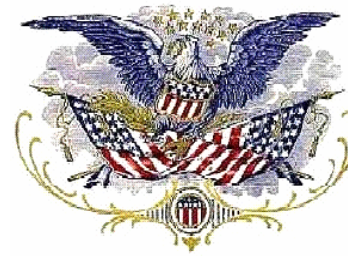


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Upcoming Events



*April 28-29...Texas Buffalo
Soldier Workshop*

*May 13-15...Texas Forts Trail
Muster*

*May 14-16...Texas State
Railroad, Palestine LHD*

*May 20-21...LHD and
Educational Day Fort
Chadbourne*



***Watch for an announcement
for volunteers to help with
the Post Library***



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West Texas Heritage Day

This years Event was a success due to a combination of spectacular weather, good food as usual from Buddy and Beatrice, lots of good friends and Living History exhibits, and a good turnout of visitors to the site.

The Friends of Fort McKavett were able to raise over \$2,500.00 from donations for the meals and the silent auction this year. A big thanks to everyone for their donations of money, time, and goods for the auction.

The site was prepared perfectly by the staff and they deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done!



*Greg Hector explaining artillery drill
to Students on Friday's Education
Day*

From the Archives...

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,
(TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.)
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, December 9, 1870.

CIRCULAR, {
No. 6. }

The following decision of the Quartermaster General of the Army, relative to transportation of officers' servants, is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"The regulations are not changed in regard to the transportation of officers' servants. An officer when changing station is entitled to transportation of his authorized servants, which transportation must be furnished in kind by the Quartermaster's Department; as under the law no payment in money by this Department can be made to the officer as reimbursement of the traveling expenses of his servants.

"M. C. MEIGS,
"Quartermaster General, U. S. Army,
"Brevet Major General."

"QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, {
"November 2, 1870. }

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL J. J. REYNOLDS:

H. CLAY WOOD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

In this 1870 set of Special Orders from the Department of Texas Headquarters, Officers could move their "approved" servants at Government expense

This Order would allow the Officer to move his servant through the Quartermaster Department instead of having to pay for the transportation. And due to the isolation of military post which did not lend itself to an easily accessible workforce. The Officer would have one less headache of moving.

A Military Family at Fort McKavett

William H. Beck started his military career as a Quartermaster Sgt. during the Civil War. After the Civil War Beck was commissioned as a 1st Lt. with the 10th Cavalry stationed at Fort McKavett. While stationed at McKavett Lt. Beck's wife gave birth to a son Paul Ward Beck.

William H. Beck's military career included the Civil War, exploration of the West during the Indian Wars, the Spanish American War in 1898, then in the Philippine Insurrection in 1902.

William H. Beck rose to the rank of Brigadier General before his death in 1911.



Paul Ward Beck, born at Fort McKavett on December 1, 1876 military career included becoming the third Military Aviator licensed and the first to use radios on aircraft, the first to fly the mail and drop a bomb from a plane. He was taught to fly by Glenn Curtis in 1912.

After rising to the rank of Lt. Col. and the Commanding Officer of Henry Post Airfield at Fort Sill, he was shot and killed on April 4, 1922 in Oklahoma City.



Beck's Heitman's Registry Records

Beck, William Henry. Pa. Ill
Corpl B 10 Ill inf 16 Apr to 29 July 1861
q m sergt 6 Ill cav 21 Sept 1861; 1 lt
Nov 1862; resd 28 Feb 1863; 2 lt 10 ca
18 June 1867; 1 lt 11 Dec 1867; r q m
Sept 1867 to 31 Dec 1874; capt 23 Dec 1887
col 49 U S V inf 9 Sept 1899; hon mus
out of vols 30 June 1901; maj 6 cav 2 Fe
1901; tr to 8 cav 25 Feb 1903; lt col 3 ca
15 Apr 1903.

This years Event in Photographs



The Frontier Ladies Exhibit at Fort McKavett's encampment during Education Day



Fort Griffin's encampment with Mitch and Clyde



Fort Lancaster's Medical Display with students on Friday



Fort Concho Gun and Limber on the McKavett Parade Ground



Fort McKavett Encampment with John Schultz showing his displays

Another special thanks goes to the Friends of Fort McKavett for bringing cakes, pies, and deserts for the noon meal on Saturday. It was extremely helpful in this years event.