

2022

FORT THE NEW STAR IN TEXAS! CHADBOURNE



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Winner of the "Best Historic Site" in Texas! 2022 Texas Travel Awards



September is our fundraising month. That is when we ask our supporters to donate to Fort Chadbourne, help us keep the doors open, and save our history for future generations. Remember we do not accept any state or federal funds. That makes your donation very important to us, and it is fully tax deductible. A card and envelope is included for your convenience.

Our plans are to return to our regular September fundraiser next year, once our new additions are completed and ready to enjoy. We will remain open during this construction phase, which you can read about below, and it will not infringe on any of our tours. So come enjoy the museum, and from all of us at Fort Chadbourne...

Thank you for making us #1 in Texas!

As always, it's been a very busy year. On April 29, 2022, we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the grand opening of the new Visitor Center/Museum. We can't believe how quickly the time flew by! And... Not that we are bragging, but in June of this year, Fort Chadbourne was selected as the 2022 "Best Historic Site" in Texas by the Texas Travel Awards!

Several other great things are happening at Fort Chadbourne. Through a generous donor, we were able to celebrate our 10 year anniversary in a big way, by breaking ground on a new addition to be added to the front of the Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center/Museum. Construction should begin late fall, early winter. The new addition will include a new exhibit area, along with a hundred seat theater to better address our larger groups, while making the flow of the main museum area function more efficiently. Our old



theater will be opened up, revamped and used for interactive exhibits and displays.

Completion date: Fall 2023

We are also adding to the outdoor pavilion area where we host many events such as our Medal of Honor, "Evening with a Hero" dinner. The 25'x100' addition will increase the size of the pavilion, allow for a smoother catering of our dinner, and allow entry and exit without going through the main building when it is closed.

Completion Date: Winter 2022



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<u>Major General Patrick Brady</u> <u>Medal of Honor</u>

Evening with a Hero 2022

On May 12, 2022, our Medal of Honor, "Evening with a Hero" reception and dinner was held. This years honored guest, Major General Patrick Brady was welcomed by a crowd of over 450 people who enjoyed his speech and prime rib dinner. A sold out book signing followed the event.

We were also honored that Major General Brady donated his uniform to the Fort Chadbourne museum for display in our Medal of Honor area. This area was remodeled in late 2021, with more display cases while adding space to the area.

Circle of Honor

A new outdoor memorial was dedicated on Friday, May 13, 2022. Major General Patrick Brady was on hand for the dedication. The



"Circle of Honor" includes nine Medal of Honor recipients from the "Indian Campaign Period" that had no recognition whatsoever, either with a tombstone or memorial marker. Through the gracious donation of an anonymous donor, the Congressional

Medal of Honor Society and the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, we were able to build this beautiful memorial to honor these American heroes.



In Memory of Our Dear Friend
Hershel "Woody" Williams
Medal of Honor Recipient WW II
10-02-1923/06-29-2022

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.

Brick: \$ 50.00 / Granite Tile: \$1,000.00 / Branding Wall: \$100.00

Coming May 11, 2023

Leroy Petry Medal of Honor

"Evening with a Hero"



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

Confederate Statue



A recent addition to the landscape at Fort Chadbourne includes a Confederate Statue. The statue was originally erected in Gainesville, Texas in 1908, by the Lou Dougherty Chapter #366 Daughters of the Confederacy . Last year

the statue was removed from Leonard Park, and working with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Fort Chadbourne was able to rehome this important part of our history and beautiful work of art. "George" as he was known for over 113 years in Gainesville, was in need of repairs. The finger on his right hand had been broken off, and his left hand was gone. That hand held his musket which was also missing. We are happy to report that we have restored George's finger and hand, and he has a brand new musket, hand-carved from limestone. A granite marker added to the site explains the significance of preserving our history while remaining historically correct, not politically correct.

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