

S. Gus Alexander, Saber Collection

Stamatios Gus Alexander, Sr. was a graduate of The North Texas Agricultural College, now University of Texas at Arlington, and was commissioned in the Army Air Corps. He commanded the sister squadron to the actor Jimmy Stewart.

Alexander, Sr. donated the following 13 swords and sabers during the 1981-84 time period to the UTA Department of Military Science:

US Model 1850 Infantry Sword

US Non-Regulation Officer's Sword, circa 1850-1860

US Model 1850 Infantry Officer's Sword circa 1860-1865

US Model 1872 Cavalry Officer's Saber, circa 1871-1902

US Model 1902 Infantry Officer's Sword

US Model 1913 Cavalry Saber (also known as the Patton Sword)

US Artillery Officer's Saber, circa 1805-1820

US Militia Model 1821 Infantry Officer Sword

US Cavalry Militia Saber 1818 (Nathan Starr Contract of 1818)

US Cavalry Saber (Nathan Starr Contract 1812-1813)

US Model 1840 NCO Sword, circa 1840-1910

US Model 1840 Heavy Dragoon or Cavalry Saber, circa 1842-1910

US Militia Officer's Sword, circa 1842-1843 (Horshman and Song Mfg)

All swords are preserved within the Department of Military Science in College Hall. Not included in the donated collection, The Corps of Cadets has in its possession a sabre believed to have belonged to Colonel James M. Carlisle, of the Carlisle Military Academy, the second name given to UTA.

Alexander, Sr. is remembered on campus as part of the NTAC Memorial next to Preston Hall.

Alexander Sr.'s son, Stamatios Gus Alexander, Jr., was a graduate of then Arlington State College and was killed in action in Vietnam at the age of 24. His

parents donated land to have a school in Duncanville built in their son's name, Alexander Elementary School.

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Note:

LTC (Ret) Ron Munden arranged for Mr. Alexander's donation of the saber collection when Munden was the Commandant of Cadets at UTA 1981-1984.

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