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

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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
- Vietnam Veterans Chapter 939
- USMC Detachment 740
- VOITURE LOCALE 1543
- Patriot Outreach

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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

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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.

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.

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.

Dances With Wolves

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

For more information, search: General Hays Veterans Memorial