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FORMER TEXAS RANGERS ASSOCIATION 125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Sponsored by the Former Texas Rangers Association

Attn: All Former Texas Rangers and Family Members -

Since 1897, the Former Texas Rangers Association has served as a source of fellowship and esprit de corps for our members and a resource for Texas law enforcement in the 21st century. To celebrate and preserve our contributions to the safety and security to the state of Texas, the FTRA has joined forces with Acclaim Press, a leading publisher of commemorative law enforcement books, to produce a library quality, full-color hardbound book that will document our remarkable history and honor the men and women who have worn the Ranger badge.

This exciting new book will include a comprehensive history of the Texas Rangers and our Association, plus stories, photographs, and biographies from our members. There is no better way to capture our tradition of service than through a collection of pictures, stories, and historic facts that combine to tell the story of this great agency and the people who made it what it is today!

We've received many biographies of FTRA members, but we know a lot more of you have yet to submit yours! This is our FINAL submission period - get your free biography and two photos in by **October 31, 2024!**

What You Need To Do:

Send in your personal biography. Biographies are brief vignettes (*approx. 150 words*) detailing your law enforcement career and life after serving on the force (*see examples in this brochure*), and also can include up to two (2) photographs: one from your early days as a Texas Ranger, and a current photo (*color preferred or black-and-white*).

You may also submit any historic photographs and/or general interest stories of up to 1,000 words for the editor's review. When sending photos, please write your name, address and a caption on the back. Your biography, and any stories or photos used will be included for free, and all materials will be returned to you! ***Biographies, photographs, and stories may be emailed to: FTRAbok@acclaimpress.com.***

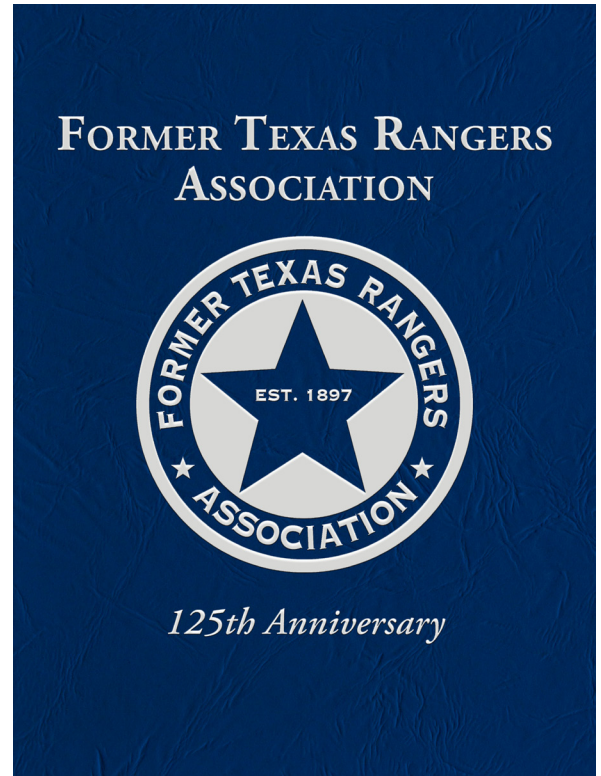
This unique book will give us the opportunity to record our legacy of service, helping to inspire and educate future generations, and will also document your time as a Texas Ranger. Please send us your information so that our book will be as complete as possible. Again, **IT IS FREE TO BE INCLUDED!**

Widows, friends, and family members are also encouraged to send in biographical portraits and materials for their loved ones now passed on - a perfect tribute to their service to our nation.

Order your copy of this limited-edition print by October 31, 2024, to ensure you get a copy!

Matthew Lindemann

Matthew Lindemann, President, Former Texas Rangers Association



Pictured above is a sample cover for the FTRA 125th Anniversary Commemorative Book. This 9x12-inch, coffee-table volume will include a Navy blue leatherette cover with the FTRA seal embossed on the front cover in silver foil.



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SAMPLE BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE FTRA 125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

A.L. MITCHELL, born Sept. 19, 1935, in Lakewood, NM, began his law enforcement career in 1958 as a Brand Inspector for the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board, spending four years in the Gila mountains of NM.



In 1962 he completed the 16th class of the New Mexico State Police and was stationed near the Texas/New Mexico line on Route 66. During that time, he was recruited into the Texas Department of Public Safety, serving to establish and train detectives in the new Texas DPS Narcotics Division until 1972, when he was transferred to the Texas Ranger, Co. E in El Paso.

He was a Ranger master investigator and investigator until 1979. He then retired from DPS employment, and became a Director of Corporate Security with Tom Brown, Inc, and later ran his own private investigation firm in Midland, TX until his retirement in 2020.

He has been married to Ellen since 1962. They have two children and still reside in Midland.

RALPH J. WADSWORTH was born Oct. 30, 1932, in Ellis County, TX, the son of Lone and Martha Collings Wadsworth along with his twin George Ray Wadsworth, who died May 23, 1975.



Ralph married Peggy Taylor on Oct. 9, 1954. They have three adult children—Sherri, Jack (Md to Felecia) and Jody, plus several grandchildren. Ralph served four years as an Air Policeman in the US Army, serving twenty-one years as a Highway Patrolman with Texas State Patrol. He became a Texas Ranger in 1975 and was honorably retired after serving a total of twenty-nine years and eight months—Jan. 4, 1956 - Aug. 31, 1985.

First Duty Station as a Hwy Patrolman was in Brenham, TX in Washington Co.; later serving in Mesquite, Houston and Garland.

In retirement, Ralph served several years as a FTRA board member including a two-year term as FTRA President.

Writing your biography is easy! Use the examples at left as guide in composing your 150-word biography, or simply answer the questions below and an editor will compose it for you. You may include up to two (2) photographs, one from your early days in law enforcement, and a current photo. Note: your 150-word biography will be included in the book for FREE; however, a 15¢ charge per word applies after the first 150 words. You do not have to order a book to be included. **Questions? Email FTRAbok@acclaimpress.com.**

PERSONAL DATA (private information will not be included in the book)

Name _____ Nickname _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ FTRA Chapter (if applicable) _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Education Received (name of school(s), degrees, and year received) _____

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

Date joined the Texas Rangers: _____ Academy Class Number/Year _____

First Assignment/Location/Branch: _____

Other assignments, locations and branches (include years): _____

Major cases worked, special programs, etc.: _____

Awards & Medals received: _____

Previous law enforcement service before joining the Texas Rangers: _____

Professional service after leaving law enforcement: _____

Rank Achieved: _____ Date Retired: _____

Memorable Experiences: _____

Name of spouse (optional) _____ No. of children/grandchildren (optional) _____

Use another sheet of paper as needed

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A Quality Book

Acclaim Press has published commemorative history books for a wide variety of law enforcement agencies nationwide, with nearly a century of combined experience in the publishing industry. Each book is painstakingly researched and documented, containing scores of superior, historic photographs and personal experience stories—capturing the spirit of each department.

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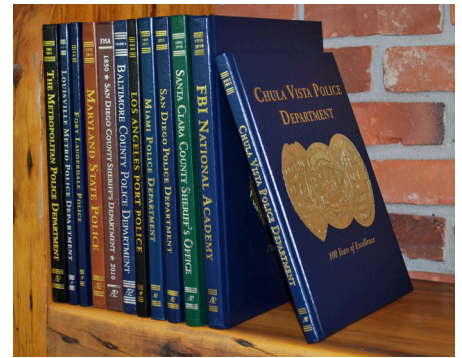
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About the Book

Our 9x12-inch, full-color, hardbound “coffee-table” book will include hundreds of pages featuring:

- History of the Texas Rangers, from the 1800s-present day
- History of the Former Texas Rangers Association beginning in 1897
- History of the FTRA Foundation since 1971
- Texas Rangers Ring of Honor, memorial listing and photographs
- Roll Call of Honor - tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice
- Texas Ranger Museum and Texas Rangers Heritage Center
- FTRA Scholarship Program and Memorial Cross Program
- Stories, Reflections & Memories written by former Texas Rangers
- Biographies with “then and now” photos (*send in your biography!*)
- Hundreds of historic and full-color photos, plus much more!

Stories & photos may be emailed to FTRAbok@acclaimpress.com or mailed to Acclaim Press (see address below)



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