



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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Greetings!

The board and staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum wish you a very happy new year 2016!

We are excited to see what the new year brings and to share it with you. Stay tuned...



SAVE THE DATES



New Exhibits: Jack Hays and Surveyors

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is pleased to announce the completion of the new Jack Hays and Texas Ranger Surveyors exhibits. The Museum's exhibits committee worked with Pony Allen of Pony Allen Studios in Austin on the design of the exhibit cases and several of the exhibit components. The committee also enlisted the help of Jose Zuniga from the City of Waco's Graphics Department to create the graphics for some of the exhibit panels.

Surveyor Exhibit
Dedication - TBA March

Spring Break Round Up -
March 12th

Texas Ranger Classic
Clay Shoot Fundraiser in
Houston - March 18th

Lone Star History
Conference -
April 29th through May
1st

Texas Ranger Reunion -

June 3rd and 4th

TWO NEW WEB PAGES



Two new web pages have been added to our site looking at past and current [Texas Ranger Clothing Regulations](#) and the special teams and operations that occur under the [Texas Ranger Special Operations Group](#).

HINTS FROM HELOISE



On December 9th, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum was mentioned in a column "Hints From Heloise," which is internationally syndicated in more than 400 newspapers.

Heloise, a native of Waco, offers practical household and social hints.

Please [click here](#) for more information on "Hints From Heloise."

SHADOW OF DOUBT



Before the Renovation



After the Renovation

A March opening reception for the exhibits is being planned and the public is welcome to attend. Please be on the lookout for more information in upcoming newsletters.

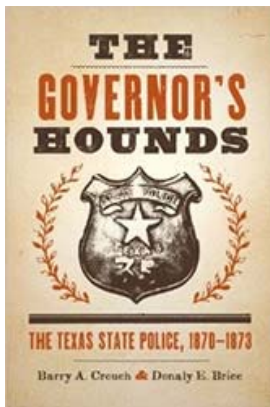


On January 6th, the Investigation Discovery Channel airs *Shadow of Doubt: Monsters Among Friends*. Retired Texas Ranger Lane Akin will discuss his investigation into the murder of a high school cheerleader from Oklahoma.



Before the Renovation

THE GOVERNOR'S HOUNDS



Join the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin on Thursday, January 14th for an evening with author and historian Donaly E. Brice as he shares excerpts from his book, *The Governor's Hounds: The Texas State Police, 1870-1873*.

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

102 DPS GRADUATES



In December, Texas



After the Renovation

Support for the new exhibits was made possible by the generous donations from Ram and the Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles Foundation and the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors.

Three New Oral Histories Online

We are pleased to announce three new oral histories are available online. They feature interviews with Captain Jack Dean, Captain William Vickers and Ted Poling. The oral histories were conducted in 2013 by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. They are now available as part of our E-Books Project, which began in 2006. There are currently over 60 oral histories available. Please [click here](#) to read all of the oral histories.

Department of Public Safety (DPS) graduated 102 new Texas State Troopers. The troopers began the 23-week training academy in July.

Please [click here](#) for photographs and an article by Texas DPS.



Capt. Jack Dean



Capt. William Vickers



Ranger Ted Poling

3 DPS CANINE GRADUATES



In December, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) graduated 3 new canine Texas State Trooper teams. They will join 41 other DPS teams stationed throughout Texas.

Please [click here](#) for photographs and an article by Texas DPS.

Please [click here](#) to read Captain Jack Dean's oral history interview.

Please [click here](#) to read Captain William Vickers' oral history interview.

Please [click here](#) to read Ranger Ted Poling's oral history interview.

The oral history program is a joint project of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.

Break Room Renovation

Members of the Young Men's Organization of the Waco 1st Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints help museum staff paint the employee break room and the adjacent hallway. The young men were joined by their leaders and several parents. This project allowed the teens to learn the proper way to prepare a room for painting and how to use a paint roller to get a smooth and even paint job. The work at the museum was one of several service projects taken on by these teenagers during the past year. Museum staff greatly appreciate their efforts in helping to make our break room, which was last painted in the 1970s, a more pleasant place for staff and visitors.

TEXAS CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN CENTER MILESTONE



"We are pleased to announce that Texas Highway Patrol Troopers rescued more than 50 children during 2015. We applaud their hard work and leadership. Congratulations!"

- Lt. Derek Prestridge,



A Year In Review: 2015

Here are our highlights from 2015.

- Over the course of the spring semester, the Museum hosted almost 70 school groups from Dallas-Fort Worth led by Education in Action in their "Proud to be Texan" program.
- In March, the Ram Truck brand unveiled a one-of-a-kind Texas

Texas Ranger Division,
Texas Crimes Against
Children Center (TCACC)

Ranger concept truck to commemorate and promote the brand's support of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Texas Ranger heritage. The truck toured Texas in 2015.

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

IN MEMORIAM



We are saddened to announce the passing of Texas Ranger Rudolfo Rodriguez (1938-2015).

Please [click here](#) to read about his life and service.

EDUCATION CENTER



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

Texas Rangers
Communities in Schools
NAACP

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- Texas Ranger Jake Burson, Company "F," held a Question and Answer session at the Museum during Spring Break Round Up in March. Please [click here](#) to watch his session.
- Author Rick Miller made a third donation from his library to the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center in April. This donation consisted of approximately 1,500 books and was added to his previous two donations totaling nearly 1,300 books.
- In May, John Blosser published "The 50 American Landmarks Every Patriot Should Visit" on *Newsmax*. He listed the Museum as the #10 American Landmark. Please [click here](#) to see the full list.
- In May, Assistant Chief Frank Malinak donated two challenge coins he received from President Barack Obama for his assistance in the investigation of a mass shooting in April 2014 on Fort Hood military base by Army Specialist Ivan Lopez.



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- The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum dedicated the exhibit, *Distinguished Service: The Retired Texas Rangers*, in June. It was the first in a series of exhibits planned for the Bicentennial of the Texas Rangers in 2023. The second installment began with a renovation of the Surveyors and Jack Hays exhibits.
- In August, Texas State Historian Dr. Bill O'Neal presented on his program "Gunfighterology." He examined the reality of frontier gunfights, including the strong personalities that accompanied them. Please [click here](#) to watch his presentation.
- In September, the Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles Foundation awarded the Museum and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation with a second donation of \$100,000 to be used for exhibit renovations and academic scholarships awarded to children of active-duty Texas Rangers.
- In October, Kate McCarthy, Collections Assistant, participated in a panel discussion on Bonnie Parker and Clyde Borrow at Houston's Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS) following a production of the musical, *Bonnie & Clyde*.
- In October, the Museum received an Honor Chair commemorating all fallen Texas Rangers since 1823 from Saving a Hero's Place. Please [click here](#) to learn more about the organization.



- Throughout the year, the Museum was visited by foreign diplomats and visitors including: Soumya Jayaraj from Mumbai, India; cadets from the "Barro Branco" Military Police Lieutenants Academy of São Paulo, Brazil; author Dietmar Kügler from Germany; delegation from Kunovice, Czech Republic; among others.
- In 2015, the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center received more than 225 research inquiries a month from family genealogists, authors, academic researchers, teachers and students, and motion picture and television production companies.
- Knox Center welcomed 115 events ranging from corporate parties to weddings and family reunions. Ranger Patrick Pena married fiancé Michelle in November in Knox Center.
- The Texas Ranger Education Center supported 106 meetings and events by non-profits and governmental agencies in 2015.

Save

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

\$2.00

off I-35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.
For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

Offer Expires: February 29, 2016

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