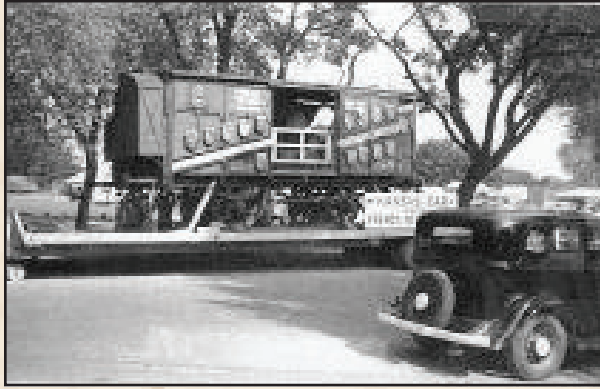


Kansas Merci Boxcar Museum



The **Kansas Merci Boxcar Museum** is a unique and historic tribute of compassion.

Patton Tank, M60A1

Home of a Patton Tank, M60A1



And many more Heroes and Historical Figures



Patriotic Veterans, Individuals and Organizations spearheading this effort are **The Veteran Alliance:**



American Legion
Post 173



SAL 173



Veterans of Foreign
Wars Post 9076



Disabled American
Veterans Chapter 18



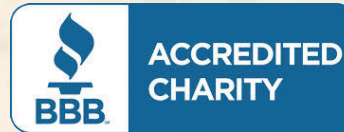
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USMC
Detachment 740



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Patriot Outreach

We invite you to share in honoring our Great American Heroes and preserving a legacy that will inspire present generations and many to come.

For additional information, including how to help or donate to the General Hays Veterans Memorial, please contact:

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“Honoring our Heroes and Preserving the Great Spirit of the High Plains”

General Hays Veterans Memorial “The Frontiers Gateway”



*“Above the dust of the beloved dead
Who passed to immortality this way,
We bare our head and reverently tread,
And tenderly our heartfelt homage pay.”*

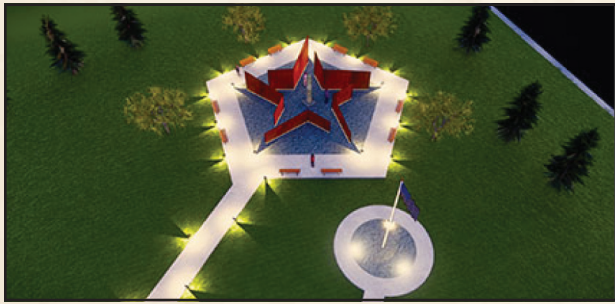
– From The Life and Letters of Alexander Hays

Honor Our Heroes!

A Landmark to Honor Our Heroes and Preserve Our Heritage

From the pioneering days of the American West to the Great Indian Wars, the Civil War and beyond, the High Plains have been home to many of our greatest American Heroes and Legends.

Located at **Veterans Memorial Park** in Hays, Kansas, the **General Hays Veterans Memorial** will serve as a landmark where Patriots and Families can gather, reflect and pay homage to our Heroes of the High Plains, both past and present.



The Pentagon Foundation and the Star pattern of five individual planes, each representing a branch of Our Armed Forces. In Honor of the Self-Sacrifice of our Brothers and Sisters, our Entrance Plaque reads: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." – Jesus

Dances With Wolves



Fort Hays, popularized by Academy Award-winning, including Best Picture, "Dances With Wolves"

Historic Fort Hays Veterans

In November 1866, **Fort Fletcher** was renamed **Fort Hays** in honor of **Major General Alexander Hays**.



For decades this historic Fort served as the headquarters of U.S. Cavalry Units and Heroes such as:

5th Cavalry Regiment



In September 1868, the **5th Cavalry Regiment** began duty against hostile Indians. William F. "**Buffalo Bill**" Cody first distinguished himself as chief guide and scout.



William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody with Sitting Bull

7th Cavalry Regiment



In 1866 **General Custer** was sent to Kansas as Lieutenant Colonel of the newly formed **7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment**.



Following its activation, the 7th Cavalry Regiment patrolled the Western plains protecting the westward movement of pioneers.

9th Cavalry Regiment (Buffalo Soldiers)



On August 3, 1866, **Major General Philip H. Sheridan** authorized one of the first historic regiments of "colored" cavalry, designated the **9th Regiment of the U.S. Cavalry**.

**For more information, search:
General Hays Veterans Memorial**