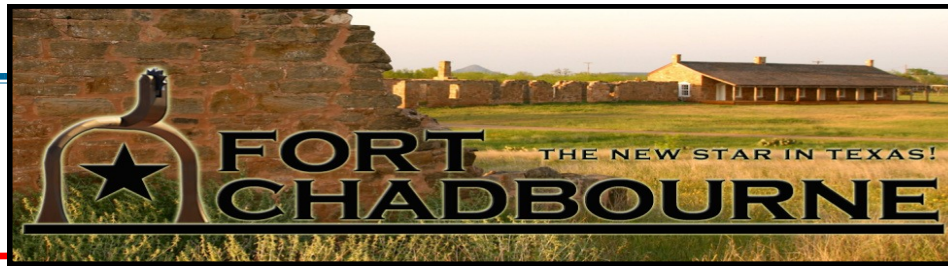




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We are back on our regular schedule! After a couple of years shuffling Covid and projects, we are back on track to host our annual fundraiser. Please look over the enclosed invitation, and give us a call to reserve your seats or table today. We all love Barry Corbin, and it should be a fun-filled night along with dinner and a silent auction! Don't wait too late. Tickets will go quickly!

New Addition is Going Up!

On April 29, 2022, on our 10 year anniversary, we broke ground on a new addition to be added to the **Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center/Museum**. We wanted to complete our addition on the pavilion before starting on this larger project, and on June 22, 2023, the digging began. The 3,500 sq. ft. addition will increase the museum to 16,000 sq. ft. The new complex will be added to the front of the present Visitor Center with an entrance from the main room of the museum. It will showcase an exhibit area, featuring a large interactive Texas map of the forts, cattle trails, and important highlights of our historic time period. It will also house a 100-seat theater to better serve our larger groups and make the overall flow of the museum much better. It will be named the “**Charles and Joy Blake Theater**” in honor of the Blake’s who helped make the new addition possible. The old theater will be transformed into interactive exhibits and displays. Tentative Completions: Fall/Winter 2023. **The museum will remain open during our regular operating hours throughout the renovations.**

Buster Welch Saddle Collection

Buster Welch (05-23-1928/06-12-2022) was an American cutting horse trainer and inductee into the NCHA Members Hall of Fame, American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, NCHA Rider Hall of Fame, and Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. In March of this year his family donated many of Mr. Welch’s saddles from his prized collection to the Fort Chadbourne Foundation. The saddles will be placed in the new theater when it is completed later this year.



Buster Welch and Barry Corbin during the filming of the hit TV series “Yellowstone” in 2022.



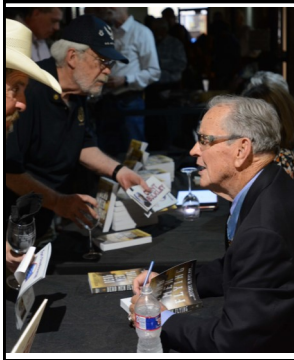


Leroy Petry

Medal of Honor

Evening with a Hero 2023

On May 11, 2023, our Medal of Honor, "Evening with a Hero" reception and dinner was held. This years honored guest, **Leroy Petry**, who received his medal for actions in Afghanistan was welcomed by a record breaking crowd, who enjoyed his speech along with a prime rib dinner. We were also honored to have Medal of Honor recipient **Major General Patrick Brady** in attendance. The night ended with both men signing books and visiting with the over 450 people who joined us for the event.



Fort Chadbourne Memorial Statues Dedicated



A new memorial honoring thirty-one soldiers who lost their lives on the Texas frontier while serving at **Fort Chadbourne** was dedicated on March 18, 2023. The limestone and black granite marker stands adjacent to the **Gold Star**

Families Memorial and **Circle of Honor Memorial** in front of the Visitor Center. An anonymous donor along with the **Fort Chadbourne Foundation** made this beautiful memorial possible. The Confederate statue from Gainesville, Texas, that was relocated here in 2022, was also dedicated. Our appreciation to **Angie Hare, Red River Rose Chapter 520 OCR** and **Lee Bourland Camp 1848 SCV** for their participation. Also to **Goods Light Artillery** for furnishing the cannon volley.

Pavilion Addition

The pavilion addition was completed in April of this year. The 25'x80' addition was added to better serve the increasing large groups that attend our Medal of Honor events, fundraisers, and large field trips from area schools. We appreciate the **San Angelo Area Foundation** for their contribution towards this project.

Many Ways To Support The Fort

Show your support with a memorial or honorary donation for a friend or loved one, or by purchasing a brick or granite tile to be placed in front of the Visitor Center. Let us laser your brand on a piece of leather for the branding wall located inside the museum. All are a great way to honor friends and family while supporting Fort Chadbourne. All are tax deductible.

Coming May 9, 2024

Florent Groberg

Medal of Honor

"Evening with a Hero"

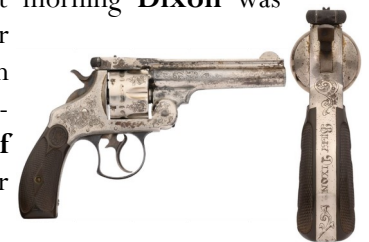


Reception and dinner featuring Medal of Honor recipient Florent Groberg who received his medal for actions in Afghanistan will be our special guest.

Billy Dixon Pistol



A very special pistol was recently added to the Fort Chadbourne fire-arm collection. The **Smith and Wesson .44 DA** revolver belonged to **Billy Dixon** and has his name engraved on the handle. **William "Billy" Dixon** (1850-1913) was famous for making the 1,500 yard shot and hitting his target while using his Sharps rifle at the second battle at Adobe Walls. A few months later in September 1874, Dixon was again thrown into a life or death situation at the Battle of Buffalo Wallow. While carrying mail for the 6th US Cavalry, he and five other men were encircled by over 100 Native Americans. One man was killed, the other five wounded, but being expert marksmen the men were able to hold their ground throughout the night. The next morning **Dixon** was able to ride for help. All the men were later awarded the **Medal of Honor** for their courage in battle.



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