



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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BAYLOR GAME DAYS



Please Note: Parking lots at the Museum are closed to the public on Baylor Stadium Home Game Days --- the museum is OPEN to foot traffic. The days are 9/10, 9/24, 10/15, 11/5 and 11/19. Persons with mobility issues and tour bus operators are advised that parking adjacent to the museum will not be available on those days.

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.



RECOIL MAGAZINE



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is featured in *Recoil*

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.

Magazine Issue 27. Written by John Schwartze and featuring photographs by Q Concepts, the 4-page spread highlights exhibits and Ranger history through a gun enthusiast's perspective.

The issue goes on sale in Newsstands on September 16th.

Please [click here](#) to read the online article in *Recoil Magazine*.

TEXAS DPS GRADUATES



In August, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 95 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers.

The Class B-2016 recruits are exceptional individuals who endured a 23-week Training Academy and have now reached the finish line! Among this graduating class are 11 former peace officers, including a former trooper with the Virginia State Police and a former trooper with the Georgia State Patrol; 28 US. Military veterans, including a retired Navy SEAL, who is the class's oldest recruit at 52; the youngest recruit is 21; and in this class, we had the first-ever married couple in DPS history to start and complete a recruit school together!

We are so proud of each and every one of them. Please help us in congratulating your new Texas State Troopers!!!

For more information about Class B-2016, and to learn how you or someone you know can become our

New I-35 Signs

Initiated by TRHFM board member Tod Swann with the support of the City of Waco, we have received new wayfinding signs on Interstate Highway 35 in Waco. These brown signs will guide visitors to the Museum. Brown background color signs are used for identifying recreational, cultural interest and historical areas.



New sign on northbound side.

Our sincere thanks to TxDOT for the new wayfinding signs!

Presentation at Franklin Carnegie Library

As part of the Franklin Carnegie Library's Summer Reading series, Education Programs Manager Casey Eichhorn travelled to Franklin, TX on August 17th to speak to local families about the history of Texas and the Texas Rangers. Mr. Eichhorn presented on topics ranging from the settlement of Mexican Texas through the Indian Wars, all the way up to the duties and responsibilities of present-day Texas Rangers. Families had the opportunity to view historic artifacts and replica Plains Indians tools and equipment. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is grateful to the City of Franklin for their invitation to participate in this program.

state's next Highway Patrol Trooper, please [click here](#).

TEXAS DPS AWARDS



In August, the Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented two *Director's Citations*, two *Director's Awards* and one *Lifesaving Award* to employees, as well as two civilians for their exemplary actions and service.

"DPS and the entire state of Texas are grateful to have so many true public servants who dedicate their time and careers to helping others, and today we are pleased to recognize just a few of those outstanding individuals," said Director McCraw. "Thank you for your commitment to service and your vigilant efforts to protect your fellow Texans and to help fight crime in your communities."

For the complete list of award winners, please [click here](#).

EDUCATION CENTER



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

- HCCAA Head Start
- Texas Rangers
- DARS - Blind Services
- DARS - LEGO program
- Texas DPS
- McLennan County District Attorney
- NAACP



From www.franklincarnegieliibrary.net: "In 1913, Franklin Mayor R.M. Cole applied to the Carnegie Corporation of New York for funds to build a new library. The Carnegie Corporation approved plans and granted \$7,500 to the project. The building was completed in 1914 and served as a library through 1918. School classes and public activities were held in the library through 1984. Currently the library is one of four Carnegie Libraries in Texas still being used for its original purpose as a library. The library was recently restored with grants from the Texas Historical Commission and is a Texas Historic Landmark." The library is owned and operated by the City of Franklin.

For more information on public programs offered by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff, or to request a speaker for your event, please contact Casey at educator@texasranger.org.

Texas Ranger Public Safety Education Center

Opened during the summer of 2010, the Texas Ranger Public Safety Education Center serves to provide a low-cost venue for local non-profit organizations to host programs promoting general wellness, healthy living, public safety, crime prevention and good citizenship. The Center also provides a venue for organizations wishing to train caregivers and service providers working in fields related to its mission.

The Center, based largely on the vision of the late Texas Ranger Captain Robert K Mitchell, is managed and maintained by the City of Waco, in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Qualifying organizations are provided use of an audio/visual suite, as well as classroom tables and chairs purpose-made for training and teaching, courtesy of a grant provided by The Waco Foundation.

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Located adjacent to the Texas Rangers Company 'F' Headquarters building, the Center is regularly utilized by local and state law enforcement agencies and their partners for training sessions and meetings due to its centralized location. Other government entities, including the state's Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, use the center for public programs and training sessions.

Since its opening, the Education Center has hosted more than 500 programs over the course of nearly 750 days of use. An estimated 20,000 people have attended programs in the Center. Topics covered include everything from community wellness initiatives promoting bicycle helmet and child-seat safety, to law enforcement officer and social worker training, to tutoring for the math and science STAAR tests, to citizen's police academy training, to Scout workshops and more.



As an elementary school event organizer once said, "We were able to use the money that we normally have to spend on renting other facilities to buy more toys and clothing for the students who were definitely in need."

The center can accommodate 60 persons in classroom layout (with tables) or 100 persons with a theater floor plan (chairs only). Tables and chairs are provided by the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff at no additional charge. To discuss possible dates for programming, contact the Education Programs Manager at (254) 750-8631 or email educator@texasranger.org.

Events Around Texas

Museums Marketplace 2016



The Museum Association of Waco's Museums Marketplace is an annual trade show designed to highlight the services that member organizations provide educators, students and the general public in our community. Attendance is free and open to the public. Join us on Saturday, September 17th from 10am to 2pm at the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute (300 S 5th Street). There will be door prizes!

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

16th Annual Genealogy Lock-In



The Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Center, in cooperation with the Central Texas Genealogical Society, will host the 16th Annual Genealogy Lock-In in celebration of Family History Month. This event is free, open to the public and takes place on Friday, October 21st from noon until 10:40pm at the West Waco Genealogy Center.

Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center Librarian Rusty Bloxom will be there to answer questions about researching Texas Ranger ancestors from about 4:30pm to 9:00pm that evening.

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

2016 Fall Symposium



The Central Texas Historical Association presents "Frontier Violence: Depredations, Outlaws, and Rangers" on Saturday, October 22nd at Central Texas College in Killeen. Among the various activities, attendees will enjoy presentations by seven leading historians: Donaly Brice, Stephen Moore, Bill O'Neal, Henry B. Crawford, Chuck Parsons, Bob Alexander and Carol Taylor.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register by October 7th for the early rate.

Gift Shop Highlight

The Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop has received new t-shirts featuring the Thin Blue Line with badges of various law enforcement agencies on the front and a quote from P.B. Hill on the back.

Dr. Pierre Bernard Hill (1877-1958) was a Presbyterian preacher who achieved a multitude of accomplishments including serving as chaplain to the Texas Rangers and Poet Laureate of the state of Texas. P.B. Hill had written many poems, including one that is often still quoted - *The Rangers Prayer*. Please [click here](#) to read a biography on P.B. Hill.



Available in adult small to 3x-large
100% cotton
\$25.00

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

Composed by Christine Rothenbush,
Marketing & Development Coordinator

**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 Expires: November 30, 2016