2000 he joined the Texas Department of Public Safety and, like all Rangers, served as a Trooper in Archer City establishing an impressive record. Promoting to the Texas Rangers in 2009, he was stationed with Co. "C" covering the Panhandle and North Texas. This was followed in 2013 by advancement to Lieutenant at Company "D" in Corpus Christi and in 2016 to Administrative Captain at

Headquarters in Austin. Last month his service was recognized by promotion to Major at Co. "F".

Lest anyone think Maj. Lain will slow down, his responsibilities include leadership of the Officer Involved Shooting Investigations group, regional Special Response and Crisis Negotiations teams, Unsolved Crimes Investigations, and an Unmanned Aerial Systems program. He also teaches at the Texas DPS Command College readying the next generation of Troopers and Texas Rangers in that long line stretching back to 1823.

## ***Museum Hosts Baylor Lifelong Learning Course on Ranger History***

During the month of October, the museum hosted members of the Baylor Continuing Education Department's Lifelong Learning program as part of a four part course on the history of the Texas Rangers. The series included presentations by noted authors and historians, including Donaly E. Brice, Bob Alexander, and State Historian Bill O'Neal. On October 24th, attendees were treated to a special presentation by recently-retired Assistant Chief Frank Malinak.



**Left:** Retired Assistant Chief Frank Malinak discusses the current role of the agency. **Right:** Bob Alexander shares stories of the Texas Rangers during the Frontier Battalion era.

The museum is grateful for the efforts of these presenters, without whom this program would not have been possible. Baylor's Lifelong Learning is a primarily volunteer-led, membership-based organization that offers an array of learning opportunities and experiences for intellectually curious adults to explore a wide range of interests. For more information on the courses offered through this program, visit <https://baylor.augusoft.net>.

### ***One Book, One City - Museum Participates in Nacogdoches Public Library Programming***

On Saturday, October 28th, Education Programs Manager Casey Eichhorn visited the Judy B. McDonald Public Library in Nacogdoches as part of the agency's "One Book, One City" event. Mr. Eichhorn regaled library guests with stories of Ranger feats past and present, and shared with visitors artifacts from the museum's education collection.



**Left:** Casey Eichhorn discusses the use of the Sharp's Carbine by Texas Ranger character 'LaBoeuf' in *True Grit*. **Right:** Community members look at artifacts. **Photo Credit:** Mercedes Franks, Nacogdoches Public Library

As part of the "One Book, One City" campaign, members of the community were invited to read the Western classic novel, *True Grit* by Charles Portis. At the beginning of the summer, the library staff distributed

free copies of the book and made them available in a wide selection of formats and locations throughout the city. Eichhorn's presentation was one of several events hosted by community organizations during the month of October to celebrate the book campaign. For more information regarding the program, please visit [www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/1248/One-Book-One-City](http://www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/1248/One-Book-One-City).

For more information regarding educational programs offered by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff, or to schedule a program for your group, please visit us online at [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org).

### ***Coast to Coast***

Visitors to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame come from every state and overseas. This was recently demonstrated by two cars-one from New York and one from California-parked together in our lot.



### ***Bird of Prey***

An unusual guest was spotted on top of our new monument and sign. This majestic hawk was poised as though to tell guests to be on their best behavior. Oddly enough, we saw very few squirrels scampering across the grounds during its visit . . .



### ***Gift Shop Feature: Dominoes***

This finely crafted boxed set of dominoes is made exclusively for us in the Texas Dept. of Corrections rehabilitation shop. Constructed of fine wood, the handcrafted set features a Texas Ranger emblem on the lid and each domino. Price: \$145.00 per set in limited quantities.



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

### ***Quick Links***

[Website](#)  
[Gift Shop](#)  
[Knox Center](#)  
[Education Center](#)  
[Education Programs](#)  
[Research Center](#)  
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### ***Education Center***

The following groups utilized the Education Center in October:

Texas Rangers  
 Baylor Continuing Education  
 Baylor Advocates for Arts and Sciences

[Museum Video](#)  
[Texas Ranger Bicentennial  
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[Texas Ranger Association  
Foundation](#)  
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Reserve Officers Association  
National Rural Letter Carrier's  
Association  
NAACP

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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 12/31/2017.