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Malinak named deputy --

## Prince new chief, assistant director

Randall B. "Randy" Prince, who joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1989 as a Highway Patrol Trooper in Navasota, has been named assistant director of the TXDPS and Chief of the Texas Rangers, effective Oct. 1, Director Steven McCraw announced.

Prince succeeds Kirby Dendy, who has retired from the department after a career of more than 40 years.

Additionally, Major Frank Malinak of Co. F in Waco, has been promoted to deputy assistant director and deputy chief, succeeding the retiring Bryant Wells.

"Chief Prince has successfully led and overseen substantial accomplishments as DPS Commander in Region 5 since 2011, and I am certain his commitment to the mission and values of this department will prove invaluable as he leads the Texas Rangers forward," McCraw said.

Prince is a native of Waco, and most recently served as regional 5 commander in Lubbock. In 1996 he was promoted to motor vehicle theft sergeant in Conroe and later became a sergeant with the Texas Rangers in Bay City and Tyler.

He was promoted to lieutenant with the Texas Rangers in Houston in 2002 and also served as an inspector with the DPS Office of Audit and Inspection in Austin.

In 2005, Prince moved to Lubbock



*Assistant Director and Ranger Chief  
Randy Prince*



*Deputy Frank Malinak*

to serve as captain and major of the Texas Rangers before being named to the Region 5 position. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a degree in criminal justice and also a graduate of the 216th FBI National Academy and of Class XXXII of the Governor's Executive Development Program.

Prince's father is retired Texas Ranger Captain Bobby Prince. Prince's wife is Karen, and he has two children, Morgan and Travis and his daughter-in-law Lindsay.

Malinak has served in Texas law enforcement for 34 years since first joining the Lee County Sheriff's office in Giddings.

He joined the DPS as a Highway

Trooper and later joined the Texas Rangers in Midland in 1993. He served two years as a Ranger lieutenant from 2009, supervising Co. F Ranger personnel in Waco.

He served as a captain at Ranger Headquarters from 2012 to 2013 when he was promoted to Co. F major in September, 2013. Co. F stretches from Dallas to San Antonio and east-west from Llano and Kerrville to Victoria. Its complement includes 23 Rangers and Lieutenants covering 42 counties.

Malinak has three sons and his wife, Lesley, is a deputy sheriff with the Williamson County Sheriff's office.

Malinak's appointment was effective Oct. 15.

# Dabney has history of community service

*(Editor's note: This is the first in a series highlighting directors of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. The background is compiled and written by Liz Myrick and Bill Hartman.)*

Robert L. Dabney Jr. is truly a man of all seasons with a unique sense of history and a straight-forward slant on personal traits he looks for and tries to follow.

A native Houstonian who received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Virginia in 1953, he was that school's first Spanish major.

He went on to receive a LL.B. Degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1956 and spent a 57-year career practicing law in Texas and other states. He retired in 2013 as senior partner in the Dabney and Pappas law firm after 57 years.

Dabney joined the TRAF board of directors in 1983 after being nominated by former Captain Jack Dean and member Wayne Showers. He is a past chairman and represents Company A on the board with other Houston area directors.

Bob is married to Judith Anderson Dabney. He has two sons, James Storey Dabney and John Nelson Dabney and the late Robert Lewis Dabney III. He also has two step sons, Dick Hoskins Gregg III and Christopher Anderson Gregg.



Robert (Bob) Dabney

Dabney's civic resume reads like a who's who in community service. He's on the board of Glenwood Cemetery, one of Houston's oldest and most historic cemeteries, and has served on the advisory board of Sam Houston Area Council of Boy Scouts, the board of the Heart Association and president of the Houston Kidney Foundation.

He has a long history in scouting, having been an Eagle Scout, scout master, Explorer, advisor, Woodbadge and commissioner.

He was also chairman of the Buffalo District and the Golden Arrow District of Boy Scouts and holder of the Silver Beaver Award. In addition, he has been chairman of the history committee of the Houston Bar Association and still

serves on the committee.

He served four years on the state bar association grievance committee and helped re-write the Family Code in 1972. He's a trustee at Allen Academy in Bryan and Christ Church School in Saluda, Va.

He was also a major in the U.S. Army and a platoon leader in the Army Reserves. He served on the steering committee and speaker's committee and is a lifetime committeeman of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

He has a family connection with the Texas Rangers. His great-great grandfather, John Thompson Storey, moved to Texas from Georgia in 1885, settling in Gonzales County. He was one of the people who fought Indians and outlaws in early Texas under Ranger

Henry McCulloch and later John Coffee Hayes.

Early in Dabney's career he represented Texas Ranger Captain Eddie Oliver and later several other Ranger captains.

"I support the Texas Rangers because of my early family ties and my friendship with many Rangers because they exemplify courageous and honorable traits of character we would all like to attain," he said.

He added, "My favorite part of being a member of the foundation is the fellowship with fellow Texans, who believe in the history, honor and dignity of our state."

"I could write a book of stories about Rangers and in particular those who used to visit my ranch in South Texas.

"They all were men of great humor and told wonderful stories about their interesting adventures."

On what drives his passion for the Texas Rangers, Dabney said, "I believe Texas history and the basic fiber of our great state has been implanted by actions of these early Rangers, as well as their predecessors."

He added, "There's a little book on Texas counties, and many of them were named after Texas Rangers -- Bell, Hays, Brooks, Karnes, Williamson and Cameron, to name a few."

Dabney has never been a man to let grass grow under his feet. He has enjoyed

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# Randy Prince new Texas Ranger Chief -- Ranger report from headquarters

*By Randy Prince, Chief, Texas Rangers*



**Randy Prince**

Hello from Texas  
Ranger Headquarters,  
Austin!

In August 2014, I was greatly honored by the Texas Department of Public Safety Commission and Director Steven McCraw when they appointed me Chief of the Texas Rangers.

I am humbled by the opportunity to lead the dedicated and outstanding men and women of the Texas Ranger Division, the most distinguished and oldest law enforcement entity on the North American continent, steeped in traditions that I will continue to uphold.

I appreciate the confidence and support of Director McCraw and the Commission as I lead the Texas Ranger Division to further build on an unparalleled history of almost 200 years of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Texas.

As I assume my duties, I understand and will fulfill the responsibilities of the Texas Ranger Division -- to provide investigative assistance to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies within and outside the State of Texas, and the mission of the (TXDPS) – to protect and serve Texas.

The responsibilities include protecting our borders. In June, TXDPS was directed by the governor to conduct a major surge operation along the Texas/Mexico border to deter Mexican cartel drug and human smuggling operations and to reduce the associated transnational crime in our border communities.

This statewide operation has required Texas Rangers and other TXDPS personnel throughout the state to be sent to the border on a rotating basis for week-long deployments to achieve 24/7

saturation patrols.

The governor's directive followed a successful short-term (3 week long) surge, which took place during 2013.

The TXDPS coordinated with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to increase river, air and road patrols, resulting in a significant decrease in criminal activity.

Both the 2013 and the current operation are a coordinated response to an increase in crimes, specifically but not limited to, human smuggling, seizures of heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamine, and significant smuggling of aliens from other countries, including unaccompanied children, across our borders from Mexico.

I fully support the current operation and expect an ongoing reduction in criminal activity in our border communities, and I appreciate the dedication to duty of all Rangers, who, as a result of current operations, are spending time away from their families.

In August, the Texas Rangers added a bomb squad to our specialized units. The TXDPS Bomb Squad is a component of the SWAT Team under the Texas Rangers Special Operations Group.

The squad was officially formed in February 2014, and is the culmination of more than two years of extensive planning and training.

On Aug. 22, 2014, our bomb squad was inspected and officially accredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under National Guidelines for Bomb Squads.

*The mission of the squad is to provide a primary response to crisis situations involving explosive devices, improvised explosive devices, and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, as well as communicated threats involving explosive devices.*

*The squad adds to the Texas Rangers arsenal of tools and expertise*

*and further enhances our ability to fulfill our mission of preserving public safety.*

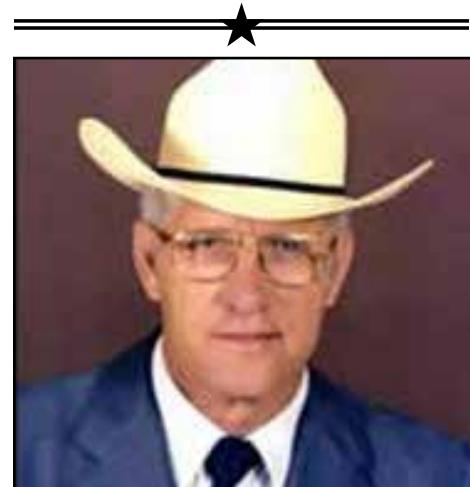
The investigative capabilities of the Texas Rangers are well established and during the calendar year 2014, their hard work and selfless commitment to public service resulted in 2,615 investigations being conducted that resulted in 1,084 felony arrests.

Rangers executed 609 search warrants and secured 3,647 statements, including 559 confessions to various crimes.

There were 1,388 convictions for various crimes, which resulted in 40 life sentences and a total of 7,102 years in the penitentiary.

To each and every member of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation, I extend deep gratitude for all you do to support the Texas Rangers and our families.

On behalf of the Texas Rangers, thank you for your ongoing friendship and commitment. It is truly our privilege to work with you as we continue to uphold the traditions and build on the history of the Texas Rangers



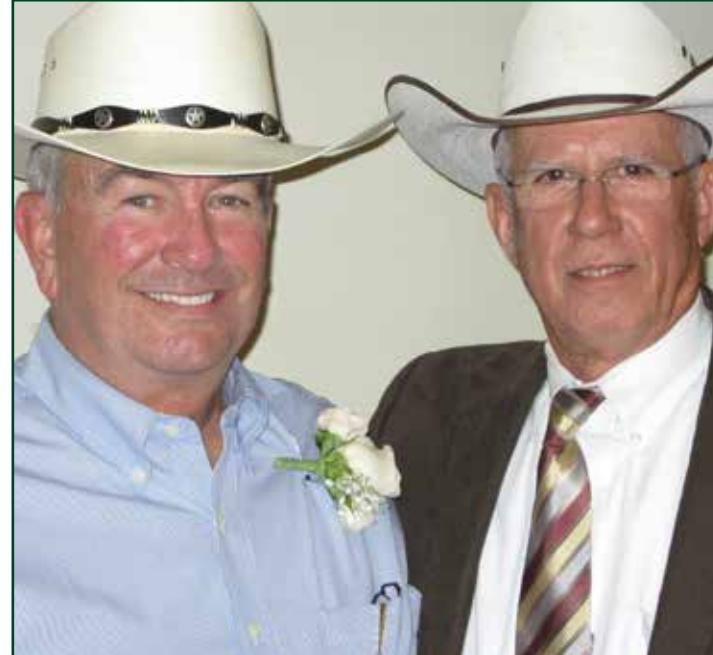
**JAMES R. "Pete" Peters, a Texas Ranger from 1969 to 1987, died on Aug. 31. Funeral services were held in Kerrville with burial in Center Point.**



**PAST TRAF CHAIRMAN** Gary Crawford, former TRAF Chairman Steve Sikes, Texas Public Safety Commission member Randy Watson and master of ceremonies retired Ranger Captain Richard Sweeney joined Chief Kirby Dendy at his retirement party in Waco at the Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame Knox Hall. Dendy was presented a wide assortment of gifts, including a pair of boots with his name and the Texas Ranger emblem inscribed. The Boots were made by Justin Brands Co. Approximately 250 guests turned out for the party to help celebrate Dendy's more than 40 years of service to the Texas Department of Public Safety.



**TEXAS RANGER** Major Tony Bennie (l-r), Ray Baker and Ranger Major Crayton McGee were in Waco to honor retiring Chief Kirby Dendy for his more than 40 years service to the Texas DPS. More than 250 turned out for the party.



**RETIRING RANGER** Chief Kirby Dendy is shown with his longtime friend, Richard Sweeney, a retired Ranger Captain. Sweeney served as master of ceremonies at Dendy's retirement party in Waco at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.





**DEPUTY RANGER** Chief Bryant Wells and wife Rachel were among the many attending the retirement party for Chief Kirby Dendy in Waco. Several weeks later, Wells also announced his retirement and was feted with a party at the Ranger headquarters in Austin.

**RETIRING RANGER** Chief Kirby Dendy had plenty of family support in addition to friends and Ranger associates at his retirement party at Knox Hall at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. On the back row (l-r) son-in-law Simon Delacruz holding Ashton Delacruz, daughter Andrea Delacruz holding Alyssa Delacruz, daughter-in-law Amy Dendy holding Reagan Dendy, son Travis Deny, step-mother Vinita Dendy and step-sister Kathy Wilie. In the front row, Kirby is holding Caleb Delacruz and wife Donna is holding Kayden Dendy.



**TEXAS RANGER** Association Foundation secretary Constance White, executive director Liz Myrick and chairman Danny Chandler were among attendees honoring retiring Chief Kirby Dendy at his party at the Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum at Knox Hall. Chairman Chandler was among the list of speakers.



**RANDY PRINCE** and his father, retired Ranger Captain Bobby Prince, also joined the crowd of well wishers honoring retiring Chief Kirby Dendy. Just that afternoon the announcement had been made that Randy Prince would succeed Dendy as Ranger Chief. The senior Prince had a hard time keeping a proud fatherly grin off his face the entire evening.

## Executive Director's report --

# Regional fundraisers, mini-Gala on tap



*By Liz Myrick, TRAF Executive Director*

The fall has been busy with many great events and contributions!

On Sept. 20 TRAF Board Director Jerry Wellborn and his wife,

Susan, hosted a terrific benefactor recruitment and appreciation party at their ranch in Robert Lee.

It was a rainy September week in Company "E", but the sunshine and friends showed up just in time. The festivities included skeet shooting, a fish fry, live band, and an auction.

The event raised over \$7,831.57.

The next week Gary Crawford and I proudly represented TRAF at the Ram press conference at the Texas State Fair in Dallas where they announced the partnership with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum and TRAF.

It's a promising relationship. TRAF and the Museum are poised to receive ongoing annual contributions from Ram.

I enjoyed the hospitality of Company "E" Director Dave Wilson and his wife, Jana, at a San Antonio event

along with new benefactors from Johnson City, Dave and Teresa Conlon.

Also attending were Ranger Joel Timms and wife, Cindy, of Brady, and Ranger Joel Kite of San Antonio.

On Oct. 13, we received notice that a grant I'd written to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was awarded in the amount of \$25,000 for operations and educational outreach.

The Winners for Life fund donated \$2,500 for the scholarship fund.

On Oct. 20, we received a \$5,000 donation from Lee Kidd and his wife, Edith, of Denver City. Lee serves on the Board of Directors representing Company C.

Spindletop Charities donated \$2,500 in honor of former Company A Major Freeman Martin and his wife, Shannon. Freeman has promoted to DPS Regional Commander.

Texas Oilman's Charity held their annual fishing tournament that raised over \$6,000 for the TRAF scholarship fund.

Many are asking about the Gala 2015. At the June meeting, the Board of Directors opted to hold regional fundraisers in lieu of a Gala.

However, due to the popular demand of the gala, but the late timing of it, we're hoping to have a scaled back version of it in March 2015. Details to come!

The TRAF Strategic Planning Committee held a telephone conference to discuss the development of a strategic plan that would serve as road map for the next five years.

With the Directors at the center of this process, we'd determine where we are and where we want to go as an organization. The dialogue can be the catalyst to the next phase of TRAF.

The goals that come out of those conversations would help us develop and allocate resources to better serve. The plan would allow for stability and strength during succession of leadership.

Our office is currently receiving proposals from organizations specializing in strategic planning.

As the end of the year approaches, please consider making a tax deductible contribution to TRAF to support the mission of serving the Texas Rangers.

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hunting, fishing, horses and horseback riding, boating and piloting a Cessna 180 for 25 years, as well as the study of Southern Texas, Mexican and South American history, plus the history of aviation and writing.

The veteran board member has a simple answer on character traits he values in an individual "honesty and a sense of humor."

Dabney's approach to prospective benefactors traces a similar approach to his life goals -- "Joining fellow Texans who believe in our state's history, which earned its integrity and honor through blood and a fighting spirit of our early settlers."

He concluded, saying, "What a great group with which to be associated!"

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## Chairman's Report -

# Lots happening in the Ranger world

**By Danny Chandler, TRAF Chairman**



Danny Chandler

So much has happened this summer.

Ranger Chiefs retired and were replaced. The same can be said about Majors and so on down the ranks.

Our directors

continued to try to move TRAF into the present while positioning it for the future.

We've been adapting and to paraphrase the author Robert C. Gallagher, Change will always come... unless you're using a vending machine.

One thing that hasn't changed, Texas Rangers have safeguarded Texans for almost two centuries.

Daily they deliver top-drawer police services in accordance with their core values of honesty, integrity, compassion, respect, accountability and professionalism.

Through a common thread that binds all our directors – What a joy and honor it is for us to serve the men and women who protect Texas.

Congratulations to all!



## Rangers announce promotions



**TEXAS RANGER Major Freeman Martin, Co. A in Houston, has been promoted to Regional Commander, Director's staff for Region 6 in San Antonio. Martin's effective date was Oct. 1.**



**CHANCE COLLINS, Captain of SWAT at Austin headquarters, has been promoted to Major, Texas Rangers Co. F, in Waco. The appointment was effective Nov. 1**



**JEFFREY COLLINS, Captain RRT at Austin headquarters, has been promoted to Major, Texas Rangers, Co. A, in Houston. His appointment is also effective Nov. 1.**



## Museum report -

# Chrysler/ Ram, Rangers, TRAF join forces



Byron Johnson

**By Byron Johnson,  
Director Texas Ranger Museum**

On Sept. 25 the Chrysler Foundation presented the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum with a grant of \$100,000. The funding will be applied to the Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ initiatives of the museum and the TRAF scholarship fund. Discussions began in August

between retired chief and Museum Board Chair Hank Whitman, CEO of RAM trucks Bob Hegbloom and museum director Byron Johnson. Whitman and Johnson urged RAM to support a combined initiative that it would further the educational efforts of the museum and honor Ranger families through scholarships..

Hegbloom said, "Ram is proud to be associated with the Texas Rangers and their Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum continued page 9

# Bryant Wells' family, friends celebrate retirement



ATTENDING DEPUTY Chief Wells' reception were Retired Rangers Mike Ramirez, Kenneth Parks, Dino Henderson and Mark Leger. DPS Aviation Assistant Director Bill Nabors is shown in back.



DEPUTY DPS Director David Baker, right, presented a Certificate of Retirement and the gratitude of the entire DPS family to retiring Ranger Deputy Chief Bryant Wells.



DEPUTY ASSISTANT Director and Deputy Chief Bryant Wells and wife Rachel chat with Ranger Major Tony Bennie and CID Major Corky Sullivan during Well's retirement reception in September. Many of Wells' friends, family and colleagues turned out at the party at Ranger Headquarters in Austin.



DPS DIRECTOR Steven McCraw, right, was one of the guests honoring retiring Deputy Assistant Director and Deputy Ranger Chief Bryant Wells at a reception at Ranger Headquarters in Austin.



FREEMAN MARTIN, who has been promoted from Major, Co. A, to DPS Commander for the San Antonio Region 6, and Rachel Wells watch the presentations made to Deputy Chief Bryant Wells.

# 41 students enjoy TRAF Scholarships

For the 2014 fall college semester, 41 children of Texas Rangers are enjoying scholarships under the Texas Ranger Association Foundation program.

The TRAF program provides financial assistance to any college-bound children of active Rangers.

Each student receives \$2,000 per semester, and when he or she completes a semester with at least a 2.0-grade average, another scholarship in the same amount is awarded for the spring semester.

Each edition the TRAF Newsletter highlights youngsters taking advantage of the scholarship program.



*JOSEPH BRIGG BOND is a sophomore at Blinn College and plans to major in aerospace engineering. He is from Mount Pleasant, and his father is Ranger Kenneth Bond, Co. A in Mount Pleasant.*



*ARIANA CARIZA RIVERA is a freshman attending the University of Texas Pan American. Her major is biochemistry/biomedicine. Ariana's father is Ranger Ricardo Rivera, Co. D, stationed in Weslaco.*



*CLARK HOLDEN LINDEMANN is a junior attending Texas A&M University. His major is industrial distribution engineering. Clark's father is Ranger Matthew Lindemann, Co. F, stationed in Austin.*

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Museum. Like the Rangers, Ram has deep ties to the Lone Star State," said Hegbloom.

"Texas Rangers are icons. They are heroes. They are recognized around the world as one of the foremost law-enforcement agencies."

He also noted the exceptional 50-year effort of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame to collect, preserve and share Texas Ranger history. He lauded the 30-plus year record of supporting Ranger families through the TRAF scholarship program.

"Ram Truck's leadership and commitment to Texas, and in particular, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum speaks to the spirit of the people behind the brand," said Chief Hank Whitman, Texas Rangers, retired and chairman Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum board.

"The Texas Rangers are a dedicated, enduring group of rugged individuals. Ram's support is only fitting, as we see the same values in their people and the hard-working trucks they build."

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is the official Texas historical center of the Rangers and is preparing for the



*THE GIANT \$100,000 check presented by the Chrysler Foundation and Ram Brand to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the TRAF is handed off by Ram Brand President and CEO Bob Hegbloom (right) to (l-r) Major Dewayne Dockery, Ranger Co. B; Ret. Captain Barry Caver, who is also on the TRAF board; and Hank Whitman, former Ranger Chief and chairman of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum.*

Texas Ranger Bicentennial in 2023. Texas Rangers are one of the cherished symbols of the Lone Star State, a positive and enduring legend of Texas and America.

Danny Chandler, Texas Ranger Association Foundation Chairman

and Hank Whitman expressed deep appreciation to the Chrysler Foundation and RAM. CEO Hegbloom expressed interest in pursuing long-term relationship with the Hall of Fame and Museum and the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.