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# Dear Christine,

This month's newsletter is dedicated to the opening of our new Texas Rangers Company "F" Headquarters and Public Safety Education Center. We also are glad to announce our upcoming summer events.

## Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day Special Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Fourth of July Special Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - Summer Fun Round Up

## **Texas Ranger Public Safety Education Center**



On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> the museum board hosted an open house of the new Public Safety Education Center and Company "F" Headquarters. The event was planned as a part of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation's Texas Ranger Reunion.

The Education Center is available by reservation to governmental and nonprofit social service agencies for eductional programs focusing on civic responsibility, public service, and safety. More information will be sent to nonprofit organizations in the coming weeks.

The new Headquarters is a regional administrative center for Texas Rangers Company "F." It replaces a 42-year-old building. Pre-planned with room for the future, it has space for up to 11 Texas Rangers and support staff, and is linked to the Education Center.

The event included a tour of the new buildings and a remembrance of education advocate Captain Robert K. Mitchell. Mitchell served as a Texas Ranger from 1967 until 1992. Capt. Mitchell believed in the need to educate the youth of Texas in their heritage and civic responsibilities. Over the years he challenged the Board and staff to make the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum a vehicle for doing so.

Company "F" Headquarters and the Education Center are a cooperative project of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Waco -- Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.

## **Upcoming Summer Events**



#### Father's Day Special

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff is honoring fathers on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Fathers receive free admission with accompanying family member paying full price admission. Regular admission is \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 children ages 6-12. Children ages 5 and younger are free.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop will feature their Texas-themed ties at a reduced price on Sunday. Originally priced \$10 to \$30, the ties will be 20% off! With over a dozen different designs, fathers are sure to find one they will treasure.

## Fourth of July Special

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff is honoring active and retired veterans and their families on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Active and retired military personnel will receive free admission with documentation of service. Members of their families will receive discounted admission: \$1.00 off adults

and \$0.50 off children ages 6-12. Children ages 5 and younger are free.

## **Oral History Excerpt**

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum website hosts over 50 oral histories to read free of charge. The program is a joint project of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. The following is excerpted from an oral history interview with Captain Robert K. Mitchell from 1996. The full interview is available on our <u>website</u>.

**ROBERT NIEMAN:** What is your official date of joining the DPS, Department of Public Safety? **BOB MITCHELL:** April 1, 1958.

**ROBERT NIEMAN:** Well when did you decide you wanted to be a Ranger?

**BOB MITCHELL:** About 1966. Well I had known for a long time that that's what I wanted to do in the long run. But it was about 1966 when I talked N. R. Smith, my Captain, about it. And not only

was he my boss, he was also my friend and we spent a good bit of time together. I expressed my desire to him and he was a great deal of help to me in getting into the Rangers.

**ROBERT NIEMAN:** ...I'd like to go back to, back when you become a Highway Patrolman what was your starting pay?

**BOB MITCHELL:** \$320.00 a month. But you know what, in the mid '50's that wasn't a bad thing. You know we made house payments and paid our bills and we ate good and ah.....I was proud to get it.

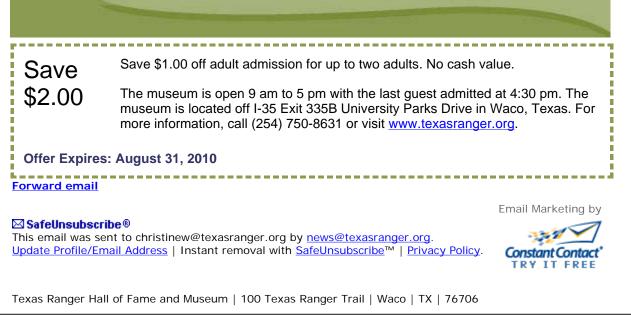
**ROBERT NIEMAN:** What about when you joined the Rangers?

BOB MITCHELL: I made about seven hundred and fifty or sixty dollars a month, ten years later.

## Taub Hallway Updated



The museum staff, including Christy Smith (in front), Tina Brumm (in back), Paul Torres, Shelly Crittendon, Christina Stopka and Casey Eichhorn, updated Taub hallway this month by painting the walls and trim from gray to beige to lighten and modernize the hallway.



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