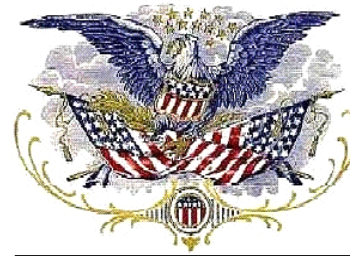


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Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

September 20-21, Postponed:
Presidio de San Saba,
October 5, Fall Star Party with
Johnson Space Center
Astronomical Society*
October 11-12, Fort Griffin
Living History Event, Education
Day on Friday*
October 19, Fort Stockton

*THC Historic Sites Event

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President's Message...

In this issue of the Gazette, you will find updates on our restoration project that has now been completed at Fort McKavett. You can sure tell a difference in the way the buildings look. Thanks to Buddy and the staff for their hard work during this process.

We have been receiving rain this summer at Fort McKavett and the grounds are green and fresh looking. This means increased mowing, but the staff is able to keep everything looking super.

Also, we want to welcome back Wanda as our clerk on the site. She is a welcome addition to our staff.

If you get a chance to come out this summer, you will be surprised how good the site is looking! Bring your camera...

John Cobb President
Friends of Fort McKavett



Restored Quartermaster Sgt.'s Quarters at Fort McKavett State Historic Site

The exterior of the Quartermaster Sgt.'s Quarters has been restored and new windows, window sashes, and doors have been installed. A possible new project for the Friends of Fort McKavett will be helping with the interior of the building. We are waiting on approval from the Texas Historical Commission before anything can be done. The site is looking at several options for use of this building. This is the first building visitors see when they come to the site from the Menard highway and is a great addition to the Post.

From the Army Regulations

INFANTRY REGIMENT.

SEC. 1106. Each infantry regiment shall consist of ten companies, one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, one adjutant, one quartermaster, one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, and one chief musician, who shall be instructor of music, and two principal musicians. The adjutant and the quartermaster shall be extra lieutenants selected from the first or second lieutenants of the regiment.

28 July, 1866, c. 299, s. 6, v. 14, p. 333.

3 Mar., 1869, c. 124, s. 5, v. 15, p. 318.

15 July, 1870, c. 294, s. 10, v. 16, p. 318.

One Quartermaster Sergeant was assigned to each Regiment. Since Fort McKavett was Regimental Headquarters, the Regimental Quartermaster Sgt. was stationed on the Post.



New windows, sashes, and doorways grace Fort McKavett!

With the completion of a major restoration project at Fort McKavett, we have needed repairs and replacement of windows and doorways on some buildings. This should provide us protection on our Post buildings for years to come.

The contractor and the staff has done an exceptional job and if you haven't seen them yet, note the work on your next visit to the site. It is a very visible improvement!





The September event at the Presidio de San Saba has been postponed until later next year. As soon as a date has been set, we will let everyone know!



Welcome Back Wanda!

Former employee Wanda Martinez has returned to Fort McKavett State Historic Site as clerk. She can be found in our Visitors Center at the Hospital. Everyone give Wanda a big welcome home!

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site



Texas Pecos Trails Region Meeting

July 18th we attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Texas Pecos Trails Region. The meeting was held at the new Pyote Safety Rest Area outside of Monahans, TX. The facility itself is quite impressive with great history and exhibits on Texas and the U.S. Air Force. When you are traveling I-20 it is well worth the stop! There are some very exciting activities going on in our region and the meeting was well attended. Pecos and Monahans, Texas are both extremely active in engaging the population. The Million Barrel Museum in Monahans seems like a great site to check out. We look forward to collaborating with more of our regional neighbors and hearing in the next couple months what else is going on!



Army Regulations

CAMPS.

1033. A camp is the place where troops are established in tents, in huts, or in bivouac. The camping-party is a detachment detailed to prepare a camp.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 498.]

1034. Reconnoissances should precede the establishment of the camp. For a camp of troops on the march, it is only necessary to look to the health and comfort of the troops, the facility of the communications, the convenience of wood and water, and the resources in provisions and forage. For an intrenched camp, or a camp to cover a country, or one designed to deceive the enemy as to the strength of the army, the ground must be selected, and the camp arranged for the object in view.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 499.]

1035. The camping-party of a regiment consists of the regimental Quartermaster and Quartermaster Sergeant, and a Corporal and two men per company. The General decides whether the regiments camp separately or together, and whether the police guard shall accompany the camping-party, or a larger escort shall be sent.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 500.]

1036. Neither baggage nor led horses should be permitted to move with the camping-party.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 501.]

1037. When the General can send in advance to prepare the camp, he gives his instructions to the chief of the Quartermaster's Department, who calls on the regiments for their camping-parties, and is accompanied, if necessary, by an Engineer to propose the defenses and communications.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 502.]

1038. The watering-places are examined, and signals placed at those that are dangerous. Any work required to make them of easier access is done by the police guard or Quartermaster's men. Sentinels, to be relieved by the guards of the regiment when they come up, are placed by the camping-party over the water if it is scarce, and over the houses and stores of provisions and forage in the vicinity.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 503.]

1039. If the camping-party does not precede the regiment, the Quartermaster attends to these things as soon as the regiment reaches the camp.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 504.]

1040. The Generals establish the troops in camp as rapidly as possible, particularly after long, fatiguing marches.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 506.]

1041. On reaching the ground, the Infantry form on the color front, the Cavalry in rear of its camp.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 505.]

1042. The number of men to be furnished for guards, pickets, and orderlies; the fatigue parties to be sent for supplies; the work to be done, and the strength of the working parties; the time and place for issues; the hour of marching, &c., are then announced by the Brigadier Generals to the Colonels, and by them to the field officers—the Adjutant and Captains formed in front of the regiment, the 1st Sergeants taking post behind their Captains. The Adjutant then makes the details, and the 1st Sergeants warn the men. The regimental officer of the day forms the picket, and sends the guards to their posts. The colors are then planted at the centre of the color line, and the arms are stacked on the line; the fatigue parties to procure supplies, and the working parties, form in rear of the arms; the men not on detail pitch the tents.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 507.]

From the Army Cook's Manual...

HOUSEHOLD BREAD.

Mix 1½ pints yeast with 1 quart luke-warm water; add a few ounces of flour to make a thin batter; pour this into the middle of a peck of flour, and sprinkle a handful of flour lightly over the top. Cover the pan containing the mixture with a thick cloth, and put in a warm place about half an hour to rise. When the ferment has risen (when the flour sprinkled on the top begins to crack) add 2 quarts luke-warm water in which ½ lb salt has been dissolved; work into a smooth, soft dough; knead and mold into loaves of any desired shape and size.

HUCKLEBERRY CAKE.

¾ lb flour.	½ doz eggs.
½ lb brown sugar.	½ oz baking powder.
¼ lb butter.	1 gill milk.
½ lb huckleberries, washed and picked.	½ oz mixed spices.

Put into a paper-lined square cake tin; bake in a quick oven.

HUCKLEBERRY GRIDDLE CAKES.

¾ lb flour.	1 pt milk.
½ pt huckleberries.	1 teaspoon salt.
1 oz brown sugar.	¼ oz baking powder.
2 eggs.	

Have the griddle hot enough to form a crust as soon as the batter touches it; in order to confine the juice of the berries, turn quickly, so as to form a crust on the other side, and turn once more on each side to complete the baking.

HUNTING GINGERBREAD.

(See GINGERBREAD.)

ICE CAKE.

1 lb flour.	2 lemons, grated rinds and juice.
2 lbs sugar.	
1½ doz eggs.	

Beat whites and yolks together; bake as for Jelly cake; when nearly cold, spread Royal icing, with a little orange zest, between the layers, and plain Royal icing on top.

And for those who have a sweet tooth!!!