

Straight Talk

The Newsmagazine of the Former Texas Rangers Association

3RD ANNUAL CELEBRATE TEXAS



Of the many events the Former Texas Rangers Foundation have hosted in 2018, the first was our Celebrate Texas Series. This full day celebration took place on Saturday, March 17, 2018 with opening ceremonies beginning at 10 am. Throughout the day, visitors enjoyed native american history and culture, musical entertainment, historical re-enactments, cannon firings, cowboy speakers and poets, campfire stories, trick roping, food, craft vendors, and more. We were happy to have Texas singer and songwriter K.R. Wood and The Gone To Texas Band along with The Old Chisholm Trail Western Variety Show joining us again this year. This wonderful production tells the tale of the Old Chisholm Trail through stories, songs and a cast of performers.

We were proud to host the Circle of Life Fredericksburg Gathering of members of the Comanche and Apache Nations again this year. This event was held in conjunction with our 2018 Celebrate Texas Series. The Circle of Life Gathering included a full day of music and dance with historical lessons, Lipan Apache exhibit & educational teepee as well as native food & craft vendors.

We are very excited to see the wonderful outpouring of support that has grown for Celebrate Texas. We will continue to expand and incorporate more participants from across the state to make this event the largest of its kind in Texas. It has all been made possible from our wonderful visitors, members, and volunteers like you!



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Greetings from Mesquite, Texas. I am thankful for this opportunity to serve as President of the Former Texas Rangers Association. In May, at the FTRA annual membership meeting held at the Texas Rangers Heritage Center in Fredericksburg, I changed saddles with Gary Henderson. Gary has performed an exceptional job as FTRA President over the past year.

First, I want to convey a bit of my experience as a Texas Ranger. My appointment became effective January 1, 1977, when Bill Wilson was the Senior Ranger Captain and Captain J. L. "Skippy" Rundell was the Assistant Commander. I was assigned to Texas Rangers Company "A" Houston, commanded by Captain J. F. "Pete" Rogers along with Sergeant Grady Sessums. I felt highly honored to become a member of this elite group and joined Kelly Whitehead and Henry Manning as one of the three Rangers assigned to the Houston office.

Within a few short weeks, I would interact and work with all Co. "A" Rangers including; Maurice Cook, Livingston; C. A. "Charlie" Neel, Lufkin; W. F. "Bill" Quinn, Navasota; Ray

Scholton, Columbus; Everitt Smith, Jasper; Wesley Styles, Huntsville; Haskell Taylor, Beaumont; Johnny Smith, Liberty; Carl Weathers, Bay City; and L. C. White, San Augustine. Ranger secretaries Inez McTaggart and Marlene King also gave of their time and talent by helping me adjust to my new responsibilities.

On May 5, 2018, the Former Texas Rangers Association gathered in Fredericksburg for the annual membership meeting. This has been a long standing tradition since the inception of the FTRA in 1897. The event saw over 200 retired Texas Rangers and descendants, gathered together for fellowship, support, and mutual purpose.

The Association has had a busy year with many cross ceremonies around the state. I am very pleased to see the number of new descendants coming forward every month with a desire to mark the graves of their honored Ranger. I feel this program will continue to grow in visibility to the general public and result in growing our ranks of membership to new heights. We count on members like you to continue to share the rich history of our Association and the memorial cross program with others.

Best Regards,

Ralph Wadsworth, President
Texas Ranger, Retired

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Former Texas Rangers Foundation



This year has really flown by and I hope this finds everyone doing well. First, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support as we move forward to complete Phase II of the Texas Rangers Heritage Center. Thanks to our office staff and volunteers the "Silver Stars & Six Guns" Gala held on October 13th in San Marcos was a huge success with nearly 500 attending.

We have received many compliments from those who were in attendance. Many stated that it was one of the best galas including the food and entertainment. We were honored to have Chuck Norris and his wife Gena as special guests. The FTRF presented Chuck Norris with a Lifetime membership for his role as "Walker, Texas Ranger".

The Major John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company members will be having their annual membership meeting at the Texas Rangers Heritage Center on November 3rd. All Masons and their spouses are invited to attend. It will include an outdoor lodge meeting followed by entertainment, dinner, and a short program at the pavilion on "Lodge Security".

On December 1st, we will have our Annual Ranger Christmas Program. All the children attending will have the opportunity to meet with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. A Ranger Camp will also be set up where the kids can be sworn in as Junior Texas Rangers. Food and drinks will be available and there is no charge to attend this event.

As you know the TRHC pavilion is available for rental and members receive a discount. We have had quite a few weddings and other events this year which goes towards the operation expenses. Contact Erin Hall at our office if you are interested in having an event there.

The TRHC has been averaging about 1000 visitors a month and of course many are interested in knowing when Phase II will be completed. So that you will know, our plan is to have Phase II open and running by 2023 which will be the 200th Anniversary of the Texas Rangers.

To make this happen, we need your help. There are several ways you can do this. First make a tax-deductible gift that fits into your budget. Give us names of other people, companies, or Foundations that you know that might make a gift. We will be glad to contact them or let you set up an appointment so we might meet with them.

Other ways you can help is to raise your rank in membership, sign up new members, or sell a bronze. As I have said before, you are our ambassadors in the field. Let your friends and acquaintances know how they can be a part of the legend, the lore, and the law – the Texas Rangers. With your help we will get it done!

Please contact the office if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. We are only a phone call away. Be sure and come by our office if you are in Fredericksburg. You are always welcome.

I will close by wishing each of you and your families the very best during the upcoming holiday season.

Happy trails!

**Joe B. Davis, President
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The last nine months in 2018 have gone by quickly. It was hard to believe the 18th Annual Silver Stars & Six Guns Gala has already come and gone. During my Chairman's State of the Foundation Address, what laid so heavily on my heart was the Texas Rangers themselves and why we are all members. Over the 13 years as a Board Member and 4 years as Chairman, I have experienced some very unique opportunities and met some folks I would have never met had it not been for the Foundation and all the events and outreaches the Board and office staff have hosted. The Foundation attracts folks that are loyal to Texas and really know who the Texas Rangers are and what they stand for.

Our members grow as more hear about us and find out what our mission is. We picked up many new members at this year's Gala. One new member who joined, Todd DeGidio, is from Uvalde, and a former U.S. Special Forces and retired Houston police officer. He operates the OX Ranch, a place where WWII enthusiast can go and drive real military tanks, armored vehicles, and fire real authentic era firearms. We were fortunate to have others also join that night and the following days afterward. I would encourage each of you to spread the word about us and who and what we do. There are people out there who are eager to help us if they only knew about us.

Outside our building campaign, our focus has been our Lone Star Ranger Academy Education Program, which is dedicated to instilling moral values, virtuous actions and personal responsibility in our youth by introducing the "Five Character

Traits" of a Texas Ranger; Courage, Determination, Dedication, Respect and Integrity. Our program's purpose, outside of the teaching of the character traits, is to ensure the youth of today and tomorrow will know who the real Texas Rangers were and are. Several Board and FTRF members, past and present, have worked very hard on this mission, and it is ready to launch. Our first rollout will be with San Marcos Academy, and then we will have others lining up. We would love nothing more than to have our Texas Ranger Character Program in every school in Texas (private and public). So my hat is off to the Education Committee. The Education Committee is also looking at more future grants and donors to sponsor this initiative. To learn more about this program and who to contact to reach your local school, please go to www.trhc.org.

We can all agree that without the Rangers, Texas would not be what it is today. And today the Rangers still stand vigilant in their role as protectors of our State and the Texas flag. As I mentioned above, I have greatly appreciated meeting the folks I have over the past 13 years. This year I was fortunate to meet Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Norris, and along with Ranger Davis, present him with a lifetime membership rank of Major and Badge in our Foundation. What a true American Patriot! From serving his country in the Air Force Security Forces, to his patriotic pro-American movies, to the world's most noted Texas Ranger, Mr. Norris has represented the American and Texas people well. Mr. Norris, again thank for your service to our country and for all your valiant efforts in your portrayal of a Texas Ranger.

I would be remiss if I did not speak of those who brought us all together ... the Ranger. As I prepared for what to say – what came to me was from the heart of two-men that passed away this past year – two men who should have been

with us this year -- Ranger Captains Carl Weathers and Grady Sessums. Being with the Foundation for so many years and having the annual Gala and other events/meetings annually, I feel like FTRF is a real family. That is why to me, personally, losing the Captains stings a bit. In my Gala address, I mentioned both. I will never forget the year I received the Associations President's award. There I was on the stage talking, and I could relive that moment and hear every word that Captain Weathers said in his distinct and very clear voice. I will never forget that memory – it is solid, definitely a lifetime highlight for me and will always be.

My point of remembering these fine men we lost was the fact we lost them before they could see the vision come to reality ... the vision of the Texas Ranger Heritage Center. So I am asking each you, as a committed member, to think of others who can step up to help us make this vision come to life. A partner that can team up with us to make the dream ... the vision ... a reality. It may only take a few Texans to do this; it may take only a couple of committed corporate sponsorships. But whatever it takes, it must be completed! We must not fail in ensuring the True Accurate and Historic Reservation of the Texas Rangers – past, present and future – for Texas generations to come.

Thank each of you for your efforts and support of our Foundation ... and God Bless the Texas Rangers, all your families, and the Great State of Texas.

Respects,

Chad Stary

Chad D. Stary
Foundation Chairman

FTRA Annual Meeting - May 5, 2018

On May 5, 2018, the Association gathered together to hold its annual meeting of Rangers and their descendants in Fredericksburg at the Texas Rangers Heritage Center. This is always the highlight of the year for many FTRA members and has been a tradition since the Association's inception in 1897. Retired Ranger Ralph Wadsworth kicked off the meeting with a warm welcome and recognition of those Rangers and their wives in attendance as well as descendants of Rangers and Foundation members.

President Wadsworth presided over the business meeting, a presentation to San Antonio Boy Scout Troop #511 was made and members enjoyed another great meal from Bill Miller B-B-Q of San Antonio. Association Chaplain Rusty Frasier presided over the memorial service for the Rangers we had lost over the past year which included Adolfo "Al" Cuellar, Billy Joe Gunn, Capt. Grady Sessums, Danny Rhea, and Royal A. McMullin. It was a wonderful service and will be remembered by everyone in attendance.



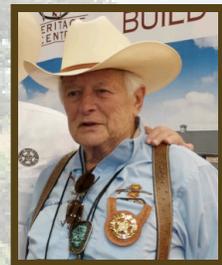
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The Former Texas Rangers office has implemented a database system that will streamline data entry for all our membership information. We are offering members the ability to join the Former Texas Rangers email list that will keep them notified of events, Cross Ceremonies and even receive the StraightTalk newsletter by email. We are asking all members to either mail in the form below or visit www.trhc.org, click on the Member Contact Information Update under the About Us tab at the top and complete the online form to ensure that the information we have on file is accurate and up to date.



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The Board of Directors wants to reiterate the proper use and wear of the F'TRF and F'TRA membership badges. Badges may only be worn at official F'TRA and F'TRF sanctioned events: cross ceremonies, membership meetings, fundraisers, etc.

Lapel pins may be worn every day as a way to support and spread the word about the F'TRA and F'TRF. Should you have any questions in regards to the commemorative badges, feel free to contact the office at 830-990-1192.

2018 TEXAS RANGER DAY

August 4, 2018 was the date for the 2nd Annual Texas Ranger Day & History Symposium on the grounds of the Texas Rangers Heritage Center. The event kicked off at 9:45 am with an address from Foundation President, Retired Ranger Joe Davis. Last year, Mayor of Fredericksburg Mrs. Linda Langerhans, read the proclamation that declared August 5, 2017 as Texas Ranger Day. Our second year event saw a large list of activities for everyone, including Ranger camps from our living history group, cannon demonstrations, period weapon and equipment displays, and much more.

After the opening ceremony, we began the history symposium with a talk from Mr. Stephen L. Moore, author of the Savage Frontier series, Texas Rising and Eighteen Minutes, the Battle of San Jacinto. The second speaker for the symposium was Mr. Mike Cox, FTRA Associate Historian and author. We couldn't have been more pleased with the quality of the lectures and caliber of authors and historians who were able to speak on these topics.

We are thrilled with the outpouring of excitement and support we received from the attendees of the day's events. A very special thanks to our sponsors, the Former Texas Rangers Foundation Board of Directors, the Headquarters Co. Rangers and all of our loyal and dedicated members. We will be able to build off of the success we have had with the Texas Ranger Day series and develop it into an annual event that grows in size and scope every year. We hope you will be able to attend next year's Texas Ranger Day in August of 2019, and celebrate with us the history and the legacy of the Texas Rangers.



BEHIND THE BADGE

STORIES FROM THE RANGERS OF THE FTRA



Capt. Carl Weathers - Texas Ranger, Retired - (1974 - 2002)

Some You Chase and Some You Wait On

-The investigation file of Guadalupe Pena "Flaco" Tijerina on the murder of Ramon Torres on March 12th, 1982, in Palacios, Texas, as reviewed and shared by Allen S. Lance.

Capt. Weathers had suggested I find a little spot on the top of the hill where two bordering lands met with their fence lines forming an "L". With my terrain being very exposed with only the occasional mesquite bush, I would be unable to move about and look for the animal; however, the other side of the fences to the south and west were heavily wooded, and knowing the behavior of the animal being hunted, Capt. Weathers knew it would only be a matter of waiting for adjacent hunters to drive the animal my way or possibly the luck of the animals browsing habits might bring him out. So, I found a promising little clump of mesquite bushes with a fortuitous rock in the midst and took a seat, and waited. I could not help but bounce the comparison of the Capt.'s hunting tip back and forth in my mind and his knowledge, even intuition, of people and animals alike, as I curiously reviewed the file, investigation notes, and activities surrounding the hunt for "Flaco".

It was May of 1993, the Capt., then Lt. Weathers, was in Waco, Texas, supervising a group of Texas Rangers investigating the Branch Davidian shoot-out and subsequent stand-off with the A.T.F., when the Lt. received a page from Steven Reis, the District Attorney for Matagorda County. Reis inquired, in hopeful petition, if the Lt. by any chance remembered a murder in Palacios, Texas in 1982. Immediately, the Lt. retorted with the name Tijerina. And even if the name hadn't been so easily retrieved from his keen memory, the investigation of that murder 11 years earlier, set nice and neat, orderly, and with confident thoroughness, back at the office. First, how had it all begun? To answer this, I began with a look at the Criminal Offense Report.

The offense was murder and the victim was 33 year old Ramon Sandoval Torres. At 9:57p.m. on 3-12-82, officer Manuel T. Tobias of the Palacios Police Dept. was called to the scene of a shooting at the Kwik-Way grocery located at State Hwy 35 and 8th street where he found Torres lying on his back in the parking lot, bleeding profusely from a gunshot wound to the neck. It seems like all, or at least a great number of gunshot wounds to the neck fall into two categories; a minor scratch, or the carotid artery type, in which profusely is the minimal description available for the bleeding that ensues. Tobias thought he recognized Torres and confirmed his identity by his drivers license. An Ambulance took Torres to Wagner General hospital where he was pronounced dead at 10:32 p.m. Two teenage boys, Charlie Michalik and his friend, Robert Sells, described to Tobias what they had seen.

They told Tobias they had just exited their vehicle and were entering the Kwik-Way grocery when they saw a Mexican male, about 5'7", 140 lbs, with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a light brown cowboy hat, get out of the passenger side of a red 1976 or '77 Chevrolet Malibu Classic, walk up to the victim, who was in conversation with another man. He then drew a pistol, possibly from his pants, and shot the victim, whom they did not know, from about 2 feet away. As the victim fell to the ground, the assailant quickly returned to the red Malibu, which was occupied and driven by someone else, also unknown to Charlie and Robert. The red car then left south on 8th street. Charlie stated that the shooter held the gun in his right hand and described the gun as a "good size gun with a short barrell" and he thought "the butt of the gun was white".

It was early the next morning, 7:05 a.m. to be precise; Texas Ranger Pvt. Carl Weathers receives a phone call from Chief of Police Jim Wilson regarding the shooting the night before at the Kwik-Way. Ranger Weathers leaves from Bay City, where he was stationed, and heads out to Palacios, to spend a long Saturday with Chief

Wilson on the hunt. Ranger Weathers gathers what information is available and lines up where to go and who to talk to. 9:15 a.m. finds Ranger Weathers at the Taylor Brothers funeral home for the autopsy observation. Dr. Richard Johnston commences with the autopsy, of which the cause of death is no great mystery, but the details and evidence documentation must be completed.

The bullet entered the right front of the throat passing through the carotid artery, then through the spine and stopping just below the skin at the back of the neck leaving a large bruise. The bullet was removed from the center of the back of the neck at 9:30 a.m. and given to Ranger Weathers at which time it was tagged as evidence to be submitted to the lab for ballistics details and analysis. There was no visible stippling in or around the wound, indicating the shot was fired from a distance of approximately 2 feet or more, this being consistent with the statements given by Charlie Michalik and Robert Sells. Through the traditional groundwork of officers canvassing and interviewing numerous people, another witness was found. Ramon Guerrero, 29, had been at the Kwik-Way grocery just prior to the time of the shooting, and had seen Torres arguing with Guadalupe Pena Tijerina, Sr.. He later returned to the store, possibly out of curiosity, to find Torres lying on the ground.

It was determined that Guadalupe Pena Tijerina, Sr. was the other party that Charlie and Robert had seen speaking with Torres, when the assailant walked up and shot Torres. Although amazingly, upon interviewing Mr. Tijerina Sr., he could not say anything with respect to the identity or description of the shooter. However; as is often the case, and known to any good investigator, of which the rising Ranger would prove to be one of the best, one dead-end is potentially the next lead. So, with Tijerina Sr. not forthcoming with information; maybe what he did not want known, could be discovered by simply looking "close to home" as it were. As it turned out, Tijerina Sr. had a son-in-law that drove a red 1977 Chevrolet Malibu. His name was David LaBorde.

Following an initial interview at his mother's house there in Palacios, David LaBorde voluntarily came in, and after being duly warned and waiving his rights, described the details of that Friday night, of March 12th, to Ranger Weathers. David said that Friday night, around 7:30, he was at his brother-in-law's house. His brother-in-law being Guadalupe Pena Tijerina Jr., brother of his wife, Maria. David, Tijerina Jr. (Lupe, as David referred to him in the interview), and Maria had decided to go rabbit hunting. David went on to tell about the rabbit hunt, and stated that Lupe had shot a rabbit out at the Palacios City trash dump. When questioned about the firearms they had, David stated he had a single shot .22-caliber rifle and that Lupe had an automatic .22-caliber rifle. After riding around for a while and not seeing any more rabbits, they re-entered the city on Hwy 35, and at the urging of Lupe, they turned into the Kwik-Way grocery.

David was driving, Maria was sitting in the front-middle, and Lupe was sitting in the front-passenger side. Lupe got out of the car and walked up to his father and another man, who were talking outside the store. David said that he was not watching the events, but did hear two shots fired. Lupe then walked back to the car and said, "let's go!". David told the Ranger that he figured Lupe had shot into the air. As they drove away, at David and Maria's inquiry, Lupe told them that he had shot the man (that had been arguing with his father). David stated that, at hearing this, he stopped the car and told Lupe to get out, and that he did not want anything to do with any of this.

David stated that he never did see the gun that Lupe used; and that he didn't even know Lupe had a pistol with him until after he fired the two shots. David said he did not know where Lupe went after getting out of his car. David and Maria went on home and went to bed. The next morning David went to his mother's house where she informed him that Ramon Torres had been shot the night before and killed. David stated that hearing of this scared him, because he now knew who it was who Lupe had shot. David said he didn't call the police, because he did not want to "get involved in it".

Ranger Weathers immediately followed this interview with an interview of Maria Leticia LaBorde, the sister of Guadalupe Pena Tijerina. Maria's statement was basically a mirror of her husband's statement, with one notable addition. Maria stated, "Ramon Torres had cut my brother's (Lupe) throat a long time ago". Maria

also stated that although Lupe did not name Torres at the scene she knew that was whom he had shot. She said she did not see the pistol, but she had seen Lupe's hand was in his waist.

With less than 24 hours into the investigation, Ranger Weathers now had the suspect identified. First thing for Ranger Weathers to do was catch him before he could run and hide. After he got the hunt underway, he could proceed with gathering more evidence, such as weapon and ballistics. But, all the evidence in the world is useless with no suspect. But the flip side of this is almost just as true. A suspect with no evidence or witness will remain just that, a suspect, rather than a convict. Therefore, the Ranger at once filed a complaint with Judge Jack Dooley, Justice of the Peace for Matagorda Co., charging Guadalupe Pena Tijerina Jr. with murder. Judge Dooley expeditiously issued warrant #1790.

Ranger Weathers had learned that Lupe was a Mexican National with relatives in Mexico and went by the nickname of "Flaco" (the Spanish word for skinny or slim); and fearing that he might flee to Mexico, the Ranger put out a Publication of Wanted Person in CAS Bulletin that read: Wanted for Murder - Matagorda County, Warrant Number - 1790, Guadalupe Pena Tijerina, white (Hispanic) male, 5'5", 140lbs., black hair, brown eyes, date of birth 8-24-56, nickname "Flaco", and Aliases; Guadalupe Pena, Jose Pena, Lupe Tijerina, and Jose Tijerina. Subject is a Mexican National. He has relatives in Houston, San Antonio, Palacios, and Old Mexico. The publication went on to give SSN no., FBI and DPS file numbers, and a mugshot, with request to notify Chief of Police of Palacios or Ranger Carl A. Weathers with any information. Not a bad days work.

With the word out on "Flaco" and a close eye on family and friends for his return or whereabouts, Ranger Weathers submitted the bullet retrieved from Torres to the DPS lab in Austin, which stated; "One fired lead bullet. It is requested that an examination be made to determine: caliber determination and possible make and type of weapon from which it was fired." With two witnesses actually seeing the shots fired, two more now placing "Flaco" at the scene and confessing he shot a man, and also a history of violence established between the victim and the suspect, Ranger Weathers took his investigation back to the streets. As Ranger Weathers continued to speak to acquaintances of "Flaco", yet another source of valuable information surfaced. Sonia Duran informed the Ranger that on the evening of February 25th, 1982, Guadalupe Tijerina (Flaco) had come to her house in his father's brown ford pickup, blowing the horn, wanting her to come outside. She did go outside, and at the urging of Lupe, to get into the vehicle and out of the rain, she got inside the pickup.

At this point, he began to drive off, at which Sonia expressed her desire to get out and asked Lupe to stop. He stated that he was not going to hurt her, locked her door, and drove to a nearby location, where after parking, he began to question her to whether her father, Gilbert Duran, or Ramon Torres, had been asking about or talking about him. He also inquired as to where Ramon Torres lived. Sonia went on to state "about this time he showed me a pistol, I don't know where he had it. He said that if he ever saw my daddy or Ramon alone that he was going to shoot them. Then he placed the gun on the dashboard. It was a midsize pistol, chrome plated, with light brown grips. Then he took me back home and asked me if I would see him again. I told him no; then he left. Guadalupe has threatened to shoot me several times."

The Ranger now had established a premeditated intent on the part of Guadalupe Tijerina to kill Ramon Torres, along with a description of the gun and identification as a .38-caliber pistol. With the weekend over, Monday morning brought a review of all the evidence and statements already amassed on the investigation of the Torres murder. The check that was run on "Flaco" yielded a hit; it turned out that on 10-28-79, Guadalupe Pena Tijerina was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, but was later dismissed. You know how it goes, seems you can't get some people to admit they were the one assaulted; they would rather settle things themselves. Ranger Weathers had the low-down on "Flaco", or as he might say, the "skinny on 'skinny'". Now, he simply needed to find him.

On May 26th, 1982, Detective Robert Valdez of the Pharr Police Dept. of Pharr, Texas contacted Ranger Weathers. Come to find out, Detective Valdez and "Flaco" were related. Detective Valdez had received a letter from Tijerina on 4-26-82. Tijerina was in hiding in Reynosa, Mexico. In the letter, Tijerina went on to say he was also wanted by the Mexican Authorities for crimes in Mexico. It was apparently a concern of Tijerina that he would rather go to jail in the U.S. as opposed to a Mexican jail. Detective Valdez advised Ranger

Weathers he would continue communicating with Tijerina, if possible, and try and talk him into meeting on the U.S. side of the border.

On June 15th, 1982, indictment #6242 was returned on Guadalupe Pena Torres. Well, now Ranger Weathers had a solid investigation, an indictment, and it appeared he knew where the suspect was. Yet, he couldn't go and get him. Like that animal, just on the other side of the adjacent land; so close you can hear others hunting him, and all you can do is wait. On July 19th, 1982 the Firearms Section of the DPS Crime Lab returned the results of the analysis on the bullet submitted by Ranger Weathers in the Torres murder. The report read in part: "We have completed our examination and wish to report that it is our opinion, the evidence bullet is .38-caliber (including .357 magnum) and was fired from a weapon capable of firing .38 special and/or .357 magnum caliber cartridges and exhibiting five lands and grooves inclined but are not limited to the following: Ruger, and Smith & Wesson. With Tijerina in Mexico, all the Ranger could do was add another solid piece of evidence, which linked with witness statements, completed the puzzle that could one day be presented to a jury, if and when Tijerina were captured.

Steven Reis expressed his joy at hearing Lt. Weathers recollection of the Tijerina case, but expressed regret that the preceding D.A.'s administration had apparently discarded, or at least, lost the file, and that all that remained was one little scrap of paper indicating that a then Texas Ranger Pvt. Carl Weathers had conducted the investigation. Again, he petitioned with hope that the Lt. might have any of his investigation, or copies. Lt. Weathers confirmed Reis' biggest hopes; that in fact, he had the complete file, and not copies, but originals. The Ranger had seen more than one file lost by a D.A.'s office and others, and long before this case, made it a habit of keeping the original investigation until such time as needed for, and on past, prosecution.

Now, the big question, why the need for the file; although he knew why, what he really wanted to know was the details that had brought the need for the file. Apparently, the Pharr, Texas DPS office had an intelligent individual enter their location wishing to obtain a Texas driver's license. Upon giving his name, Guadalupe Pena Tijerina, you can imagine the bells and whistles the computer emitted. "Flaco"; either, never saw a computer, didn't understand shared data bases, or thought they had time sensitive memories, didn't even bother to give a false name. He might as well have just strolled right in there and practically turned himself in as it turned out.

The good thing about criminals is that very seldom is a criminal only a criminal in one place. It is rare that a criminal commits one heinous crime and then goes off and never commits another crime. If his character is such that he would commit a crime of violence, then odds are, he's a violent person and will do it again somewhere else. And anyone that is so stupid as to tell others he's going to kill someone, name the person, flash the gun, and then do it right in front of unbiased witnesses, then immediately tell others he just shot someone; well, this leopard is unlikely to change his spots. Which is to say, if someone doesn't kill him first; in all likelihood, he will be under pursuit and chased everywhere he goes, and it's only a matter of time until he is chased again.

On March 7th, 1994, the District Clerk of Matagorda Co., issued the Summon for Capt. Carl Weathers, of Co. C, Texas Rangers, Lubbock, Texas for the trial of Cause no. 6242 The State of Texas Vs. Guadalupe Pena Tijerina, for his testimony on the murder of Ramon Torres. Capt. Weathers did testify along with all the witnesses, who were, as fate would have it, still in the area. The trial was a slam-dunk and "Flaco" was sentenced to 50 years in the State Penitentiary.

Several lessons are to be learned from Capt. Weathers' exploits concerning "Flaco". First, and as always, nothing beats a solid investigation. Second, never give all the copies of your investigation to the D.A.'s office, or anyone else for that matter. Save at least a copy of everything for your future need. Hold on to that file Ranger; you never know when you will need it. If you give away your whole file and then your man jumps back over the fence, you might as well be sitting in clump of mesquite bushes in freezing weather with no bullets. Lastly, there's some criminals you chase and then there's some you have to wait on; because, like that animal on the other side of the fence; if someone else is chasing him, there's a good chance that they may chase him back your way; or may simply come back out of curiosity, even 11 years later.

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SILVER STARS
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SIX GUNS



The 2nd weekend of October wrapped up the 18th annual Silver Stars & Six Guns Gala for the Former Texas Rangers Foundation. Boasting a crowd of almost 500, the event was a huge success with a 35% increase in the combined Live and Silent auctions. The event, held at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel & Conference Center on October 12 – 14th, kicked off with Donna Jackson, Hill Country soprano, singing the “National Anthem” and “Texas, Our Texas.” San Antonio meteorologist, Bill Dante, made a repeat performance as emcee.



Special guest Chuck Norris of "Walker, Texas Ranger" fame was inducted into the Foundation membership. Mike Harvey, Jamie Wayt and Bryce Wayt of Cimarron Firearms presented Mr. Norris with a one-of-a-kind special engraved Frontier .45LC and Al Frisch gave him a custom gun belt and holster from Bianchi Leathers of California.



Association President Ralph Wadsworth presented the 16th Presidential Award to FTRF Board Member Greg Thrower and wife Carole for their outstanding service to the Foundation in the past year.

Foundation President Joe Davis gives the opening address to a large audience for the Saturday night event. Ranger Davis gave an introduction of the Foundation Scholarship Program and the 2018 recipients.



(Pictured left to right) Ms. Alyssa Bennett, Mr. Morgan Gooding, Ms. Wendi Locklar and (not pictured). This year the FTRF awarded, with the help of our generous donors, four scholarships to the children of active Texas Rangers, totaling \$9,000. The framed certificates were presented by Chairman of the Board Chad Stary.



Buck Buchanan, auctioneer of College Station, kept the 33 lot auction rolling, raising over \$131,000 and featured custom one-of-a-kind firearms, western art, vacation stays and Texas Ranger memorabilia.

Wrapping up the evening, Fredericksburg's own Derek Spence and the Tribute to George Strait band delighted the dancing crowd.







TEXAS IRON

GUNS OF THE TEXAS RANGERS

By Bob Moser, Capt. USA (retired)
FTRA Weapons Historian

In our past articles, we have discussed the numerous post-modern firearms carried and utilized by our Texas Rangers. My favorites will always be the Colt Single Action Model 1873 Peacemaker in .45 caliber and the Colt 1911 .45 automatic pistols in Government and Commander Models. One of the questions that is often asked is “Did the Department of Public Safety order and issue any nickel-plated Government Model 1911’s?” The answer is Yes.

I have in my collection a nickel-plated Government Model .45 ACP pistol that was purchased post war by the Texas DPS. This pistol is pictured in my book “Texas Iron”. It came with the original Colt factory letter stating that this nickel plated 1911 A1 was sent to Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas, Department of Public Safety property officer on 11 February, 1948. The “Blue Card” which was the inventory record used at the time to list the individuals assigned usage of the weapon. This example lists ownership by five distinguished DPS officers.

One is Captain Bob Mitchell who commanded F Company, Waco showing issue on 9 April 1980. After WW II, Colt had numerous 1911 parts on hand that they assembled into complete pistols and sold them to police agencies at a reduced price. The DPS purchased numerous 1911s in this category that they issued in the early 1950s.

When they became surplus, it was reported that some of the Ranger Captains allowed their Rangers to obtain these for their personal use. It was later rumored when some “popped up” in the civilian world, the DPS property officer requested their return and stated that they were never properly released from inventory.

One of the Rangers who is mentioned in my book and for this story requested he remain anonymous, had one of these that belonged to his father. The story goes that due to a circumstance out of his control his father had to leave the pistol in Mexico. This Ranger personally retrieved his fathers 1911 A1 from Mexico. For sentimental reasons he was not willing to surrender it. Eventually the dust settled and I am not aware of many of this group being returned. Just a bit of Ranger trivia.

I will next talk briefly on the Sig Sauer P220 and P226 double action pistols. The Sig Sauer P220 one of the first of the “black guns” was chamber in 45ACP. It was for a time the standard issue DPS and Texas Ranger side arm. These pistols had a relatively short service life and were eventually replaced by the Sig Sauer P226 double action semiautomatic pistol in .357 Sig caliber. Both of these models were phased out and replaced by the Sig Sauer P226 in 9mm caliber.

When these pistols became surplus to the Department of Public Safety they were offered up for purchase by the assigned Ranger at a very accommodating purchase price. In approximately 2009, when the DPS changed over to the P226 double action only 9mm pistol, the new service pistols were not met with great enthusiasm. The DA/SA Model 226 as stated in .357 Sig caliber was a better version. The .357 Sig cartridge has great velocity being basically a 9mm magnum. It is a .40 cartridge case cut down to accept a 9mm bullet projectile. I’m sure cost and not only logistics was a factor in dropping the .357 Sig caliber as their costs are quite a bit more than the commonly produced 9mm.

The United States Military standardized all pistol ammo to 9mm parabellum with the exception of Special Operations Units which preferred the .45 ACP. The trend toward standardization may be good logistically but not always preferred in actual field operations. As the modern Rangers are basically allowed to carry an appropriate pistol of their choice, many still chose the regulation P226. Others chose ones that fit their need and personality such as the Colts, Glocks, Sig Sauers or Para Ordnance to mention a few.

But that’s another story....



Texas Rangers Heritage Center Bulletin

Well, it's been an exciting year thus far at the Rangers Center and Pavilion as we continue to be a premier location for large events in Fredericksburg. In March we hosted "Celebrate Texas" and "Boots and Badges," both events showing a tremendous turnout. In May, the Former Texas Rangers Association held their annual meeting and get together, plus a Law Enforcement Tribute co-sponsored by the FTRF and Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #794. In June, the Wounded Warriors had a huge event followed by "Texas Ranger Day" in August, which is always a showcase event.

The Fredericksburg Republican Tea Party held a fund raising event here in September that was as big an event as we've ever hosted. Throughout the spring and summer we were busy with many weddings, senior citizens tours and Scouting events, as well. As October comes to an end, we're gearing up for more weddings and city sponsored events of a Chamber Mixer and "Fun After 5:00" in November. Rounding out the year will be our "Ranger Christmas" which continues to grow and supply a wonderful seasonal celebration focusing on the kids.

Visitation numbers are up, merchandise sales and donations continue to increase from 2017, so until Phase Two begins the TRHC and Pavilion are supplying great visibility for the FTRF and attracting visitors. Since we have opened the TRHC in September of 2015 we have had over 30,000 visitors! Many thanks to all of our volunteers here at the TRHC for without them we could have not attained the current success we're experiencing. Let's all continue to support the efforts of the FTRF and help make Phase Two a reality very soon!

Duke Davis
Site Manager
Texas Rangers Heritage Center

TEXAS RANGERS TALES

By Mike Cox, FTRA Associate Historian

"Who WAS that masked man?" not only is one of the classic lines from "The Long Ranger" television series, it underscores an Old West truism.

Many an outlaw covered his face when robbing a bank, stage or train. But in an era when the telegraph was as high-tech as it got communication-wise, concealing your true identity was not that hard. That certainly was the case with a non-gentleman known as California Jim. Whether he thought up the name or someone else bestowed it is not known.

To further complicate any effort to learn more about him, California Jim was not his only nickname or alias. He also went by "Six-Shooter" Smith (pleasingly alliterative if not particularly original), or, the more formal if still unimaginative, James W. Smith. To muddy the horse trough even more, this fellow wasn't the only bad guy known as California Jim or "Six-Shooter" Smith.

Whatever his righteous name, he may or may not have been born bad but he sure went bad. The only relatively solid information about California Jim is the circumstances leading to his death. One of Texas' meaner if little-known hard cases, California Jim died of sudden onset Winchester disease one summer day in 1882 in the South Texas brush country.

He may have been from Missouri, where on his death bed he said he had a brother who lived in Neosho, just east of the Kansas border. If he did hail from the Show Me State, as a young man, he headed west. Motivated by a desire for money and afflicted with an over fondness for booze, California Jim caused trouble in New Mexico and Arizona and Gainesville in Texas before ending up in Laredo.

Most likely he got there on the International and Great Northern Railroad, which connected San Antonio with the old border town on the Rio Grande. In need of cash, he pawned his six-shooter for \$5 and got a job as a cook at the Beehive Restaurant.

On July 17, California had a disagreement with the owner of the eatery and was most likely fired, though accounts of the incident are ambiguous on that point. After collecting his wages, he returned to the pawn shop and got his pistol out of hock. Then he walked back to the aptly named Beehive intent on smoking the owner.

The proprietor prudently notified the city marshal's office and assistant marshal A. A. Johnson soon arrived to preserve the peace. Seeing the lawman about to enter the restaurant, California slammed the door and fired through it as he hastened toward the back door.

The bullet hit the lawman in the chest and traveled around inside his body, piercing his intestines and then coming to a rest near his spine. Still standing, Johnson pronounced that he had been killed but managed to walk to a nearby drugstore. The medical art of the day powerless to save him, Johnson died hard at 3 a.m. on June 19.

California Jim, meanwhile, had fled Laredo and was believed to be heading toward San Antonio. The

Webb County sheriff and deputies were hot on his trail. "There is considerable talk about Judge Lynch disposing of him in case he should be taken alive," the San Antonio Light noted. "In regard to which there are doubts," the newspaper continued, "as he is a very desperate character."

The Laredo officers caught up with California about 20 miles north of town and thought they had him surrounded, but as night fell, he got away. Newspapers erroneously reported that two Texas Rangers had captured California, but that was not the case. Soon, however, a former ranger entered the picture.

After leaving the state law enforcement body in 1881, Charles (Charley) Stephen Smith did what many a former ranger did—he turned to cowboying. The morning after the shooting in Laredo, Smith and 17-year-old Wesley DeSpain happened to be out looking for some horses. But Smith had heard about the killing in Laredo and was alert to the possibility of running into the fugitive. He also knew a \$300 reward had been posted for California Jim.

Unfortunately for all concerned, Smith and DeSpain encountered California Jim in the brush near Millett in La Salle County. As soon as California saw the pair, he pulled his pistol and started shooting. DeSpain caught a bullet and went down, seriously wounded. (He recovered, but reportedly was driven insane by the event and died in an institution only eight years later.) Smith, who had killed two men in separate incidents before becoming a ranger, levered his Winchester and put a rifle slug in the outlaw. Though gravely wounded, California got off another round and hit Smith.

The posse trailing California soon rode up on the scene and took the three wounded men to Millett. Before he died, California said his real name was John Henry Hankins and that there were standing rewards for him in New Mexico and Arizona. He also allowed as how he was sure sorry he shot Smith, saying it was nothing personal. Since he wouldn't be needing it any longer, California said he wanted Smith to have the Colt .45 he'd shot him with. The weapon supposedly had 17 notches cut in its grip.

Smith was taken by train to San Antonio, where he died of his wound on June 25. His body was returned to Fayette County, where he grew up, and he was laid to rest in the family cemetery near Flatonia. The legend is that they buried him with his hat on, his holstered revolver on his waist and his Winchester at his side.



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~The Colt Custom Shop handgun that didn't make it into the 2018 auction~



COLT 1911 SERIES 70 .38 SUPER AUTO Custom Shop Engraved has finally arrived. Although originally expected for entry into this year's 2018 Silver Stars and Six Guns Gala Live Auction, factory production issues delayed arrival until now!

Up for bid is a rare one of a kind Colt 1911 Series 70, caliber .38 Super hand crafted and hand engraved in Colt's Custom Shop. This exclusive old style 1911 features a wide hammer spur, flat mainspring housing, lanyard loop, small era sights and thumb safety, representing the very best of the gunmaker's art. A custom high polish blue finish compliments the FTRF badge engraved in the gold wash on one side of the slide. The pistol is detailed with tasteful hand cut scroll engraving, which appears on both sides of the slide as well as on portions of the grip frame.

The special serial number is 281CCS. Genuine pre-banned Elephant Ivory Grip panels handcrafted by Paul Persinger of El Paso are included and offer an elegant and tasteful contrast to the hand polished finish. Accompanying this pistol will be a custom fitted, burgundy lined glass-topped display case by Brookfield Case Co., America's premier presentation case maker. Please visit www.trhc.org for more information on this item.



Major John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Co.

The Major John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company held its annual meeting on the grounds of the Former Texas Rangers Heritage Center on November 3rd, 2018, hosted by Fredericksburg Lodge #794 A.F. & A.M. This was the second "outdoor Ranger Lodge" that we have conducted, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Tilers rode on horseback around the perimeter; many of our members dressed in period-correct attire, and the day was sunny and the temperatures pleasant, perfect for the outdoor Entered Apprentice Lodge. Master of the Fredericksburg Lodge, Brother George Hahn, stated the purpose of the meeting was "To honor, respect, and continue the long standing history and traditional relationship between the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Texas Rangers."

The Major John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company is an organization comprised of Freemasons, and was established to perpetuate the special relationship that has always existed between the Texas Rangers and Texas Freemasons. The John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company is organized around 35 Ranger Camps, has over 230 active members, and has given over \$17,000 to the Grand Lodge of Texas. The founder of the Texas Rangers, Stephen F. Austin, was a Mason, and a very large number of Rangers throughout the history of the Texas Rangers have been Masons.

Former Texas Ranger Brother Joe Davis conducted the "swearing in" of 14 new members, using the same Oath of Office written by Major John B. Jones to swear in new Texas Rangers during the Frontier Battalion period. Major John B. Jones served as head of the Texas Rangers and Grand Master of Masons in Texas at the same time. After the induction of the new members and a hearty welcome by those present, Brother Brad Billings (Past Master of the Texas Lodge of Research) presented a paper, Texas Rangers and the Masons. Brother Jim McCrae, who first imagined the John B. Jones MRC and co-founded it, reminded us that Freedom Lodge 100 functioned as the Masonic Lodge at Fort Martin Scott for many years, binding Masonic history, Ranger History, and Military History at FMS as one.

After the outdoor lodge was closed, all adjourned to the Heritage Center Pavilion where we enjoyed the accordion music of Brother Milton Wright and a catered fajita dinner. After the dinner, Brother Joe Davis spoke briefly about the state of security in our lodges today, and steps that should be taken to ensure our member's safety. If you are a Mason and are interested in learning more about the Major John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company, please contact the office at 830-990-1192, or visit our website at: www.trhc.org and click on "Join and Give" and then the John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 1, 2018 A Ranger Christmas
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Texas Rangers Heritage Center - Fredericksburg, Texas
- March 16, 2019 Celebrate Texas
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Texas Rangers Heritage Center - Fredericksburg, Texas
- March 30, 2019 Annual FTRF Golf Tournament
8:00 am - 2:00 pm Canyon West Golf Club - Weatherford, Texas
- April 13, 2019 Boots & Badges
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Texas Rangers Heritage Center - Fredericksburg, Texas
- May 4, 2019 Association Annual Meeting
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Texas Rangers Heritage Center - Fredericksburg, Texas
- August 3, 2019 Texas Ranger Day & History Symposium
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Texas Rangers Heritage Center - Fredericksburg, Texas
- October 12, 2019 Silver Stars & Six Guns
6:00 pm - 12:00 am Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center - San Marcos, Texas
- December 7, 2019 A Ranger Christmas
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Texas Rangers Heritage Center - Fredericksburg, Texas



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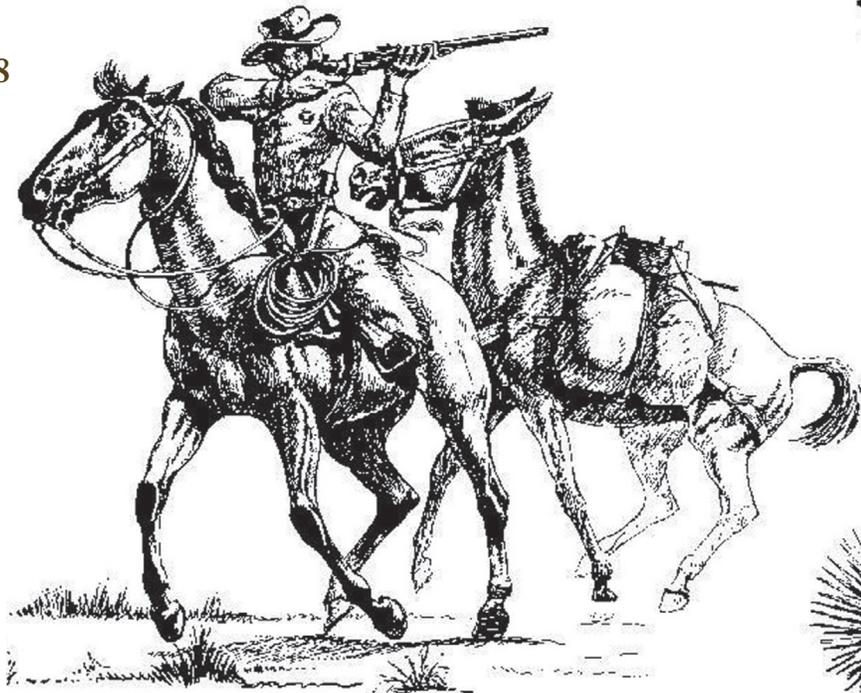
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