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Chief Collins reports -

History made as badge passes

By Chance Collins Ranger Chief



Chance Collins

The transition of command staff has always been a significant event for any organization. We have seen this throughout the years, but never precipitated by the appointment of the Ranger Chief to the Department of Public Safety Deputy Director's office.

As history unfolds, I would like to highlight a few accomplishments under the leadership of Colonel Randall Prince. During the last four years, Rangers have transitioned from attending ad-

vanced crime scene courses as students, to instructing forensic science courses with our own subject matter experts in various disciplines.

We led the charge in sustained 24/7 border security operations for over two years, built a public integrity unit, created an officer involved shooting committee, designed a digital forensic investigator program and are approaching designation as a "Tier 1" SWAT team.

I am humbled at the opportunity to serve as your Senior Captain and committed to continuing the exceptional lev-

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DPS DEPUTY Director Col. Randall Prince passes the Texas Ranger Chief badge to Chance Collins in a commemorative ceremony at Austin headquarters. Collins had previously served as Prince's assistant in the Ranger division.

Services in Lubbock for Capt. Weathers



Capt. Carl Weathers

Memorial surservices were ey held in Lub- Webock on Sept. Hal 7 for popular Lanretired Texas son

Ranger Capt.

Carl A. Weath-

ers, who died on Aug. 26. He was a member of the Ranger Division 28 years, with his last duty serving as captain of Co. C.

He was born in October 1940 and is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mickey Jean Weathers; a daughter, Carla Weathers, and her children, Margo Haltom and husband Nathan, Jeffrey Lance and wife Andrea, and grandsons Charles and Jackson Knobloch and Declan Halton; and his son, Allen Weathers and his wife Denise and

their children Rilyn, June and Andrew.

Mrs. Weathers said since he retired, "Carl played golf as often as he could. There were so many who joined him on the golf course, and they all became like brothers because they loved the game so much."

Two of Capt. Weathers' more memorable cases involved the Richard McLaren and the Republic of Texas group in the Davis Mountains and the Branch Davidian siege outside of Waco.

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Chairman's report -

TRAF, DPS support children's gala

By Constance White TRAF Chairman The Texas regional office of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children "NCMEC" held its Texas Heroes for Children Gala in Austin in mid-September, and

TRAF sponsored a table at this annual event with 100 percent of its donation designated for program support.

NCMEC is a leader in the fight against abduction, abuse and exploitation of children, and serves as the reporting center for the nation, receiving more than 500 calls per day and more than one million images and videos a month regarding missing children, child exploitation and child pornography.

More than 277,000 missing children have been reunited with their families in its 34-year history.

The Texas office, headquartered in Austin, assists the Texas Department of Public Safety in the recovering of hundreds of children each year.

More than 200 children were rescued as a result of routine traffic stops thanks to highly trained state troopers.

The intense educational program provides the necessary judgement for our dedicated men and women in uniform to identify and assess when a child is in danger.

In addition to training, NCMEC also provides the Texas Rang-

ers with technical assistance and other resources to investigate crimes committed against children, especially cases of child sexual exploitation.

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"There is no greater responsibility that we hold in law enforcement than the protection of our children," DPS Lt. Col. Randy Prince said.

"The Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers are grateful to the directors of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation for supporting the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

"It has been instrumental in providing training courses that use insight in criminal and victim behavior to help law enforcement spot victims hidden in plain sight - children who have been abducted or forced into child sex trafficking.

"TRAF's sponsorship to this non-profit organization helps further our mission to protect and serve. It assists our troopers, special agents and Rangers in preventing child exploitation and child abduction."



TRAF and DPS representatives attending the NCMEC fundraising event were (seated I-r): Texas Ranger Veronica Gideon, Texas Ranger Chief Chance Collins, DPS Lieutenant Colonels Randy Prince and Skylor Hearn. (Standing I-r) TRAF Director Steve LaMantia, TRAF Chairman Constance White, DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse Analyst Supervisor Heidi Prather, TRAF Director Bob Stratmann and Veta Stratmann.

Chairman's report -

2018 is flying by with TRAF activities

By Constance White TRAF Chairman



Constance White

Is time flying by for everyone or is it just me? It doesn't seem possible that just a year ago the fall season was busy with our annual Texas Ranger Classic Sporting Clay events.

The season is here again and thanks to Ranger Companies B and F for hosting their successful outings.

We look forward to attending Company C, D and E clay shoots in October, with Company A's event scheduled for the spring.

All benefactors and friends of the Texas Rangers are encouraged to add these events to your calendars! The Rangers, TRAF directors, staff and

volunteers are working hard to make them fun for everyone, and the end results of these enjoyable outings are aimed to support the efforts of the Rangers and their families.

For more information, please contact our executive director Liz Myrick, who is doing an excellent job juggling

her time to make sure the needs of TRAF are met. Thank you, Liz!

It was a privilege to attend the Texas DPS promotional ceremony in Austin. We are all so very proud of the Texas Rangers who promoted, and it's another reminder of how blessed we are as Texans to have such honorable men and women serve and protect us.

Following the formal ceremony, a gathering was held at the Ranger offices with Chief Collins eloquently introducing each promoted Ranger to the attending guests.

As he delivered his congratulations to each, we were reminded that the mutual respect and loyalty for one another are virtues special to the Ranger division.

Chief Collins complimented these dedicated Rangers, using words like loyal, strong, resilient, inspirational, professional, proud, outstanding and leaders, to name a few.

As promoted Rangers introduced their family members, it was clear that each hold them dearly with pride, and each are appreciative of their support.

The importance of "family" seemed to be a common theme during the meaningful ceremony and reception. All of us within TRAF, whether a director or benefactor, feel a sense of gratitude to be part of this larger Ranger family.

May the Rangers and their families continue to be safe knowing that their TRAF family has their six!

Thank you to all who serve.



OBITS

10th DPS Colonel, Davis, dies



Thomas A. Davis

Col. Thomas A. Davis, 77, a 43-year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety, was buried Aug. 21 in the state cemetery in Austin. He was the 10th director of the DPS, serving from 2000 until his

retirement in August 2008.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "The department is saddened to have lost one of our own, Col. Thomas Davis. Throughout his career, Col. Davis took the law enforcement profession and his oath to serve seriously.

"He demonstrated a selfless commitment to help others during his service to the department. Our hearts are with the family and friends of Col. Davis during this difficult time."

Davis was a native of Quitman, Miss., and joined the DPS in November 1964 and graduated from the academy in March 1965. He was a driver's license trooper from 1965-67. He transferred

to the highway patrol until 1971 when he was promoted to criminal intelligence service.

He promoted to lieutenant in 1983 and transferred to Austin. In 1986 he was made assistant commander of intelligence service, which was renamed special crimes service.

In 1988 he was named assistant chief of criminal law enforcement and made chief in 1993.

Davis is survived by his wife, Claire; sons Scott and wife Heather and Charles and wife Amanda; daughter Sandra; and grandchildren Derek, Kaley, Kimberly, Alex, Nathan, Carolyn and Katherine.

Great Pride in being a Ranger -

David Maxwell fits the legend

By Joan T. Neuhaus Star Journal Editor



David Maxwell, Retired Ranger

Legend has it, when a Texas Ranger walks in the room, everyone knows it. David Maxwell is that commanding personality, both in character and stature, of which the legend is made.

While not being one to say it about himself, he embodies the traits he holds essential to a Texas Ranger — honesty, tenacity, curiosity and common sense.

Growing up in Houston and graduating with a degree in political science, Maxwell had the goal of becoming an attorney, but life events changed his plan. The death of his sister put his sites on becoming a Texas Ranger and led him to join the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1972.

He joined the Ranger Division in 1986 and gained specializations in Homicide Investigations, Interviewing, Officer Involved Shooting and Crime Scenes.

With the guidance and support of Captain Dan North,

Captain Bobby Prince and Captain W. D. Vickers, Maxwell flourished in his career and earned the Director Citation, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Director's Award, The Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms Director's Award, the INTERPOL Medal, and the U. S. Marshall Award (Serial Killer)

David Maxwell's work ethic and dogged determination not only resulted in the successful case against 'Railroad Killer' Rafael Resendez with Ranger Brian Taylor and Ranger Drew Carter, but more meaningfully in finding the man that killed his sister, Diane Maxwell, in 1969.

After the murder case had gone cold for decades, the perpetrator was identified and pled guilty in 2003. His extraordinary effort was chronicled in the television show Forensic Files episode entitled "Brotherly Love" (Season 12, Episode 22 and https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/houston-cold-case-solved)

In addition to his character, the successes of David's career can be attributed in part to his family's support. They have understood Texas Rangers represent the victims of Texas and have taken pride in his career.

Between David and his wife, Susan, they have six married children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. TRAF is proud to have awarded scholarships to each of David's children.

While David has retired from the Texas Rangers, he has not gone far. Maxwell currently serves as the Director of the Law Enforcement Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office. Nonetheless, his free time is spent weight lifting, off-roading, mountain hiking, elk hunting and enjoying fast vehicles.

David would encourage all with an interest to pursue the dream of becoming a Texas Ranger and to consider degrees in English and psychology.

Once a Ranger, they will find he or she is given the tools and training to lead the way for law enforcement in investigations requiring specialized skills.

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4.5 million have visited -

One of a kind Ranger pin coming

By Byron Johnson Ranger Museum Director



of the opening of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. The historical and heritage center is the oldest law enforcement historical center in the nation.

Since 1968 more than 4.5 million have visited. Last year was the best on record with 93,444 worldwide visitors.

This year marks the 50th anniversary

Byron Johnson

We are now four years away from the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Texas Rangers. As steward of the event, one focus is strengthening the exhibits and collections of the museum.

The Texas Public Safety Commission stated "efforts to renovate and improve the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum as a lasting tribute to the Texas Ranger Bicentennial are favored and endorsed."

Starting in 2010, funding from the City of Waco, FCA, the Texas Ranger Association Foundation, private financial and artifact donors and foundations has enabled much:

- A new 6,000 square foot Texas Rangers Company "F" Headquarters Building and Capt. Bob Mitchell Education Center
- The Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center, the first historical law enforcement library and archives in the nation.
- Renovation of John Knox Center used for more than 120 banquets a year and made available for statewide law enforcement training.
- An on-line database, Distinguished Service, honoring living retired Texas Rangers, (https://www.Texasrangerregister.org). Part of a program to document the service of Rangers from commissioning to passing. A cable television

series, Discovering the Legend, with 26 episodes on 50 stations https://wccc.tv/program/discovering-the-legend/

- Exhibit improvements to the Rangers/Surveyors exhibit, Shining Star on the badge collection, partial renovation of our Popular Culture / Lone Ranger gallery, and a Distinguished Service alcove about retired Texas Rangers.
- A Bicentennial Book Publications Program that now has eight hardcover titles. One sold out in three months; another made the New York Times Bestseller list; another The Ranger Ideal, is an 1,800 page three-volume set of Hall of Fame biographies.
- Restoration of the c. 1851 of Sam Houston portrait of the first US senator from Texas.
- Gift and display of the 1836 Texas Ranger Commission of Joel Robison on the squad that captured Santa Anna at San Jacinto.
- Gift and display of the c.1838 Bowie knife presented by Rezin Bowie (Jim's brother) to Texas Ranger Capt. William

To further this work, a Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partner program will be rolled out in October. For a \$100 donation (\$90 tax deductible), contributors will receive:

- The official, limited-edition. state trademarked Texas Ranger Bicentennial pin. This edition is available only to Texas Rangers and their staff and contributors.
- Their name will be placed on a web page on the official Texas Ranger Hall of Fame site (https://www.Texasrangerregister.org)
- A certificate signed by a retired or active duty Texas Ranger
- A family pass to visit, and enrollment on our monthly newsletter list.

To become a Texas Ranger Bicentennial Partner™ call the museum store toll free at 1-877-750-8631 or go to our web page at https://www.texasranger.org/Bicentennial-**Partners**



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In the McLaren case, Weathers and three of his Rangers captured seven men in Pecos, who were headed to the McLaren standoff. "We were in the right place at the right time," the captain later reported.

After the arrest, the Rangers drove to the Davis Mountains where they spent about a week sleeping on the ground on mattresses provided by men from a local Baptist church. The same group also provided food for the Rangers, who could not leave their posts.

He, along with Rangers from throughout the state, worked the Branch Davidian siege.

The Rangers spent 14 days in Waco and had to return for many weeks following as well as travel to Washington to testify to their findings on the investigation.

His wife, Mickey, added, "He and his fellow Rangers always worked diligently to do their jobs 'behind the scenes. They always stepped back and let the local departments step to the front for credit."

The family requests that any donations be made to the Former Texas Rangers Association in Fredericksburg or to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation scholarship fund in Waco.

Promotions & Transfers -

New Chief Collins tells of transfers

Chief Chance Collins, the new head of the Texas Ranger Division of the DPS, has announced a series of promotions, transfers and retirements, including the naming of a new major in Co. B in Garland, the transfer of an exiting major into Co. A in Houston and the addition of a new major at headquarters.

Major Grover Huff has transferred from Co. B to Co. A where he once served as a lieutenant. Taking his spot in a return to Co. B is Eric Kasper, who had been a captain at headquarters in Austin. Capt. Scott Shiver has been promoted to major of PIU at headquarters.

Another major, Jeffrey Collins, who had been at headquarters, has announced his retirement as of Sept. 1.

Lt. Kip Westmoreland, who had been at Co. A in Houston, has been promoted to captain, recon, at headquarters. Lt. Robert Smith, who had been at Co. A in Beaumont, has been promoted to captain, administration, at headquarters.

There have been six promotions to the rank of lieutenant. Ranger Travis Brazil, Co. A in Lufkin, becomes a lieutenant, Lufkin; Ranger Jeff Owles of Co. A Hempstead, becomes a lieutenant in Co. A Houston; Ranger Patrick Pena, Co. F in Waco, becomes a lieutenant in Co. B Tyler.

Ranger Todd Martin, Co. B Texarkana, becomes a lieu-

tenant in Co. E in El Paso; Ranger J. Rodney Odom, Co. B in Garland, becomes a lieutenant, Garland; and Ranger James Thomas, Co. E in El Paso, becomes a lieutenant in Co. F, Waco.

In other transfers, Ranger Joshua Mason, Co. B, Longview, has moved to Co. B, Texarkana; Ranger Nicholas Castle, Co. B, Palestine, has moved to Co. B, Tyler; Ranger Claud Daniel IV, Co. D, Laredo, has moved to Co. B, Garland; Ranger Gustavo Sanchez, Co. E, Midland, has moved to Co. E, El Paso; Ranger Eric Lopez, Co. D, Rio Grande City has moved to Co. D, Corpus Christi; and Ranger Chad Matlock, Co. D, Weslaco; has moved to Co. B, Garland.

Additionally, Lt. Kenneth Bond, Co. B, Tyler; Ranger Danny Young, Co. A, Beaumont; and Ranger Victor Patton, Co. B., Garland, have all announced their retirements.

Following the promotional process, the following were selected and will be promoted effective Oct. 1:

B.J. Hill, sergeant, highway patrol in Del Rio, to Texas Ranger, Co. D, Weslaco.

Pedro Fuentes, special agent, CID, Laredo, to Texas Ranger, Co. D, Laredo.

Jimmy Chatfield, special agent, CID, Wichita Falls, is on a 180-day eligibility list for Texas Ranger, Co. D, Laredo.



Travis Brazile



Eric Kasper



Todd Martin



J. Rodney Odom



Jeff Owles



Patrick Pena



Scott Shiver



Robert Smith



James Thomas



Kip Westmoreland



FRIENDS AND FELLOW Texas Rangers bid new Lt. Patrick Pena a farewell from Co. F headquarters in Waco as he takes on a new assignment in Tyler with Co. B. Major Corey Lain (left) and Lt. James Thomas are shown with Pena receiving an appreciation plaque for his service to Co. F. Pena and his wife Michelle have three children.

MAJOR GROVER Huff, new to Co. A in Houston, accepts a check from Curtis Denison, who once again is representing the Texas Oilmen's Charity Fishing Tournament, which this year raised \$3,500 for the Texas Ranger Association Foundation scholarship program. Then Lt. Kip Westmoreland of Co. A was also on hand to thank Denison and the oilmen. Westmoreland has since been promoted to captain and transferred to Austin. The tournament is an annual affair put on by the oilmen's group.





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el of leadership demonstrated by our previous chiefs.

The responsibilities placed on the shoulders of the Texas Rangers have never been heavier, more strictly scrutinized, or higher in expectations.

The men and women of our division work tirelessly to bring justice to the victims of unspeakable crimes, secure our border, execute high risk tactical operations, preserve lives and property during catastrophic events and many other responsibilities that routinely go unnoticed.

With retirements of several DPS executive positions, three members of the Ranger division were appointed to senior DPS leadership roles and detached from Ranger service.

On Sept. 1, we promoted two new Ranger majors, two Ranger captains and three Ranger lieutenants.

The leadership team of the division, and the department, has never been stronger, and I am extremely optimistic of the direction we are heading.

Co. B Sporting Clay Shoot



CO. E WAS well represented at the Co. B shoot by (left to right) Mike Smith, Texas Ranger Michael Adcock, TRAF Vice Chairman Dave Wilson, Stefan Wilson, J.L. Hibdon and TRAF Director Jerry Wellborn. The Co. E shoot is Oct. 6 in San Angelo.



AT&T HAD A shooting team made up of Eric Simpson, Texas Ranger Don Stoner and TRAF Co. B Director John Palmer. The Co. B shoot was held at Elm Fork Shooting Sports in Dallas.



THE ODOM FAMILY, Jennifer, Texas Ranger Lt. Jay and Young Wyatt, joined Sandy Hargrove in taking in the sights at the Co. B clay shoot in Dallas.

Sandy and her late parents, Ray and Johnnie Hargrove, have been supporters of TRAF since its inception in 1982, and have sponsored a dinner for the board of directors prior to each reunion weekend.



KRISTIN CRAWFORD is flanked (I-r) by Texas Rangers Nicholas Castle and Joshua Mason as she presents a winning .45 caliber to David Gaither. He was the winner of two pistols for the day, and donated both back for resale in the live auction.



THE TOP HIGH point honor for the all around went to Team TXT which was HIGH POINT honors in the men's overall comprised of (left to right) Chance Anzillo, Tracey Griffin, Tom McEnroe and Paul category went at Co. B's clay shoot DeRidder. The team has plans to compete against other shooters on the TRAF in Dallas went to Marty Markl (Mark sporting clays circuit.



Cavanaugh, accepting) while the HOA for women was won by Lindsey Sikes.



FORMER TRAF Chairman Steve Sikes (I-r), TRAF Director John Palmer and former Co. B Major and Retired Ranger Tony Bennie attended the clay shoot at Elm Fork. Proceeds from the Co. B shoot and those of other companies go toward funding scholarships for college students of active Texas Rangers. Each college-age student is eligible for up to \$4,000 per year, and this year 50 scholarships were awarded.



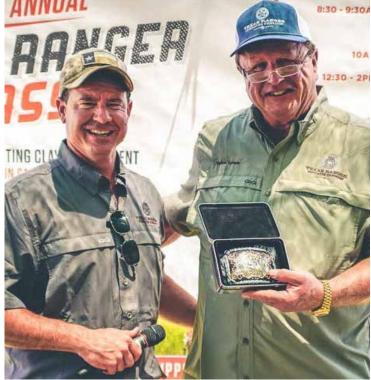
PIONEER RESOURCES Team members were Tadd Owens, Retired Texas Ranger Bob Bullock and Joe Hall. There are six Texas Ranger companies throughout the state plus the headquarters in Austin. The Texas Ranger Association Board is divided into the same six companies, and each has a sporting clays shoot during the year.



Co. F Sporting Clay Shoot



Sporting clays is an activity for the entire family.



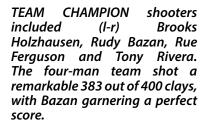
HIGH POINT Women's Championship went to Gracie HIGH OVERALL average runner-up honors went to tournament Newton, who knocked out 67 of 100 clay birds. She proudly chairman Tom Schleier, who had a great round with 98 of 100 displays her buckle she received from Major Corey Lain. clays hit. He receives his engraved buckle from Co. F Major Corey Lain.



TONY RIVERA shot 25 out of 25 to capture the 5-stand competition at the Co. F Clay Shoot in San Antonio. Tony was also on the championship team. Co. F Major Corey Lain presented him with a winning engraved belt buckle.



YOUNG TY ROARK shot an impressive 94 out of 100 to capture the 2018 Co. F Youth Division championship at the clay shoot. He is flanked by Major Corey Lain and TRAF Director and tournament chairman Tom Schleier as he receives his trophy buckle.







A 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN went to Leland Key who won the HEB Station Challenge. The Beretta 300A semiautomatic gun was presented to Key by tournament chairman Tom Schleier. HEB was the clay shoot chief sponsor at \$25,000 for Co. F, with proceeds funding \$4,000 scholarships for children of active Texas Rangers.



MAJOR COREY Lain presents the top prize for the overall championship of the 2018 Co. F shootout to Rudy Bazan, who marked a perfect 100 out of 100 scorecard. That's perfection any way you cut it.



HEB WAS THE chief sponsor of the 2018 Co. F Clay shoot championship in San Antonio. The grocery company contributed \$25,000 to the Texas **Association** Ranger Foundation, which uses proceeds from each company's shoot to fund scholarships for college age children of Texas Rangers. In front of the large HEB banner are (left to right) Darrell Scott Taylor of HEB, Co. F Major Corey Lain and TRAF director and HEB executive Rick Hernandez.

From TRAF headquarters -

Volunteer time paves the way

By Liz Myrick
TRAF Executive Director



Liz Myrick

We just returned from a great Clay Shoot for Co. B in Dallas. Weather reports the week leading up to it gave us pause and some pacing of the floors. Undeterred,

we headed out

of Waco the day before with sunny spirits under cloudy skies in a U-haul loaded with event supplies. While unpacking and praying in the rain, we were relying on grace.

Then God smiled on us with a beautiful morning. We are grateful to the many who joined us to support the Texas Rangers at the shoot which was by all accounts a success.

There is no more precious commodity than time and I'm astounded by the many volunteers who spend theirs generously to make all of our events possible.

Their commitment to the Texas Rangers is unquestionable and evidenced by their participation in committee meetings, securing sponsors, auction items and hard labor.

There are still three clay shoots to go in 2018 and one in the spring of 2019. It's another chance to come out and have a fun day out with friends helping the Texas Rangers.

- · Co. C, October 6, 2018, Lubbock
- · Co. E, October 6, 2018, San Angelo
- · Co. D, October 20, 2018, McAllen
- . Co. A, March 2, 2019, Houston

For more information visit our website, www.texasrangerclassics.com.

The Clay Shoots support the programs in our mission, one of which is scholarships. The foundation scholarship awards cycle is almost complete with the deadline for submission on October 1.

Its importance to Ranger families becomes more apparent every year.

A new survey conducted by the Princeton Review says the No. 1 worry among college applicants is the level of debt they take on to pay for a college degree. (In 2006, the top worry was they wouldn't get into their top choice of college.)

The survey results illustrate a much larger point: The cost of a college education has ballooned the last decade. The average student loan borrower graduates with \$29,400 in student loan debt, and the nation's total student debt load passed \$1 trillion for the first time last year.

In 2013, for the first time, grants and scholarships became the single biggest way students paid their tuition and fees.

A recent Sallie Mae study revealed that 30 percent of the average bill is being covered by grants and scholarships, with parental borrowing taking care of 28 percent.

The goal of our scholarship program is to help alleviate as much burden as possible for the Ranger families.

It's just one of the many ways our extensive network of friends and donors are actively involved to support the Texas Rangers.

For this, we thank you, again.

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