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Constance White, Chairman--

New TRAF officers nominated

The board of directors of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation nominated a new slate of four officers during the winter meeting in February in San Antonio.

Other nominations may be made from the floor between now and the Ranger Reunion Weekend in June in Waco when new

officers will be voted on.

Constance White of Houston represents Co. A and has been a benefactor since 1983 and was elected to the board in 2000. She has been nominated as TRAF chairman, succeeding outgoing chairman Jim Chionsini.

Other nominees are Dave Wilson from Ozona and San

Antonio, who represents Co. E, vice chairman; Tom Schleier from Seguin representing Co. F, secretary; and Rick Hernandez from McAllen representing Co. D, treasurer.

White is a native of Roswell, N.M. where her family was in the ranching business. She graduated from the University of



Constance White

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Do you know the way to W-A-C-O!



Texas motorists traveling north on I-35 will have a hard time missing the newly installed 42-foot limestone, steel and aluminum monument that designates the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum just prior to passing over the Brazos River.

For a quarter-century, the original Texas Ranger Hall of Fame sign was a scenic backdrop for visitors to take pictures at the museum.

In 2012, the Texas Department of Transportation needed to remove it for a new frontage road.

Instead of another roadside sign, the Waco City Council asked for an appropriate monument honoring the Texas Rangers.

After considering proposals, the city

contracted with the national-known Tangram Design Firm of Denver.

The 42-foot monument, costing \$140,000, was fabricated by Harbinger Signs of Plano.

It will be seen by more than 42 million passersby on I-35 each year.

Use of the modern Texas Ranger badge it features, which is a protected state insignia, was authorized by Director Steve McCraw of the Texas DPS and Chief Randy Prince of the Texas Rangers.

The sign is illuminated at night and has already become a landmark on I-35.

A formal ribbon cutting is planned for the Texas Ranger Reunion in June.

THERE'S A NEW landmark on I-35 in Waco that's impossible to miss. Motorists driving past Baylor University and the new football stadium will also be directed to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum with the new 42-foot sign that's been erected at the site just south of the Brazos River. The Hall of Fame and Museum is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Texas.

Department's goal: continued improvement --

Rangers: A force in Texas since 1823

By Randy Prince
Chief, Texas Rangers



Randy Prince

Greetings! The mission of the department is to protect and serve Texas, which we have done since 1823, first as the Texas Rangers and since 1935 as the Texas Department of Public Safety.

It's not possible to include all the instances during the past year in review, in which the Texas Rangers rendered significant service to the citizens of Texas, but from a humble viewpoint the achievements were beyond impressive.

Every day our employees risk their lives to protect the people of Texas and they are honored to do so.

And, as well, our core group of highly dedicated, non-commissioned professionals proudly serve our department with the highest standards of conduct and performance.

The 85th Texas Legislative Session has begun, and we look forward to working with our state leaders as they continue in their faithful support of public safety.

Director Steve McCraw is constantly seeking improvements for the Department of Public Safety in leveraging partnerships and technology to maximize the resources provided by the legislature.

Employees appreciate Director McCraw and his tireless effort to improve our agency and the professional standard set as the foremost, leading and premier law enforcement agency in the nation.

A recently discovered document depicted a banquet honoring the Texas Rangers, held in Fort Worth in 1958 and hosted by the Texas Law Enforcement Foundation.

The guest speaker was a Central Intelligence Agency official and in the opening remarks, he spoke of the great history of the Texas Rangers "...being symbolized by 51 men today who are humble lawmen that serve as a stabilizing force in the Lone Star State to make our lives more secure.

"A deterrent to any foe or felon, an assurance to present and future generations, stands the knowledge that there will always be a Texas Ranger with unequaled valor and knowledge."

The Texas Rangers – now made up of men and women and numbering 173 – are still being recognized for their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In December 2016, a city official, commending a Ranger for his testimony during a murder trial, wrote, "...first, I never write these kinds of letters...second, I seldom compliment people for doing their job...third, I am not impressed easily.

"I am an engineer with over one hundred employees internationally...I was completely astounded with the expert testimonial from (the) Ranger.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a Ranger that has a command of the facts and the ability to communicate them in a concise and accurate manner. I tell you he is a master in the courtroom."

The banquet letter and commendation, separated by about 60 years, show the long standing reputation and respect the Rangers have earned.

It is the outstanding work of our employees that has collectively propelled our reputation forward. I am so proud of the job our Rangers and our support personnel have done this past year.

We deeply appreciate their service and remain fully accountable to the people of Texas.

In closing, I would like to thank the Texas Ranger Association Foundation for its gracious sponsorship of the Texas Ranger Stan Guffey memorial marker recently unveiled in front of the Horseshoe Bay Police Department.

In 1987, Ranger Guffey heroically answered the call of duty and – without hesitation – put his life on the line in order to save a child.

Not everyone has the courage and strength required for a life in law enforcement, but Stan was a remarkable individual that made that type of commitment.

He had a stellar reputation with impressive core competencies – mirrored by choice, courage and determination that made us all proud.

Also, a special thanks to Texas Ranger Lt. Matt Lindemann and Horseshoe Bay Police Chief Rocky Wardlow (retired Ranger) for organizing this event with care and concern shown to the Guffey Family.

Ranger Hall and Museum Report --

Rare painting of Sam Houston at home under museum roof

By **Byron A. Johnson**
Museum Director



Byron A. Johnson

Called "the George Washington of Texas" Sam Houston is easily the best known and most colorful leader of early Texas. The governor of two states (Tennessee and Texas), he served as President of the Republic of Texas (1836-44), US Senator (1846-59) and Texas Governor (1859-61).

He led the Texian army and Texas Rangers to victory, in 18 minutes, over Santa Ana and the Mexican army.

We know exactly what Sam looked like in his prime because, in 1977, James Fowler of Nashville, Tennessee, presented the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame with a masterpiece, a portrait of Sam painted between 1846-49 when he served as the first Senator from Texas.

Art historians have called the likeness "the best and most professional portrait done of Sam Houston." Research by our Collections Manager Shelly Crittendon identified the artist as Charles Edward Schnabel (1821-1883).

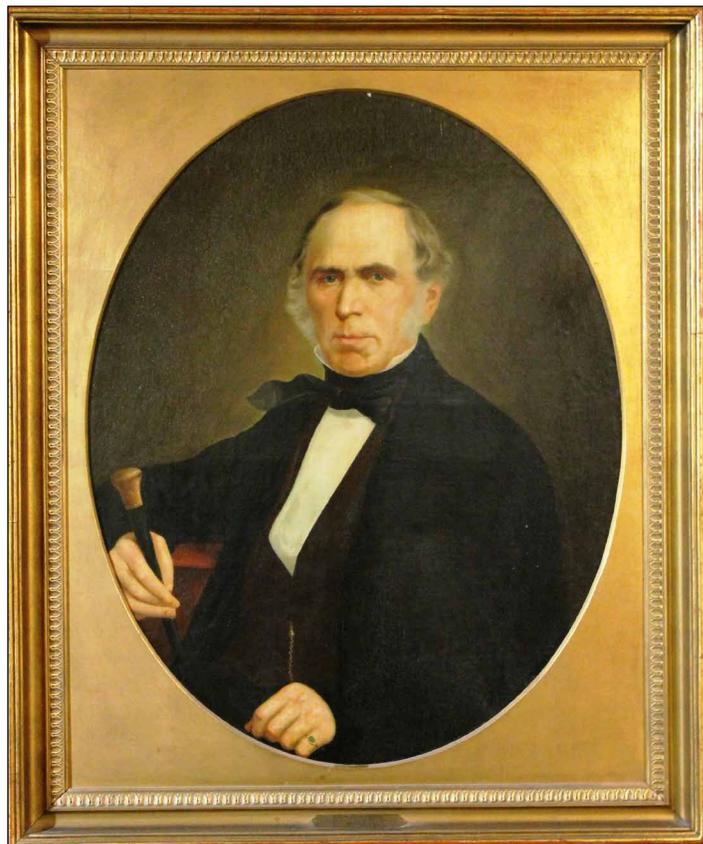
A German immigrant, Schnabel studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and painted Washington luminaries from the 1840 to the 1860s. His surviving oil paintings include Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase, Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War Edward Stanton, and the 11th US Vice President George Dallas.

In 1849 Houston wrote of the painting "I think more of it than all my likenesses."

Schnabel's painting remained in the Houston family for more than a century. Thereafter, it was owned by several prominent collectors of American and Old Master paintings and was prominently featured in the Dictionary of American Portraits.

Today it belongs to you, on display in Waco in the Texas Ranger Museum's Henry J.N. Taub Gallery.

Houston once caned a congressman who accused him of fraud on the floor of the House of Representatives. The museum staff wants to assure the formidable and fiery Senator Houston continues to gaze out at future



Painting of Gen. Sam Houston from 1847

generations.

The first step is to have a qualified paintings conservator report on what is needed to clean and stabilize it. One hundred and seventy years of candle, oil and gas smoke and darkening varnish have dulled Sam's appearance.

Minor damage to the canvas and paint layers occurred when the portrait was moved by wagon and train from Washington to frontier Texas.

The next step will be to painstakingly clean and repair damage to the canvas and paint layers. We are seeking "Friends of Sam" to underwrite this investment for future generations. If you are interested in contributing, please contact the Director, Byron Johnson at 254-750-8631 or at info@texasranger.org.



Terry Eaton



Raul Garza



Claud Daniel IV



Eric Lopez



Reid Rackley



Jimmy Schroeder



James Jones



Scott Stevenson

Chief announces new Ranger hires, transfers, retirements

Chief Randy Prince has announced multiple Texas Ranger hirings, transfers, promotions and retirements effective from November to February.

New Rangers include:

Terry Eaton, Sgt. of THP Pecos to Ranger Co. E in Andrews.

Raul Garza, agent CID Harlingen to Ranger Co. D In Harlingen.

Claud Daniel IV, agent CID Laredo to Ranger Co. D Laredo.

Eric Lopez, agent CID Houston to Ranger Co. D Rio Grande City.

Reid Rackley, agent CID Austin to

Ranger Co. D Rio Grande City.

Retirements include:

Jimmy Schroeder, Ranger Co. F in San Marcos. DPS time 23 years; Ranger time 13 years 9 months.

James Jones, Ranger Co. F in New Braunfels. DPS time 20 years, 10 months; Ranger time 6 years, 9 months.

Ranger transfers:

Tod Reed, Ranger Co. E Andrews to Co. E in Big Spring.

Joel Callaway, Ranger Co. E Andrews

to Co. E in Ozona.

Cody Lankford, Ranger Co. D Harlingen to Co. D in Corpus Christi.

James Wilkins, Ranger Co. D Laredo to Co. A in Richmond.

Billy Mims, Ranger Co. F Austin PIU to Co. F in San Marcos.

Joey Evans, Ranger Co. F Seguin to Co. F in New Braunfels.

Conde Benoist, Ranger Co. F Hondo to Co. F in Seguin.

Internal Promotions:

Scott Stevenson, Ranger Co. C Lubbock to Lt. Co. D in Corpus Christi.

Letter to the editor --

New benefactor praises Ranger

(Editor's note: The following is a letter from new TRAF benefactor David Faust explaining a theft he was a victim of and the outstanding efforts of Texas Ranger Derek Leitner, who at the time was stationed with Co. B in Llano. Leitner has since been transferred to Co. A in Conroe.)

Dear Editor:

I am sending you a condensed version of a long story regarding the theft and recovery of a number of irreplaceable stolen items from my building in Llano, Texas in June and July of 2016.

I use the facility in Llano as a part time office and storage facility. I was in the process of completing an addition to my home in Colorado in June and had picked up and dropped off a number of taxidermy mounts that would eventually find a permanent home in Colorado or at one of my two sons homes in the future.

Consequently, most of the taxidermy mounts remaining in Llano belonged to my boys from years of hunting with their grandparents and myself including two African safaris.

On a return day from Colorado in late July, I stopped by the Llano Building to check on things and immediately realized I had been robbed.

Boxes and containers had been overturned and dumped on the floor. Items were stacked by the rear door that were set there to load.

As I looked further my gut knotted as I realized all of my boys' African mounts and rugs were gone. Tools and collectibles that I had kept from my dad's old barn when he passed away, all gone.

I called the Llano police department and as I was waiting I noticed a new taxidermy shop had opened up down the road. I went in and told the owner



Derek Leitner

what had happened and he asked if I was missing a Blue Wildebeest shoulder mount? I said I was and he said someone had come in his shop the previous week asking if he could ship one for him.

He gave me the name of the individual, told me he was a known thief and he had directed him to a place called Pack, Ship and More in Kingsland. I called the Llano police and gave them the info and they asked me if I had anything in writing?

The taxidermist, David Vaught, of Hills of Texas Taxidermy, had been on the drug task force in Llano for many years. He gave me several other names as well.

I called a friend next that was a large land owner and asked if he knew who the Texas Ranger was in Llano County. He did not but told me one of our other close friends, Lance Morris, had a nephew that was a Texas Ranger.

I called Lance, and he called the

nephew, J. Odom out of McKinney. Within a few minutes, Odom called Derek Leitner who had recently been transferred to work Llano and several surrounding counties.

Derek called me and asked me to send him a copy of the police report. It was now mid-afternoon on July 28, 2016.

After my locksmith finished re-keying my locks, I headed to Pack, Ship and More in Kingsland. The lady was very helpful, said she had not shipped any taxidermy mounts recently but remembered getting a phone call from someone a while back to quote shipping a large taxidermy mount to an out of state zip code.

She pulled up her quote record and sure enough same name I had received from the taxidermist, "Blake Otto."

She said she never heard from him again. As I was heading home I had a hunch to swing by a pawn shop in Burnet. I told them I was missing a number of items, some with my name or brand on the taxidermy. I gave them my card with my brand, but they told me they had not seen anything.

Now, it gets interesting. Around 5 p.m. that day, I get a phone call from Derek saying he had a little time that evening and he was going to look into my case and had already made a few phone calls and asked me to stay by my phone.

Around 5 a.m. the next morning he called and said he was going to send me a few pictures. "Let me know if you recognize any of this stuff," he said. It was all mine, two Yeti coolers with my brand, compound bows, shooting sticks.

I confirmed and asked where he found them and he said "the same pawn shop you were at yesterday afternoon and they had been pawned

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Chairman's report --

Annual winter meeting busy

By Jim Chionsini
TRAF Chairman



Jim Chionsini

We had another productive winter board meeting Feb. 3 and 4 in San Antonio. Many items were discussed which were sorely needed.

We had three members attending their first winter meeting and they added new and innovative angles for us to look at re-occurring issues.

We appreciate their input and look forward to many years of productive work from them. Joan Neuhaus Schann, Bob Stratmann and Hayden Elder all volunteered to head up

projects that have stayed in the shadows too long because of lack of man (people) power.

The board has been short of members for some time but we feel we're on the right track with these new folks and others waiting in the wings.

Of course we're not going to forget what our old friends have done over many years for TRAF. If it wasn't for them, there wouldn't be a Ranger support organization, at least as we know it now.

Bob Dabney took Emeritus status last year and we all owe him more than we can repay for all his dedicated and unselfish years of service. There will be more to come on this soon.

Looking forward, our main focus is to make sure we use the proper protocol to get good quality folks on the board in a timely manner. Our mission is increasing due to the increased Ranger force, which is currently appropriated at 173.

Only a few years ago there were 110. As the numbers increase, so do our responsibilities. This fall's scholarship expense alone is over \$98,000. This commitment is growing with no substantive slow-down in sight.

We can't accomplish our mission without good folks who love the Rangers and TRAF's mission. Currently we're actively searching for future board members for Cos. B, C, D, E, F and H.

At the meeting there was some lively discussion

regarding the proper protocol for attaining new directors and the discussion turned to stalemate.

Therefore, I have named a "special committee" made up of Bill Hartman, who will act as chairman, Russell Molina, Tom Schleier and Steve Sikes. Their charge will be to re-write our existing bylaws and bring them into the 21st century. The by-laws have served us well for many years, but it's to the point they need to be reviewed.

These will be completed and sent to all active board members the first week in May by the TRAF office. This should give ample time for review and input by all who care to before they're voted on at the Reunion in June.

This new special committee will have the opportunity to write the new by-laws without intervention or input from other TRAF board members until they've completed their work.

Fundraising committee Chairman Jerry Wellborn has done a fantastic job coordinating the clay shoots around the state. These shoots have raised over \$498,000 net proceeds in the first two years, and we anticipate only healthy increases in 2017.

The Co. B shoot will be added in September 2017, and they're very upbeat about it.

John Calandro, who is president of the Nancy B. Chappelle Weldon Foundation, has committed \$30,000 to TRAF companies to be spread around the state for all the shoots. He is not yet a TRAF benefactor, but we intend to add him to our list in the near future.

He's been a huge help already, and we're seeing everyone who's involved in Co. B stick their chests out a little farther since he's come on board.

Co. A was at the top of the heap in 2016 but Constance, Bill, Russell, Joan and Kitch can feel the heat from Co. B already. Co. F benefactor and director David Conlin has gathered \$30,000 by making a "couple phone calls." Good natured competition is vital to the success of the shoots.

Another extremely important piece of business was nominating a new slate of TRAF officers who will be voted on in June. They are Constance White, chairman, Dave Wilson, vice chairman, Tom Schleier, secretary and Rick Hernandez, treasurer.

That's all for now. Happy Trails.



Tip of the hat

Co. E director Jerry Wellborn and wife Susan continued their unrelenting quest to attract new members to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation by recruiting new Headquarters Company Benefactor Gwen Gerlofs, owner

of the medical company Pumps It, Inc., who contributed \$5,000.

The Wellborns also signed Scott Steger of San Angelo as a \$1,000 benefactor member.

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by the same 'Blake Otto.'" I was shocked the pawn shop operator had lied to me.

Derek just said stay by your phone. I'm going to see Mr. Otto now! I was stunned to say the least. He called me around 7 a.m., had Blake Otto and another character out in their yard. He told me Blake Otto was being very ugly, told him he knew his amendment rights, wasn't talking.

The other guy, Jeffery Sutton, was being a little more helpful. Fast forward, around midnight, July 29, about 90 percent of my missing taxidermy items were dumped in the parking lot of the Llano Fire Dept. with a note for the

Llano Police Dept. to see.

The Llano Police chief, Kevin Ratliff, called me first thing the next morning and read me a list of the items he had in his possession. To say I was excited would be the biggest understatement of the year.

Derek continued to build his case. I don't know how he works but within a few weeks he had search warrants involving their phones, computers and residences. He also involved a third person, Blake Otto's mother, who was apparently the sales lady, posting dozens of items on eBay and selling them all over the country.

As of today, we are still researching

the buy back of some of those items. Sadly we will never get them all but I am so grateful for the return of the most important things that belonged to my boys.

Things of enormous importance to me with life time memories were sold for pennies on eBay.

The good news is on Oct. 16, 2016 Derek Leitner arrested the three crooks. I have the majority of my items back and people of Llano and all of Texas should feel safer and more secure knowing the Texas Rangers are out there protecting our security and privacy!

David Faust

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Arkansas in 1981 and moved to Houston to begin her career with Spindletop Charities, Inc., a non-profit, where she now serves as executive director.

Spindletop has donated more than \$20 million to Houston area charities, including more than \$400,000 to TRAF, mostly for the scholarship program.

Spindletop made a gift of a benefactor membership to Constance in 1983, and she later became a distinguished benefactor through her personal contribution. She was nominated to the board by Capt. Earl Pearson of Co. A and chaired the scholarship program from 2003 until the fall of 2016.

She has served on the TRAF executive committee as secretary and vice



Dave Wilson

chairman.

Wilson is owner and vice president of Lilly Construction Co., an oil field construction company. He had previously served as treasurer.



Tom Schleier

Schleier is president of Tom Schleier and Associates, a land services company for oil and gas exploration. He is serving a second term as board secretary.



Rick Hernandez

Hernandez was a policeman in Alice for 12 years before joining Walmart in loss prevention. In 2004 he joined H-E-B Co. as regional director of loss prevention and security.

Executive director's report --

Winter meeting a big success

By Liz Myrick
TRAF Exec Director



Liz Myrick

The winter board meeting took place Feb. 3-4 and was a great success. Much progress was made in furthering the foundation's good works. We are always honored to have in attendance Chief Randy Prince, Assistant Chief Frank Malinak, and the Ranger Majors and Captains.

Their participation is a most vital part of these meetings as we strive to fulfill our mission is serving them and their families. Their steadfast support is critical in the foundation's many

efforts to maintain fidelity to the Rangers and to our mission.

The weekend's work and celebrations were also made better by the attendance of our newest directors Joan Neuhaus-Schaan, Hayden Elder, and Bob Stratmann. Their participation and suggestions were invaluable and promises for a solid leadership for the future for the foundation.

This year's Texas Ranger Reunion will be in Waco June 9-10. We are privileged to have speaker Admiral William H. McRaven, USN. We offer many thanks to new director Joey McCarty for securing this true American hero for our reunion.

For a little fun this year, we are also adding live music and dancing in the evening along with all of our usual festivities at the Hilton. We are also beginning to solicit for silent auction donations. Please contact the TRAF office or Jerry Wellborn at (325) 763-7859.

The spring scholarship awards are wrapping up as the March 1 deadline approaches. There were 50 awards in the fall, and so far we've awarded 35 for the spring. This is the first full cycle of scholarships with which I've been directly involved.

I've enjoyed very much getting to know the students as well as becoming better acquainted with the Rangers' families. It makes the fundraising even more rewarding as one can see

the direct impact of the efforts.

Fundraising efforts for 2017 are well underway with the Texas Ranger Classic Clay Shoot committees gearing up. We are excited to have Company "B's" inaugural shoot at the Dallas Gun Club on Sept. 16. New TRAF supporter John Calandro of Dallas secured a generous donation of \$30,000 through the Nancy B. Chappellear Weldon Foundation to assist in underwriting the shoots.

"Save the Date" cards will be sent out as the dates for the other shoots are confirmed.

The funds from the shoots are ever important in fulfilling our mission as the Ranger roster is increasing. There are currently 161 Rangers with authorization to hire up to 173. This is up from the 150 just a few years ago. This places increased demand for scholarship awards and requests for emergency assistance.

We continue to benefit from having our foundation offices based on the campus with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the Ranger Company F offices. The proximity allows for a feeling of family and solidifies the joint mission we share.

And we could not be more pleased with the new signage the museum and the City Waco erected. The limestone base and the unmistakable Texas Ranger badge provide the class and distinction worthy of the Texas Rangers.

Along with hundreds of others, I was blessed to attend the Stan Guffey Memorial Dedication on Jan. 21 in Horseshoe Bay. The event was the culmination of the efforts of many and could not have happened if not for the numerous donations made by the foundation supporters and active and retired Texas Rangers.

It was such a moving tribute to Ranger Guffey who made the ultimate sacrifice that day in 1987 to save the life of a little girl.

Ranger Guffey's widow, Josefina, spoke eloquently, and her heartfelt words deeply touched all who attended. It was most endearing to see Ranger Guffey's many relatives including his precious grandchildren, and to see that his memory and legacy will live on in them.



OBITS

HILL

Funeral services were held Jan. 27 for Mrs. Dixie Lee Spurlock Hill, mother of TRAF director emeritus Tony Hill, with burial in the Kerens City cemetery.

Mrs. Hill died on Jan. 23. A native of Dawson, Mrs. Hill moved to Kerens with her family when she was six years old. She married William Harold Hill in 1946, and they had two sons, Tony and Mike.

They later moved to Mount Pleasant and then to Tyler. After her husband's death, Mrs. Hill lived in Nacogdoches and then to Perryton.

SCHRAUB

Funeral services were held Oct. 27 for John Douglas Schraub, 78-year-old father of Texas Ranger Michael Schraub, Co. C, stationed in Graham.

The elder Schraub died on Oct. 24. Services were held at the same Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

Graveside services followed at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville.

TRAF Winter meeting



HATS IN A row is a tell tale sign that the Texas rangers are in the house. Rangers and board members parked their hats in a line during the winter meeting dinner.

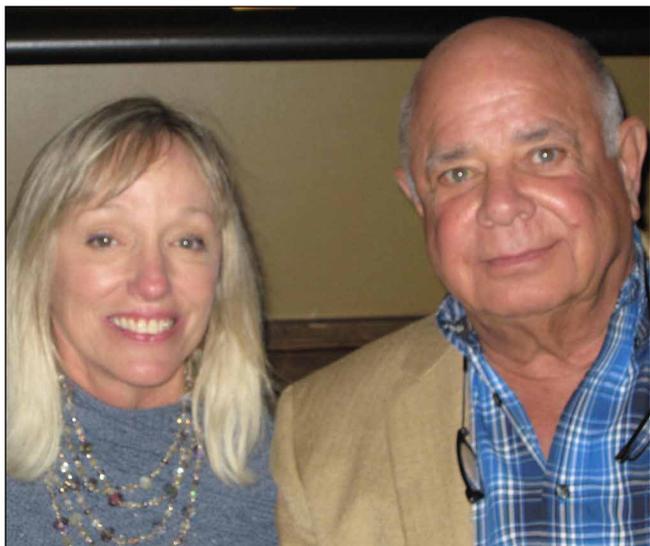
ASST. CHIEF Frank Malinak, TRAF director John Palmer and Ranger Chief Randy Prince at the Friday night dinner in San Antonio. Palmer lives in Southlake and represents Co. B.



CHARLIE AND director Ken Olson welcomed new TRAF director Joan Neuhaus Schaan to her first meeting since joining the board. The Olsons live in Lubbock and represent Co. C and Schaan represents Co. A.

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MACY AND Chairman Jim Chionsini were at the San Antonio meeting where Jim presided at the meeting. When the summer meeting rolls around, Jim will have served two and a half terms as TRAF chairman, filling in for a half term left by Danny Chandler, who asked to be relieved because of family health reasons.



LOURDES AND Major Chance Collins represented Co. F in Waco at the San Antonio meeting of Chief Prince and the company majors plus the TRAF board meeting.



TRAF MEMBERS (from left to right) Vern Foreman, Tony Hill, Joe Kay, Lee Kidd, Joe York, Carl Lambert and Ken Olson are all attentive at the annual winter meeting of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. The meeting, held in San Antonio, is one of two annual sessions officers and directors conduct TRAF affairs. The session coincided with meetings of the top officials of the Texas Rangers.

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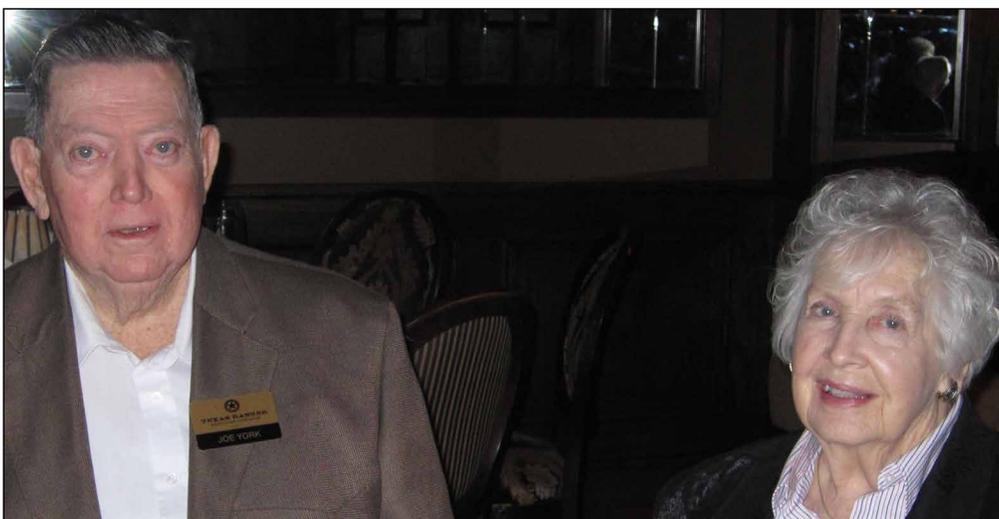
VETERAN VERN and Charlene Foreman were at the dinner. Foreman is a longtime board member representing Co. E. They live in Odessa.



LIZ MYRICK, executive director of TRAF enjoyed the winter meeting annual board dinner chatting with Susan Wellborn, wife of director Jerry Wellborn. The Wellborns are from Robert Lee and represent Co. E.



KATE AND Capt. Cory Lain of Headquarters Company in Austin were among the annual attendees at the winter meeting dinner.



DIRECTOR JOE and Mary Sam York enjoyed the festivities at the annual dinner. York is a longtime TRAF board member from Brackettville.



NEWLY ELECTED and re-elected sheriffs in this photo were receiving required training during a December session. The one thing all have in common is they are all retired Texas Rangers. They continue to serve Texas as lawmen, just in different capacities. They are (l-r) Marshall Thomas, Montague County; Otto Hanak, Washington County; Chief Deputy Dewayne Dockery, Denton County; Lane Akin, Wise County; retired Ranger Chief Maurice Cook, Bastrop County; Kenneth Hammack, Polk County; Tracy Murphree, Denton County; and Jess Ramos, Lampasas County.



Large turnout attends memorial dedication for late Ranger Guffey



Stan Guffey

The 30th anniversary of a rescue of a two-year-old girl during which Texas Ranger Stan Guffey was killed in the line of duty was celebrated on Jan. 21 at Horseshoe Bay, the site of the daring exploit by the Rangers back on Jan. 22, 1987.

A memorial monument was dedicated in Guffey's memory. He and fellow Ranger Aycock were involved in a gunfight with a kidnapper that left Guffey mortally wounded but resulted in the rescue of Kara Leigh Whitehead, daughter of Bill and Leigh Whitehead of Horseshoe Bay.

Aycock ultimately killed the kidnapper.

The kidnapper was identified as Brent Albert Beeler, a parolee from Houston who had barricaded himself in the Whitehead home after killing the family's maid, Denise Johnson.

Beeler demanded \$30,000 and a car for his escape. The Rangers were convinced he intended to kill the child when he put both the ransom money and the child in the car, and the Rangers concealed themselves in the back seat when the car was delivered.

Guffey identified themselves as Rangers and a gunfight ensued.

Guffey was awarded the Texas Ranger Medal of Valor posthumously in 1987.

Aycock was also awarded the Medal of Valor in 1987 and a second one in 1995 for the rescue of another child.

The dedication and unveiling of the monument were sponsored by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Ranger Division, the Texas Ranger Association Foundation and the City of Horseshoe Bay.



Members of the late Stan Guffey's family were on hand for unveiling of the monument honoring the late Texas Ranger. They include (l-r) sons Mike and Stacy Guffey, Guffey's widow Josefina Garza Guffey Jennings and sons Chris and Travis.

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Rangers and TRAF representatives were out in force monument dedication. From l-r are retired Assistant Jim Miller, TRAF Chairman Jim Chionsini, former chairmen Gary Crawford and Steve Sikes and Ranger Lt. Chris Clark (Midland).



Representing the Texas Rangers and the Department of Public safety were (back row, l-r) Lt. Jamie Downs (Waco), Retired Ranger Johnny Aycock (who was with Guffey the night he was gunned down) and Horseshoe Bay Det. Steve Boyd. On the front row are former DPS Director James B. Adams and present DPS Director Steve McCraw.



Other TRAF representatives at the dedication were director Dave Wilson, TRAF Executive Director Liz Myrick, director Dave Conlon and Capt. Richard Sweaney (ret), who is a TRAF board liaison with all retired Rangers.

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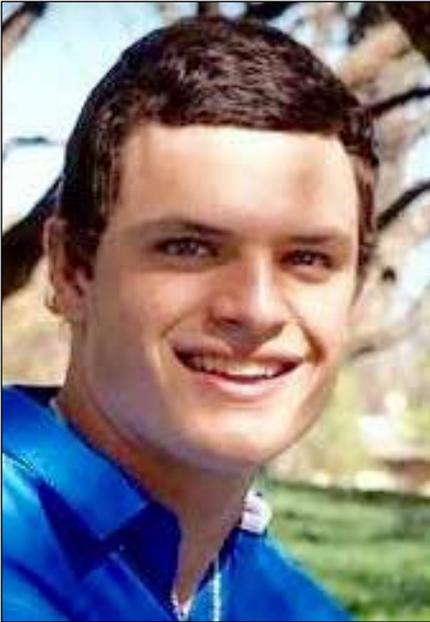
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Meet 3 more TRAF Scholarship Winners



Trey Buxton

Trey Glen Buxton is a freshman at West Texas A&M in Canyon where he is majoring in AG Business and plans to graduate in the year 2020. He was awarded the RC & Agnes Johnson Scholarship for \$500 as well as the TRAF \$2,000 scholarship. Trey is the son of Ranger Wayne and Lisa Buxton from Plainview, and has an older brother, Jacob.

Although his plans for the future are not set in stone, he is enjoying life as a consultant for Texas Pest Management during harvest season. When harvest season is over, he works with the farmers to prepare crops for the next harvest. Trey is an avid sports fan and really loves hunting and fishing when he gets the chance.

Melissa Nicole Kite is a freshman at Texas State University in San

Marcos where she is majoring in Recreational Administration and plans to graduate in the year 2020. Melissa was awarded the Texas State Achievement Scholarship for her good grades and ACT score from high school. She is currently active in the Texas State Quidditch, plays for the San Marcos Sharknados and is in the Hermannsons Social Club, which is a service based organization.

Her goal is to join the military as a Recreation Coordinator or a Camp Director and she has been offered a position as a camp counselor at two different summer camps. In her free time, Melissa likes to volunteer at the animal shelter in Kyle, play for her rec soccer team, hang out with her friends, and sleep. Melissa is the daughter of Ranger Joel Kite, Co. F, and Theresa.



Cody Vance

Cody Dean Vance is a freshman at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville where he is majoring in Animal Science and plans to graduate in the year 2020. Cody's goal after college is to become a Veterinarian and open his own vet clinic so he can be involved with wildlife and also cattle management.

He is currently working as a residence advisor at the Department of Residence Life and is active in the Hall Counsel and Block and Bridle committees. In his free time, he really enjoys hunting, fishing and riding horses.

Cody is the son of Ranger John T. Vance, Company F, and Cathy, who is school teacher at Central Christian academy, and has a 14 year old brother, Ryan.



Melissa Kite

Fund organized to aid stricken Ranger



Royal McMullen

With the dawn of a new year and amidst many of us making resolutions and hoping for the best in 2017, one of our own is grappling with very difficult news.

Co. E Ranger Royal McMullen, stationed in El Paso, was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. Within a few days of diagnosis, Rangers, co-workers, and friends swiftly and successfully facilitated Royal's admittance to the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Royal is now receiving treatment and is comforted by the love and support of his fiancée, Cristina, and his children, Seth, Ashley and Rachel. Royal's spirits continue to be lifted by the frequent calls, texts, and visits from fellow Rangers, colleagues and friends.

The expenses incurred by Royal and his family during his ongoing treatment are expected to become quite substantial. While insurance should cover much of the associated medical costs, there remain deductibles and other out-of-pocket expenses for lodging, meals and transportation.

We hope you will consider donating to this fund, which has been established with the assistance of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. Large or small, any help is appreciated.

Even the smallest contributions make a difference and

your kind donation will be tax deductible. Ways to help are gift cards, flight miles, and, of course, monetary donations. One hundred percent of the donations will go directly to Ranger McMullen.

To make your tax-deductible donation:

- 1) Mail gift cards or checks (made payable to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation) to:

**Texas Ranger Association Foundation
104 Texas Ranger Trail
Waco, TX 76706**

***Please include a note and/or a comment in the check's memo line that the donation is for the Ranger Royal McMullen Fund.*

- 2) To donate by credit card, please click on the link below:

<http://thetexasrangers.org/donate.html>

- 3) To donate via electronic or wire transfer, please call (254)752-1001.

- 4) To donate flight miles, please contact your credit card or airlines customer service department for assistance with transferring or gifting points and/or miles.

If you have any questions, please contact the foundation at (254)752-1001 or (806)441-3745.



Fundraisers	2015	2016	Totals	2017
Co. A		113,485	113,485	
Co. B				
Co. C	14,521	6,040	20,561	
Co. D	26,365	74,752	101,117	
Co. E	66,324	74,567	140,891	
Co. F	74, 512	47,756	122,268	
Totals	181,722	316,600	498,322	Goal: \$425,00

Reunion weekend Entertainment set

Attendees at the 2017 Ranger Reunion Weekend on June 9-10 are in for an entertainment treat both Friday and Saturday nights following the program.

Michelle Winters from Graham, who will also perform the national anthem both nights, will set up her musical equipment in a room near the hospitality suite where she will offer a wide variety of musical choices so guests can dance or simply listen to music.

It is not intended to take away time

from those who want to reminisce with old friends, but will provide an alternative area for music fans.

Michelle's musical equipment is like traveling with a full band and she will take requests on practically every type of music from country to jazz to soul to light pop. She's a solo entertainer who will have the audience wanting more.

Reunion weekend invitations will go out in March for retirees who are asked to call the TRAF offices in Waco at 254-752-1001



Michelle Winters



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