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Texas Ranger Museum Newsletter

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Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

Happy New Year! The Texas Ranger Museum board and staff appreciate your loyal support throughout 2016 and into this exciting new year!

New Landmark on I-35

Working around freezing temperatures, stonemasons from Farmer Masonry completed the limestone encasement for the new museum sign on I-35. Designed by Tangram Design of Denver and built by Harbinger Sign of Plano, the 42' monument meets the City of Waco Council's desire for an elegant tribute to the service of the Texas Rangers. Illuminated at night, it is becoming a landmark on I-35. A formal dedication is in planning for early this year.



Top: Monument sign on truck bed being delivered to the site. **Middle Left:** Large cranes are used to place monument on the center support rod. It is then welded into place. **Middle Right:** Limestone is wrapped around the cinder block center to complete the monument. **Below Left:** Ground level monument is placed on cinder block core and wrapped with limestone. **Below Right:** Finishing the monument with silver aluminum edging.



Updating the Active Duty Texas Rangers Display

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature increased the authorized number of Texas Rangers to 173, the largest number since the formation of Texas DPS in 1935. It also expand their responsibilities in border security, in the protection of children and in investigations into the integrity of public officials. Please [click here](#) to read an article from Chief Randy Prince about their responsibilities.

More than a decade ago, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame staff installed a wall display of photographs of the active-duty Texas Rangers by company and duty stations. This roster is also found on the internet ([please click here](#)). Over the years there have been many changes; the number of Rangers has increased 80% since 1996, company headquarter locations and complements changed and even a short-lived Company "G" was created.



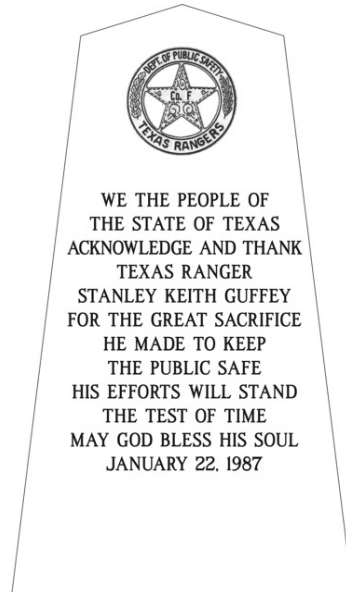
Recently Collections Manager Shelly Crittendon and Collections Assistant Kate McCarthy redesigned the display to allow room for additional Rangers and even future companies.

As the designated State historical center for the Texas Rangers, we follow the careers of Texas Rangers from active duty, to retirement ([please click here](#)), to their passing into the history and documentation in the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. This assures

that the service of those who have served as Texas Rangers since 1823 will not be forgotten.

Horseshoe Bay Memorial to Texas Ranger Stanley Guffey

A memorial to the memory of Texas Ranger Stanley Keith Guffey, the last Texas Ranger to be slain in the line of duty, will be installed at the Horseshoe Bay Police Department on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 2:00 PM (1 Community Drive, Horseshoe Bay, TX).



Thirty years ago, on January 22, 1987, Ranger Guffey in the act of successfully rescuing 2-year-old Kara-Leigh Whitehead was killed by a homicidal kidnapper. Ranger Guffey and his partner, retired Ranger John Aycock, were awarded the Texas Department of Public Safety's highest award, the Commissioners' Medal of Valor, for their heroism and Ranger Guffey's ultimate sacrifice.

Please [click here](#) to read Texas Ranger Stan Guffey's biography.

Junior Rangers Nathan and Colin Beatty

Each year the Texas Rangers make the time to recognize and encourage special children. These young men and women, who are interested in the Ranger service, face challenging illnesses or have rendered special service to their fellow students or communities. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame commends the Ranger for this work and for their work in the protection of children ([please click here](#)). We are honored to sponsor this program.

Nathan (age 8) and Colin (age 13) Beatty, are sons of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Clint Beatty stationed in Glen Rose. On December 12th, Company "B" Texas Rangers Don Stoner and Danny Briley arranged for the boys to be sworn into the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Junior Ranger program by the Office of the Glen Rose Justice of the Peace.



Left to Right: Father and State Trooper Clint Beatty, Texas Ranger Don Stoner of Co. "B," Nathan Beatty, Glen Rose Justice of the Peace, Colin Beatty, and Texas Ranger Danny Briley of Co. "B".



Nathan idolizes the Texas Rangers, but suffers from an inoperable illness. Their father, Trooper Beatty, said, "Thank you so much to the Texas Rangers, judge, sheriff, friends and family that made this happen and attended their swearing in. Their daddy is really jealous that they made Ranger before him!"

Please [click here](#) to follow Nathan's brave journey on Facebook.

Recap 2016

Here are a few highlights of 2016, our 52nd year of service:

- The Lone Star History Conference III organized by Board Members Bob Alexander, Steve Wharram and Texas Ranger Laureate Doug Dukes from April 29th through May 1st attracted hundreds of enthusiasts and authors from across the nation.
- More than 74,000 persons visited the exhibit galleries of the Hall of Fame and Museum, the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center served 1300 researchers pursuing family genealogy, working on books and articles, and producing television and motion picture projects. The Knox Center banquet hall hosted 119 banquets, training sessions and educational programs.
- Three new oral histories were archived and published online, featuring [Captain Jack Dean](#), [Captain William Vickers](#) and [Ted Poling](#).

- Renowned art print and Texas History artist Gary Crouch produced the [first collectible](#) for the Texas Ranger Bicentennial™.
- Retired Texas Ranger Sergeant Rudy Flores donated a large collection of Texas Ranger equipment to the Museum, including several sets of BDUs, two Hidden Agenda™ jackets, body armor, a gas mask and more.
- In March the Museum hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the new Jack Hays and Texas Ranger Surveyors exhibits. 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.
- The family of Texas Ranger Lem Lamkin lent a collection of his personal letters, photographs and possessions. It's a window into the family and professional life of a Texas Ranger in the "Roaring 20s."
- The *Captain George W. Arrington Exhibit* opened. It is dedicated to the famous Captain of the Frontier Battalion.
- Long-time licensee America Remembers announced the release of their next commemorative firearm: [Texas Ranger Tribute Schofield Revolver](#). Issued in a limited edition of only 500, each revolver is decorated by craftsmen with elegant 24-karat gold artwork. Proceeds benefit the Hall of Fame and Museum.
- The international travel site, TripAdvisor awarded the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame a Certificate of Excellence due to its consistently outstanding reviews from travelers.
- In June, Education Service Center Region 12 hosted a six hour professional development workshop for social studies teachers in partnership with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. The program focused on the importance of one of Texas' greatest natural resources: land.
- In August, we began the renovation of the exhibit, *Behind the Symbol: Texas Ranger Badges and Commissions*. Made possible by funding from Ram and the Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles Foundation, it focuses on the iconic circle-star badge that appeared in the 1880s and the commissions of Texas Rangers since the 1830s. The exhibit was completed in December.
- In August, TxDOT installed new wayfinding signs on I-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.
- In December, we constructed a monument marking the location of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum on I-35.
- Education in Action, a private organization that facilitates school visits to educational facilities, returned to the Hall of Fame and Museum with hundreds of children from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.



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Education Center

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

Texas DPS SPURS
 training
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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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