

Snyder asst. chief, Collins to DPS Region 7



Todd Snyder

Texas DPS Col. Steve McCraw and Texas Ranger Chief Randy Prince have announced the interim appointment of Major Todd H. Snyder as acting assistant director of the Ranger Division.

Since that position requires approval by the Public Safety Commission, he will be recommended for that position at the PSC's next meeting on April 26.

Major Snyder had been major of Co. C in Lubbock, and his interim appointment was effective March 1. He succeeds Chance Collins as assistant chief.

Collins was appointed DPS Region 7 (Capitol Complex) Commander at the end of December.

Snyder, who has been with the Texas DPS more than 22 years, commanded 17 Rangers in Co. C along with 2 lieutenants and two administrative assistants. Co. C consists of 71 counties and approximately 66,775 square miles.

Prior assignments have included Texas Highway Patrol, criminal law enforcement and the Rangers in duty stations in West Texas and the Panhandle.

Before joining the DPS, he was with the Nolan County sheriff's office as jailer, dispatcher, jail administrator, patrol and K9 handler.

A native of Roscoe, Snyder attended McMurray University in Abilene where he played football and ran track. He also attended West Texas College in Snyder, and is a graduate of the Texas DPS Command College.

Todd's wife, Lana, is a realtor in Lubbock and they have a son, 20, who is in the U.S. Army, and a 28-year-old daughter and 10-year-old granddaughter.

Before his assignment as assistant division director, Collins was the major of Co. F in Waco. He joined the DPS in 1993 and among other duties, was commander of SWAT. He previously served as a special agent of the governor's protection detail.

Collins has a BS degree from Wayland Baptist University and graduated from the FBI's national academy. He also graduated from the National Forensic Academy at the University of Tennessee.



Chance Collins



TRAF scholar, intel chief is reunion speaker



Dr. Heather Martin

Dr. Heather R. Martin, chief of the Mission Processing Branch at the National Geospatial Agency, is the special guest speaker for the 2018 Retired Texas Ranger Reunion in June in Waco.

Dr. Martin, daughter of former Ranger Chief Hank Whitman, is a former recipient of a Texas Ranger Association Foundation scholarship.

She is headquartered in Springfield, Va. and is responsible for managing a \$140-plus million

dollar Overhead Persistent Infrared portfolio.

In this role she leads and directs a team of experts in the acquisition, engineering and management of multiple programs supporting Department of Defense and intelligence community needs.

Dr. Martin joined the U.S. Air Force in 2002 as an intelligence officer and has served as an Air and Space Operations Center counterterrorism analyst, Middle-East/North Africa analyst, Cyber

Chairman's report -

TRAF and Rangers strong as ever

By *Constance White*
TRAF Chairman



Constance White

Spring is here, and with it brings the anticipation of the annual Retired Texas Ranger Reunion. Scheduled for June 8-9, the theme of the reunion is "Honoring the Texas Rangers, Past, Present, and Future."

Invitations will be sent soon, and we look forward to seeing you for another enjoyable weekend together.

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation continues to build on its strengths set forth by past and present board members. Working together to support the Rangers and their families is a responsibility that we all share while these brave men and women selflessly continue their legacy in protecting the citizens of Texas.

The loss of Texas Ranger Royal McMullin in January, following a courageous battle with cancer, reminds us that life is precious and valued. The gift that Royal left his family and friends is one of integrity and courage.

These same values live on in each Texas Ranger today as they face adversity and the challenges of their daily work. Royal had a common saying during his treatments which was, "I've got this," or, "We've got this."

For those who knew him, you couldn't find a better friend and the words "you've got this" would serve as his motivational support to others for whatever the challenge.

"We've got this" is the belief and work ethic of our Rangers as they approach each new day. "We've got this" is TRAF's promise to support the them as they honorably protect us. Whatever the unknowns are going forward, the unique relationship between TRAF and the Rangers is as strong as ever. Together, "We've got this".

Prayers for safety.

**OBITS****Ranger McMullin Buried in El Paso**

Royal McMullin

Texas Ranger Royal Andrew McMullin, 47, fought a courageous battle with an aggressive cancer for over a year before dying on Jan. 26.

McMullin was a devoted and caring husband, father, brother and friend, and he loved being a Texas Ranger.

Royal was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a 15-year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety. He served as a Texas DPS State Trooper, Texas Highway Patrol Corporal, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Sergeant and a Criminal Investigations Sergeant.

He promoted to Texas Ranger - Co. E, El Paso, in December 2013.

Ranger McMullin was awarded the Director's Citation in 2008 for his life-saving actions, and he received the Veteran's National Defense Service Medal for service to his country. He was a mem-

ber of El Paso Lodge No 130 A.F. & A.M.

Services for Ranger McMullin were held on March 2 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in El Paso and was attended by family and friends.

Burial was at the Memorial Gardens of the Valley Cemetery in Santa Teresa, N.M., across the Texas border from El Paso.

He is survived by his wife, Cristina, his three children, Seth, Ashley, Rachael and an expected grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, and to honor Ranger McMullin's wishes, his family requested donations in his memory be made to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.

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analyst, U-2 Mission Operations Commander for the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System and lead for the Air Force Geospatial-Intelligence Capabilities Working Group, Analytical and Technical Element.

Her staff assignments include serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Headquarters 25th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, where she was responsible for advising the Commander, Vice Commander and Executive Director on a broad range of operational issues as well as coordinating functions and activities for more than 26,000 military and civilian personnel assigned to 25th Air Force.

Dr. Martin's staff experiences also include serving as an Executive Officer for the 603rd Support Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, serving on the Intelligence Officer Assignments Team, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph; and as the

Deputy Division Chief for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Requirements, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland Air Force Base.

Dr. Martin is a recipient of many awards and decorations including Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Civilian Achievement Award National Defense Service Medal, National Reconnaissance Office Innovative Achievement Award, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Special Act Award.

She was a TRAF scholar when attending Portland State University in 2001. She earned a PhD in International Development, Security Studies, from University of Southern Mississippi.

She and her husband, Carl, have two sons, Carter and Logan.



Promotions & Retirement



LT. RICK Rivera has announced his retirement from the DPS AND Rangers, effective March 31.

Most recently he has been a lieutenant in Co. D in Welasco. He has served the DPS for 24 years.



AS OF Jan. 1, Thomas Norsworthy has been promoted from agent, CID, Houston, to Texas Ranger, Co. D in Kingsville.



AS OF Jan. 1, Stephen West has been promoted from CID, Corpus Christi to Texas Ranger, Co. D in Corpus Christi.



EFFECTIVE FEB. 15, Troy Wilson, Ranger Training Coordinator at Co. HQ, has been appointed to staff lieutenant, digital forensic program HQ.

New forensic spot at HQ

Jarod Browne Agent, CID, Lubbock to digital forensic investigator HQ, Austin (03-01-18). This is a new commissioned position in the Ranger Division.

'TRAF members are great friends' - Capt. Vickers served Texas DPS 37 ½ years

By Joan Neuhaus Schaan
Star Journal Writer

Born in the East Texas town of Clairemont and raised in West Texas, William D. Vickers began his career with the Department of Public Safety in 1964, and earned his position with the Texas Rangers in 1975.

Ranger Vickers' service to the state took him first to northwest Texas, working out of Snyder, then back to eastern Texas -- Garland and Houston - for the remainder of his career.

Retiring in 2002 as a captain, Vickers shared his story and perspective with TRAF:

The Ranger legacy drew Capt. Vickers to the DPS as a young man. After serving a decade in highway patrol, he earned his Ranger position, and reported to his first post with Capt. Rollins in Snyder.

It was a memorable and emotional day -- Capt. Rollins died the day Vickers arrived, leaving Jay Pete Lynch in charge.

Vickers quickly settled into his position and four-county area of responsibility. Eager to assist on any matter, he found the "white collar, paper-hanging" crimes particularly compelling.

Forgeries and fraud caused serious consequences to the victims and society as a whole, yet they were not given their due attention.

In a less automated era, the constant flow of workers in and out of the oil fields made tracking the suspects all the more difficult. Together with Charlie Hodges, Vickers was able to make significant inroads into oil field crime, some cases involving multi-state organizations.

Work in the Dallas area had a different tempo. While the large metropolitan region had resources and capabilities not found in rural communities, other Ranger divisions needed Ranger assistance with criminals making their way to Dallas county.

Here the personal associations with officers, court officials and citizens developed into a valuable resource.

As Vickers remarked, becoming a Texas Rangers changes a person. "A Ranger is driven to take care of business. Knowing one is continuing to uphold a legendary reputation, every investigation, no matter how minor, is important and builds on the legacy," Vickers said.

"Rangers excel in providing honest, selfless service and exhibiting a sincere caring for each individual. Combined with determination and a faith in duty in the face of attempts at intimidation, Rangers are admired statewide for their work ethic. The qualities are not taught. They are part of the Ranger's character," he added.

During his Ranger career, Vickers served Co. B as a Ranger and later as captain. He was a Ranger initially in Snyder with Co. F and also served as sergeant, lieutenant and captain in Co. A in Houston.

He studied civil engineering in Ector College and later law enforcement at Central Texas College.

"The men and women Rangers of today are continuing to uphold the reputation that was established long ago," Vickers said.

"I expect to see Rangers continue the work we have done for decades, and to evolve or adopt specialties that fit the changes in Texas."

Throughout his Ranger career, Vickers was blessed with his wife, Judy (another DPS alum), by his side. Together they raised their three daughters and one son.

Vickers now spends his time with his 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and pursues his passion for reading. Not unlike many of his colleagues, his favorite book is the Bible.

"Rangers and Pioneers of Texas" by A.J. Sowell also stands out as a favorite.

"The TRAF foundation has shown how so many feel toward the Rangers. The annual reunion has brought together current and retired Rangers and families in a way that could not have happened without this group of friends.

"Education for children and funds for retirees in financial stress have brought much peace of mind.

"This list of what TRAF has provided could go on and on such as personal interaction between Rangers and certificate holders. We are so grateful."

The former captain now lives in Heath.

Capt. Vickers is like many of the retired Rangers. He downplays and doesn't look for personal plaudits for his 37 1/2 years of service to the Texas DPS, to the men and women he trained and to the citizens of Texas.



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TRAF emeritus director Rusty Howell dies at 89



Thomas Dwain (Rusty) Howell, one of the longest serving Texas Ranger Association Foundation directors until his retirement as an emeritus director, has died at age 89 in his adopted

hometown of Marshall.

A native of Comanche, Rusty was a member of the Corps and a graduate from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture and chemistry.

After graduation he worked as a cowboy in the Rio Grande Valley before becoming an assistant county agent in Harrison in 1948 where he was active with the FAA program.

In 1951 he married Joy Lois Etheridge, and after the birth of their first child, Steve, they moved to Kilgore. He 1954, he went to work for TriState Oil Tools, where he made quite a name for himself as a first-call trouble shooter for many major oil and gas companies across North America.

He moved to Pittsburgh where he managed the Northeast Region for TriState, which had become Baker International, and traveled the world, including Egypt, Australia, Scotland, Alaska and Singapore.

He and longtime partner Quintin Carlile opened Marshall Exploration, Inc. in 1977, building it into a successful oil and gas firm through the 1980s.

He then went into business with his daughter and son, creating Howell Oil & Gas and East Texas Fuels, Inc., continuing his oil and gas interest and branching into fuel distribution and convenience store management.

He was also a successful rancher and one of the top Charolais breeders in the country. Rusty was a 32nd degree Master Mason and member of the Marshall Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite Temple in Dallas and the Sharon Shrine Temple in Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years., Joy Lois.

After a private graveside service, a memorial service for Howell was held at the First Baptist Church of Marshall on March 13.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas or to TRAF

Co. A Ranger's step-mom dies

Debra Kay Clendennen, 61, step-mother to Co. A Ranger Ryan Clendennen, died in early February.

Funeral services were held at Call-

away Allee Funeral Home in Crockett and burial was at the Cowboy Church of Leon County in Centerville.

Retired Ranger Rhea Dies at 70



Memorial funeral services for Co. B Retired Texas Ranger Danny Rhea, 70, were held in San Angelo on Jan. 27, with Pastor Rusty Frazier performing the eulogy. A

private ceremony for family was held afterwards.

Ranger Rhea additionally served in

Co. E. His duty stations included Ozona and Sulphur Springs.

He joined the DPS in 1976 and was promoted to Ranger in 1988 and served until his retirement in 2003. His Ranger specialties included the Texas Commission of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, blood spatter, fingerprint expert and interviews.

Rhea was born at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and after his retirement from the Rangers and his total of 27 years in the DPS, he entered the corporate security business.

As a result of a bomb/suicide incident, Rhea was awarded the DPS Medal of Valor.

In January, 1998, Ranger Rhea and

Troopers Cody Sanders and George Harris were called to a Sulphur Springs DPS building where an individual was identified as carrying a bomb.

The man told Trooper Harris to evacuate the building because he was going to blow himself up. After the evacuation and negotiating with the man for over an hour, the man drew a handgun and pointed it at Trooper Harris.

Rhea fired one shot, fatally wounding the man. The DPS citation stated, "Ranger Sgt. Rhea's courage, decisive action and dedication to duty in this tense and volatile situation bring great credit to him, the Department of Public Safety and the profession of law enforcement."

Hall of Fame report -

Museum web site's 41 years in making

By Byron A. Johnson
Ranger Hoff&M Director



Byron Johnson

When I entered the museum profession 41 years ago it was difficult to reach an audience beyond the local community. We were limited to the broadcast range of local radio and television stations or the distribution area of a daily newspaper.

Regional and national magazines and television network news traveled farther, but those opportunities were few and far between.

It all changed in 1989-90 when an English engineer few have heard of, Tim Berners-Lee, created the World Wide Web. The first web page went live in 1991, consisting of 22 lines of text.

Streaming television and sharing Facebook photos were fantasy. Scientists, mainly, used it to exchange papers and emails. Downloading a low-resolution photo could take minutes.

Six years later there were what seemed an incredible 70 million users on the Internet, using dial-up modems. Back then a fast connection was only .04% of today's speeds! But clearly this new medium had promise.

Nokia had just announced the first—text-only—Internet phone, a primitive predecessor of the first iPhone which would be released 10 years later.

In the wilds of Waco, we ambitiously set about creating the first law enforcement history site for the Texas Ranger Museum. The costs of developing web sites were prohibitive; a modest site could cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Our secret weapon was my wife Sharon who fortuitously was an Internet communications specialist and designer for Baylor University. She donated her skills through four generations of the site and I maintained it on Saturday mornings with content contributed by staff and historians.

Slowly it grew to include hundreds of web pages and thousands of pages of content used by millions of visitors.

In the 1990s the iPhone was still a decade away and desktop or laptop computer were the only ways to access the web. Times change and today, 61% of Americans own

a smart phone or tablet, for many the primary means of Internet access. The 70 million Internet users have grown to 4.3 billion.

A staff team, with help from many quarters, set about redesigning the site to make it compatible with the phones, tablets and computers devices. While everyone on staff has contributed, the lion's share of work has been done by Casey Eichhorn, Educational Programs Manager, and Christine Rothenbush our Marketing and Development Specialist. The site contains sections that:

- Guide visitors to the museum and explain its mission and founding
- Showcase the Texas Rangers division and its mission and introduce each active-duty Texas Ranger and living retiree
- Offer information on exhibits and highlight artifacts in the collections
- Offer thousands of pages of articles, oral history, timelines and videos on Texas Ranger history
- Explain the holdings of the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center and how to research Texas Ranger ancestors, school projects and print and film documentaries and articles
- Provides educational resources for students and teachers and how to book school and group tours
- Information about the upcoming Texas Ranger Bicentennial™
- How to support the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the allied Texas Ranger Association Foundation and thanks to our benefactors
- Holding banquets and events in the Knox Center banquet hall
- The Junior Texas Ranger™ program
- Unique gifts and items from the museum store

We appreciate the support the Texas Ranger Association Foundation has given in the form of funding historical research and oral histories. We welcome any suggestions you may have as we add to, correct and improve the site.

www.texasranger.org.

TRAF Board OKs mission

The board of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation approved a new written mission statement at its January winter meeting in Kerrville.

"The mission of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) is to support active and retired Texas Rangers and immediate family members

through scholarships, financial assistance and operational support in service to the citizens Texas.

"TRAF works to preserve and perpetuate the history and heritage of the Texas Rangers through public education and by supporting the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum."

Final clay shoot held -

TRAF Preps for annual reunion

By Liz Myrick
TRAF Executive Director



The TRAF office is excitedly working towards our next big event, the annual Texas Ranger Reunion, which is set for June 8-9, 2018 in Waco.

As in previous years, events will be at the Waco Convention Center, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton and the Courtyard Marriott.

We have a special theme this year that we're looking forward to sharing with you, and we are honored to have a Heather Martin, Ph.D, as our speaker Saturday night. She is a former TRAF scholarship recipient and the daughter of former Chief Hank Whitman.

It's going to be another great reunion! We hope to see you all there!

Scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year are complete as all 50 awards have been distributed. We continue to be grateful for the privilege of getting better acquainted

with the Ranger families. Seeing the process from start to finish reignites our enthusiasm for the big fundraising events which make the TRAF programs possible.

The Clay Shoots are wrapped up with the success of the Co. A Texas Ranger Classic in Katy on March 2. It was a terrific showing with 171 shooters and many spectators and volunteers to whom we are very grateful. Without the volunteers, many of whom are Rangers and their spouses, we simply could not pull off these events. Thank you!

If you've wondered what the clay shoot experience is like, plan to be at the next one even if you don't shoot. My first shooting experience was as a last-minute alternate in 2016. Despite my protests about being a novice, most likely to embarrass, and wearing flimsy sandals, I took up borrowed guns against those orange, menacing clays.

Until then, I hadn't even picked up a shot gun. I've participated in at a few more shoots since then, thanks to some patient and good-natured friends, mentors and Rangers.

They give me few pointers, laugh with me when it's a stinker of a day, and are the best cheering section anyone could ask for.

While my scores are usually much closer to the legal drinking age than those of the high-point, the experience is always the best time and I never regret taking the chance to try again.

When the shooting is done the teams gather in a pavilion for awards, food and fellowship. In the haze of dust-covered laughter there are new friends and old, tall tales, and a wonderful, raucous harmony that is hard to come by these days.

The live auctions are a thrill and a chance to witness the awe and outpouring of generosity that only Texas Rangers can elicit.

Events like these are what make the mission of the foundation possible, and part of what makes the foundation what it is: the embodiment of charitable kinship and tradition as we work to support and honor these men and women for their tremendous service.

This late winter season has also seen its share of losses as we have said farewell to Sgt. Danny Rhea, Ranger Royal McMullin, and Emeritus Director Rusty Howell. These fine men leave behind a legacy of bravery, service and altruism. They made their mark and left this world a better place. They will be mightily missed.



THREE NEW TRAF directors attended their first board meeting in January in Kerrville. They are Alvaro Gonzales, Larry Horwood and Jorge L. Cisneros. Gonzalez (McAllen) and Cisneros (McAllen) are joining Co. D and Horwood (Sterling City) is the newest member of Co. E.

Letters from Students



Catherine Anding

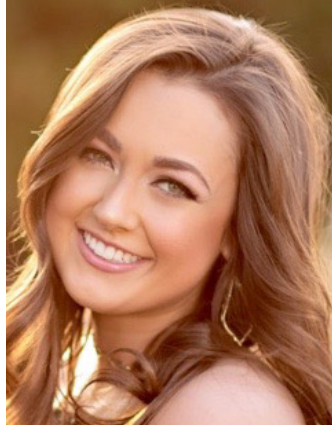
Catherine is a freshman at the University of Texas. She is majoring in nutritional sciences- pre-med, and plans to graduate in the Spring of 2020. Catherine participates in many extracurricular activities, including the swim team, chamber orchestra, the National Honor Society and the National Chemical Society. She has also won first place at the Brazos County Clay Shoot and earned a place on the President's Scholar's List at Blinn College. She is the daughter of Ranger Chris Clark of Co. E who is stationed in Midland.

DEAR TRAF:

Thank you so much for the scholarship for the fall, 2017 semester. I was able to use it for my housing and board fees and am so grateful for the help in financing college.

I am so excited for the next semester. Thank you.

—Catherine Anding



Mckenzie Hardzog

Mckenzie is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma and is a nursing major. She has been the recipient of the Frisco Education Foundation Payroll Contribution Scholarship and has already accumulated 12 hours of college credit. She is the daughter of Ranger Alan Davidson of Co. B, who is stationed in Hurst.

DEAR TRAF:

Words can't express how thankful I am for scholarship money you have awarded me with for the spring 2018 semester at the University of Oklahoma.

You have made it possible for me to attend my dream school to study nursing. Without your help, I'm not sure I would have been able to attend OU.

I am forever grateful for the scholarship!

—Sincerely, Mckenzie Hardzog



Luke Foster

Luke is a freshman at Texas Tech University and is majoring in chemical engineering. Luke has been the recipient of several scholarships, including the Texas Tech Presidential Scholarship and the South Plains Cooperative Scholarship. He is the son of Lt. Jay and Jennifer Foster of Co. C, who is stationed in Amarillo.

DEAR TRAF:

I'd like to thank the Texas Ranger Association Foundation for this generous contribution toward my education. Receiving it reinforces the value of my hard work throughout high school and my first semester of college.

Additionally, receiving this scholarship strengthens my dedication to achieve my academic goals.

I'm so appreciative because it will give me the financial aid necessary for my education at Texas Tech University. It will be extremely helpful in making my goals of a bachelor and upper-level degree a reality.

Further, my older brother also attends Texas Tech, so my parents are paying for two students to attend college with my younger brother not far behind.

—Sincerely, Luke Foster

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Rangers and Rustlers ride the rodeo range

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo hosts the special Lil' Rustler Rodeo each year and one volunteer group who wouldn't miss it are the Texas Rangers, Co. A.

The 2018 event held in March at NRG Center represented the 20th year that the Co. A Rangers have participated as volunteers!

Lil' Rustlers Rodeo gives children with special needs the

opportunity to be a rodeo star with playful stick horse races, seesaws turned into bulls and broncos, hay barrels resembling steers, real horseback rides, horseshoes and more.

Rangers who volunteered this year were Joe Haralson, Wende Wakeman, Brandon Bess, Danny Young, David Chauvin, Jeff Owles, and Steven Jeter.



Joe Haralson had his hands full with the duo of Nicholas and Noah



David Chauvin and his Lil' Rustler Sam enjoy a bronco ride



Danny Young and Rustler Madison made a great match



Brandon Bess and his partner Helo enjoyed the annual rodeo



Wende Wakeman and Lil' Rustler Avi were buckle and trophy winners

Co. A 2nd annual clay shoot nets \$87,000



HIGH POINT Team awards went to Lone Star Imaging. Major Jason Taylor presented winning buckles to (l-r) J.R. Cooper, Scott Heuring, Kyle Netterville and Aaron Slavik.

Hurricane Harvey didn't stop Co. A from hosting another successful Texas Ranger Classic even though it did require a rescheduled date. On March 2, 2018, Texas Independence Day, the event was held at Westside Shooting Center in Katy with more than 180 shooters signed up to participate, representing a record crowd at a Texas Ranger Classic. More than \$87,000 net was raised for TRAF.

The venue was welcoming with the large Texas Flag as the backdrop in the pavilion accented by the six flags that have flown over Texas.

Major sponsors for the event were Premier Protection and Investigations, and Spindletop Charities, Inc.

Major Jason Taylor welcomed guests and Ranger Jeff Owles gave the invocation. The National Anthem was sung by Tosha Owens and after the safety briefing by Westside staff members, shooters were off to the two designated courses.

After a successful round, the shooters returned to the pavilion for lunch, and Major Taylor introduced retired Texas Ranger Chief Tony Leal who gave a presentation about this history of the Co. A Texas Rangers and Texas Independence Day, as well as the many benefits offered to the Rangers by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.

The Co. A Classic Committee:

Major Jason Taylor
 LT Wende Wakeman
 LT Kip Westmoreland
 LT Bobby Smith
 Bill Hartman

Major Taylor also introduced a special guest in the audience, Steven Mach, chairman of the Texas DPS Public Safety Commission.

The Co. A Texas Ranger Classic couldn't have been possible without the help of the generous team and auction sponsors, volunteers, Co. A Rangers and Directors, TRAF staff and the facility and professionalism of Westside Shooting Center.

Auctioneer Col. Glenn Beckendorff volunteered his time to help raise \$20,000 in the live auction, and Ms. Terri Moran volunteered her time as photographer.

Favorite Brands and the Huggins Family underwrote the beverages, and TRAF Director Steve LaMantia printed the station sponsor signage.

The Nancy Wheldon Charitable Foundation underwrote the popular shotgun sleeves given to each guest, and Toby Hicks provided the volunteers and discounted pricing for delicious lunch.

Co. A has raised more than \$200,000 net through its two annual events to benefit TRAF. The 3rd annual Co. A Classic is scheduled for March 2, 2019, Texas Independence Day, back at Westside Shooting Center.

Russell Molina
 Kitch Taub
 Joan Neuhaus Schaan
 Constance White
 TRAF Executive Director Liz Myrick
 Kristen Barley, volunteer.



NADIM COOK finished tied for first place with Cole Storey, both popping 97 out of 100 clay targets. Cook eventually lost in a scorecard playoff and received the runner-up buckle from Major Taylor.



THE HIGH point lady buckle went to Tish Davis, who scored 56 out of 100. Major Taylor presented her buckle.



HIGH POINT Ranger in the Co. A shoot went to visitor Lt. Rick Rivera, who is with Co. D in south Texas. Major Taylor again had the presenting honors.



TWO TRAF scholarship recipients attended the Co. A shoot with their Ranger dads. Spending time together were (l-r) Marco Rivera and his dad, Lt. Rick Rivera and Karley Parker and her dad Daron Parker. This spring semester there are 50 children of active Rangers attending college on TRAF scholarships.



A WHOLE GANG of Rangers (including several from other companies) and directors turned out for the Co. A sporting clays shoot March 2 at Westside Shooting Center between Katy and Brookshire. Front row (l-r) Major Jason Taylor, Jeff Owles, director Russell Molina, Danny Young, director Constance White, Steven Jeter, Daron Parker, Joshua Ray, Lt. Wende Wakeman, director Carl Lambert, Noe Diaz and director Joan Neuhaus Schaan. In the back (l-r) are directors Bill Hartman, Rick Hernandez, Tom Schleier and Jerry Wellborn, Lt. Bobby Smith, David Chauvin, Brandon Bess, Ryan Clendennen, Major Grover Huff, Lt. Kip Westmoreland, Ryan Christian, Steve Rayburn, James Wilkins, Lt. Rick Rivera, Shane Ellison, Joe Haralson and Pete Luna.



A FUNDRAISING event like the Co. A shoot would not happen without a large group of volunteers to pull all the loose ends together, particularly with 171 shooters. From left to right are Greg Pearson, Toby Hicks, Constance White, Mac Ruffeno, Alice Dale Haralson, Bill Wallace, Linda Baker, Rachel Taylor, Diane Huff, Lynn McQueen, Kristen Barley and Joe Fidler.



A TEAM OF LAW enforcement officers joined Rangers and guests at the Co. A clays shoot. Texas DPS Trooper Jamie Liles (second from right) was joined by (l-r) Capt. Caren Sterling (Virginia State Police), Lt. Laurie Ludovici (Rhode Island State Police) and First Lt. Amy Dehner (Michigan State Police).



SPECIAL guest at the Co. A shoot was Texas Public Safety Commission Chairman Steven Mach (right). Mach heads the five-member commission that oversees the Texas Department of Public Safety. Chairman Mach is from Houston and others on his team were (l-r) Butch Mach and Allen Blakemore.



TEXAS TRACE also had a group of shooters, (l-r) Ranger Jeff Owles, Judge Albert McCaig, Ross Conner and Don McCaig. After the morning shoot, Rangers, directors and guests relaxed over lunch, mulled over silent auction items and took part in a spirited auction that raised \$20,000 for TRAF.



SPINDLETOP CHARITIES had a team in the Co. A shoot that included (l-r) veteran Ranger Joe Haralson, Daniel Ebarb, former MLB player and Astros manager Phil Garner and Fenner Weller. There were 171 shooters entered the 2nd Annual Co. A Texas Classic.



PREMIER Protection and Investigations fielded a team consisting of Ken Yarbrough, sponsor Russell Molina, Ronnie and Nicholas Ruffeno and Benny Gates. Molina also donated a pistol that was part of the live auction.



Co. C updates Fundraising

Co.C, which is headquartered in Lubbock, will stage its annual fundraising golf tournament on Monday, May 7, at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and tee off will be 1:30 p.m. Green fees are \$70 per player. For more information, contact Scott Egert (806-777-9882 or Ken Olson (806-535-5754, kenemlub@aol.com).

Co. C's Sporting Clays Shoot will be Oct. 6 at the Lubbock Shooting Complex. More information can be obtained at thetexasrangers.org.

Chief Randy Prince has announced that a new major for Co. C will be announced shortly after April 1 to replace Major Todd Snyder, who has been appointed assistant director, Ranger Division, in Austin.

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