

Texas Rangers in World War I at Library

Mike Cox will be the first program in our 2017 lecture and exhibit series “The Lone Star State and WWI”.

Mr. Cox will present “Texas Rangers in World War I” on Saturday, April 22 at the French Simpson Memorial Library at 1:00 p.m.

During World War I, a state fearful of German saboteurs, Mexican bandits and revolutionary fighters, greatly expanded the role of the Texas Rangers. Cox will discuss the conditions that resulted in the creation of a quasi-Ranger force known as the Loyalty Ranger, utilized to ensure German sympathizers or anti-war activists did not get out of hand and the consequences of these actions.

Mike Cox is the author of 30 non-fiction books include his best-selling work the two volume history of the Texas Rangers. Over a freelance career of nearly 50 years, he has also written hundreds of articles and essays for a wide variety of publications. In September 2011, he received the A.C. Greene Award for lifetime achievement and was elected to membership in the Texas Institute of Letters in 1993.

A former award-winning reporter, Cox was a longtime spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety and later communications director for the Texas Dept. of Transportation before retiring in 2007.

In 2010 he returned to work as a spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department until March of 2015 when he retired for good to write full time.

This program is open to the public and free of charge. For more information contact the library at 361-798-3243 ext. 208, visit the library website at www.hallettsvillelibrary.org or like us on Face book.