

## De Leon Named Defender of Month

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The Texas Rangers have announced their monthly minor league award winners for June, with Hickory Crawdads infielder Michael De Leon being honored as

the Rangers Minor League Defender of the Month.

De Leon, 17, appeared in 21 games at shortstop and 2 games at second base in June for Hickory as the youngest player in the South Atlantic League. He committed just 2 errors during the month and owns a .968 fielding percentage (7 E/221 TC) in 53 games overall this season. At the plate, De Leon batted .284 (25-88) with 3 doubles, 2 triples, 6 RBI, 7 walks, and 16 runs scored for the Crawdads in June. De Leon was signed as a non-drafted free agent on July 2, 2013 and became the youngest player in 'Dads franchise history (17 years, 120 days) when he was added to the team on May 14th.

Former Crawdads pitcher Alexander Claudio (2013) was also honored by the Rangers as the organization's Minor League Reliever of the Month for June. De Leon becomes this second 'Dad this year to win the Rangers MiLB Defender of the Month Award, joining former teammate and current Myrtle Beach Pelican Lewis Brinson who took home the honor in April.

**Local Heroes Week:** The Crawdads wrap up Local Heroes Week at L.P. Frans Stadium with the third and final game TONIGHT! All employees of the Police Department, Fire Department,

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EMTs or DOCs can get FREE admission to the game by showing a valid work ID!  
PROMOTIONS

**All-Star Jersey Auction:** The Crawdads are auctioning off the authentic, game worn jerseys from this year's South Atlantic League All-Star Game in Hickory! Jerseys from both the Northern and Southern Division players and coaches are up for bid now on the 'Dads online auction page! [AUCTION SITE](#)

**Stay Connected:** Make sure to stay connected with the Crawdads by visiting the 'Dads website at [www.hickorycrawdads.com](http://www.hickorycrawdads.com), or by following us on Facebook and Twitter!

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