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Fort Concho Restoration Receives THF Aid

[A grant to the Fort Concho Foundation](#) from the Texas Historical Foundation will assist with restoration of Officer's Quarters 1 and help bring bathrooms up to ADA (American with Disabilities Act) code. Fort Concho was established in 1867 and operated until 1889. The 10th Cavalry Buffalo soldiers served there, as did many other units. Preservation of the facilities began in the late 1920s.



John Meadows, holding check on the right, was joined by fellow Foundation directors Marylee Taylor, to his left, and Lee Pfluger, second from right, for the award presentation. Photograph courtesy of the FCF.

Small Museum Garners Grant

A THF gift to the Chandler Historical Museum, Inc., will help paint the home of the late Texas Senator Ralph Yarborough, using mildew resistant product.

Nancy Bertholf, City of Chandler Library and Museum Director, followed up the presentation with a personal note saying, "Even though we are a smaller museum, our organization has a large commitment to preservation, and recognition by the Texas Historical Foundation validates our efforts."



The THF mother-daughter team of Elizabeth Wahlquist, far left, and Laura Wahlquist Stockdale, holding check on left, presented the grant funds in Chandler.

Gathered At Goodnight

Some THF directors attending the summer board meeting in Canyon traveled to the tiny town of Goodnight to see the updates at the [Charles Goodnight Home](#). The Foundation donated more than \$225,000 to that project, one of the largest organizational gifts on record.



Michael Sparks, Shannon Callewart, Elizabeth Wahlquist, Julie Sparks, and Laura Wahlquist Stockdale are pictured near a Goodnight Home plaque recognizing THF's financial assistance.

Prisoners-of-War Adorn Panhandle Church

During a board meeting in mid-July, THF directors saw work funded by a 2012 Foundation grant to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umbarger.

In 1945, a priest at the small Texas Panhandle church learned that talented artisans were among the prisoners-of-war being held in a nearby containment camp. He offered to feed the men in exchange for their help decorating the sanctuary. Eleven POWs, escorted to the site by a guard and working for six weeks, painted the church walls, carved religious sculptures, installed stained glass windows, and created intricate murals.

[THF funds helped clean and restore that artwork six years ago.](#)



Some of the handiwork of Italian prisoners-of-war can be seen on the altar in Umbarger.

Grant Deadlines Announced

To date, more than 280 historic preservation projects have received funding from the Texas Historical Foundation. Proposals are reviewed quarterly; upcoming deadlines for THF grant consideration are:

SEPTEMBER 1

ANNOUNCED MID-OCTOBER

DECEMBER 1

ANNOUNCED MID-JANUARY

MARCH 1

ANNOUNCED MID-APRIL

JUNE 1

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