



ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



Texas Ranger Belles



The Texas Ranger Belles were formed in 1971 by 9 young women who loved horses and riding them, as well. Most of these women broke and trained their own horses. Their goal was to find members who would create an interest in horsemanship, sportsmanship, showmanship and good will in the arena and the communities they would represent.

Their first appearance was in 1972 at the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade, with an astonishing 39 riders, winning first place with the red, white and blue costumes and bells on the horses leg wraps which announced their arrival. The Texas Ranger Belles won numerous first place awards and

trophies in parade after parade in cities such as the Dallas Cotton Bowl Parade, Arlington Fourth of July Parade, Six Flags Over Texas, Tyler Rose Festival Parade, Bowie, Texas, Hurst and Sherman, Texas and others throughout the state. A coveted invitation to the Beautiful Rose Parade in Pasadena, California was sent to the Belles after winning first place at the National Drill Team finals in Dallas, Texas, on September 21, 1979, for the 1980 nationally televised Rose Parade.

In 1976, the Belles were the first all girl drill team to be invited to



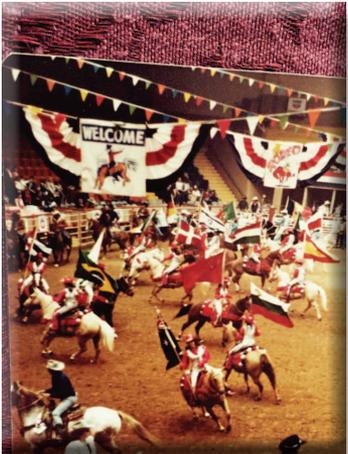
perform their drill at the Fort Worth Stock Show as a special feature. They were invited back for several years and one year they performed at the matinee and the evening shows on the same day, which was a great honor. They were invited to perform at numerous rodeo arenas such as Mesquite, Bowie, Cleburne, Kow Bell in Mansfield, Texas, and the Huntsville State Prison Rodeo. In December 2-9, 1979, the Texas Ranger Belles were invited to perform for the XXth World Gymnastic Championships at the North Side Coliseum for the gymnasts of foreign countries, some of who had never seen a rodeo or all women riders. Each rider carried a flag for a foreign country into the Grand Entry. As the flags passed the section of the represented country, the athletes stood and cheered for their flag. Very exciting.



In April, 1975, the Belles were invited to take their horses to the Amon Carter Airport to meet Curt Gowdy and Tony Kubeck, who were to arrive with the NBC television crew for the first nationally televised Texas Ranger baseball game. They were met on the sidewalk in front of the main terminal by the Texas Ranger Belles and their horses, and were presented

with authentic Texas “ten gallon hats”. both celebrities asked to get on and ride one of the horses. They also issued an invitation for the Belles to come to the party in their honor, which was refused because the horses weren’t invited. The Belles were asked to present the colors on the baseball field at Arlington Stadium at that nationally televised game, as well as several more games on opening game day each year after that. In 1973, Clayton Moore, the Lone Ranger, rode out on one of the Belles white stallions along with the Texas Ranger Belles color guard.

1979 was the year Ronald Reagan was campaigning for the presidency of the United States. The Texas Ranger Belles were asked to take several horses to Meachem Airport, in Fort Worth, Texas, to form a color guard for Mr. Reagan as he stepped off of the plane onto the tarmac. When he saw the horses and the red, white and blue costumed riders with the Texas and American flags, he made a straight line to the group followed by his wife, Nancy.



Roger Staubach and Roy Rogers and Dale Evans! They all petted the horses, asked about them and visited with the Ranger Belles as if they knew each of them. None of that group of famous people were afraid of the horses or of getting horse hair on their clothes.

Also, in 1979, Shepler's Western Wear Store promised the Ranger Belles a donation to help fund their trip to California to the Rose Parade if the Belles would perform drill maneuvers on the front lawn of their store about every two hours during the day. They set up a temporary arena for us very close to Highway 360 in Arlington. The store manager took the Belles party mascot, Sugar Boy, throughout the store at intervals during the day. Each time the drill was performed, the Texas Ranger Belles and their horses stopped traffic on the highway.





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