



16th Annual
**Alton C. Allen
Historical
Conference**

October 20, 2012
American Legion Hall
Hallettsville, TX



**The Texas Rangers
Bringing "First Order and
then Law" to Texas:
The Frontier Battalion,
1874-1901"**



**Sponsored by the
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Commission &
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Lavaca County Historical Commission
P. O. Box 811
Hallettsville, Texas 77964

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

**Registration Includes Lunch
Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup with Chicken Salad Sandwich
Please Check One**

Pre-registration Fee Enclosed:

_____ \$15.00 per Person _____ \$20.00 per Couple _____ \$5.00 /Student/Teacher/Senior Citizen

Save \$5 when you Pre-register!

Pre-registration saves you money & helps better prepare for those attending. Pay with cash or make check payable to the Lavaca County Historical Commission

Pre-registration Fees:

**\$15/person; \$20/couple
\$5 senior citizen, K-12 & college student, & teacher with school ID**

October 20, 2012 Registration

Fees:

**\$20/person; \$25/couple
\$10/senior citizen, K-12 & college student, & teacher with school ID**

Directions:

American Legion Hall, Hallettsville Texas located in the Hallettsville City Park at 107 E. Park Street

From Victoria: take Hwy. 77N into Hallettsville. At the T, turn right on to Hwy.90A/77. Cross the Lavaca River. After first light, 1 block, take a left onto La Grange St. and proceed north past the courthouse. The road will turn left and the American Legion Hall will be on your right.

From Shiner or Yoakum: Stay on Hwy. 90A/77A traveling east toward Hallettsville until you cross the Lavaca River. After the first light, 1 block, take a left on La Grange St. and proceed north past the courthouse. The road will turn left and the American Legion Hall will be on your right.

From Schulenburg: Stay on Hwy. 77S into Hallettsville. In Hallettsville, turn right on Crockett St. (Across from Granny and Popo's Haus). Turn right on La Grange St. The road will turn left and the American Legion Hall will be on your right.

From Eagle Lake: Stay on Hwy. 90A thru the intersection of Hwy. 90A & 77 in Hallettsville, Co.

Program

8:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30

Harold J. Weiss

Leander, Texas

*The Life and Legend of Texas
Ranger Captain Bill McDonald*

Break 10:30 – 10:45

10:45 - 11:45

Chuck Parsons

Luling, Texas

*The Three Lives of
Captain John R. Hughes*

11:45 – 1:15

Chicken Noodle Soup Lunch

1:15 – 2:15

Paul Spellman

Richmond, Texas

*Great Ranger Captains,
John H. Rogers and J. A. Brooks*

Break 2:15 – 2:30

2:30 – 3:15

**The Texas Ranger Museum
Texas Ranger Research Center -
Official Library & Archives of the
Texas Rangers**

Waco, Texas

***How many Rangers were there?**

***When will an index of all Texas Rangers
be available?**

***Firearm and badge research**

Harold J. Weiss, Jr. is a retired professor of history at Jamestown Community College, New York. Born in the coal fields of Pennsylvania, he moved westward to try to separate pop culture fantasy from historical fact by obtaining degrees in history from various colleges, especially a doctorate from Indiana University at Bloomington. He has given conference papers, wrote articles, and has published a highly acclaimed biography of Ranger Captain Bill McDonald. He is also co-editor of an anthology on the Rangers in the nineteenth century. In all these endeavors Weiss found out that Texas is not just a place, but also a state of mind in the American psyche.

Chuck Parsons is a native of Iowa, and grew up in Iowa and Minnesota in a farming family. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, earning his Master's from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Chuck has numerous books on Texas Rangers, the latest; Captain John R. Hughes.

He is Book Review editor of the *Journal of South Texas* (Texas A&M University - Kingsville); former columnist of *True West*. He lives in Luling, Texas with his wife Pat. Their time and energy are devoted to research, writing, speaking engagements, travel, and enjoying their children and grandchildren.

Paul Spellman, with degrees from Southwestern, SMU, UT-Austin, A&M-Corpus, and a PhD from University of Houston, Paul will be in his fifteenth year as professor of U.S. and Texas History at Wharton JC.

He has published six books to-date (*Capt. John H. Rogers and Capt. J. A. Brooks*) with three more in the hopper (one on the "Old 300", and two historical novels). Member Western Writers of America, Texas State Historical Association, and others. Corpus Christi born, he now lives in Richmond with wife Kathleen, four grown kids, two grandkids.

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