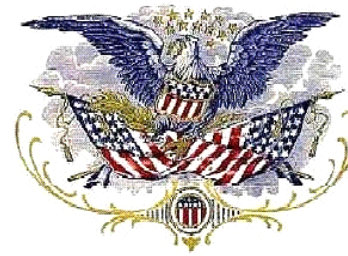


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Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

December 4-6, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Education Day on Friday
December 19, Fort McKavett, Bullets and Baubles, Frontier Christmas*
January 16, Fort McKavett, Warm Hearths: Period Cooking/Foodways*
February 6, Fort McKavett, Soft Hands, Rough Lands: Ladies on the Frontier*
March 4, Fort McKavett, Spring Star Party*
March 19, Fort McKavett on Parade: Military Drills and Demo*
March 19, Fort McKavett, Friends of Fort McKavett Annual Meeting*

**THC Historic Sites Event*

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President's Message...

Hi all! Please don't forget Christmas at Fort Concho December 6-8. It's a great time to share our love of history, visit with friends and do a little Christmas shopping. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate! Celebrating Christmas at a fort during the 1850's- 1880's was not easy. Many decorations and gifts were homemade and festive meals were made with whatever supplies could be purchased at the sutler's store or were sent by family back East. While I wouldn't recommend going back to using candles on the Christmas trees, I would suggest that you consider taking some time to share some of the fun of an old fashioned Christmas with the children in your life. This could mean that you make a paper chain, create your own ornaments from paper and scraps of fabric, ribbon, etc.

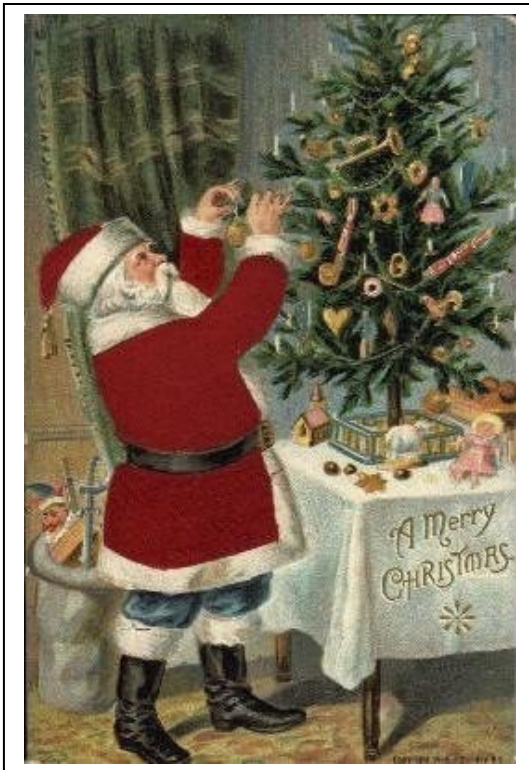
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Baking sugar cookies and making gingerbread men or going caroling are other ways to have an old fashioned holiday. Consider reading a Christmas story or watching a traditional Christmas movie, or sharing the history of Christmas and how the celebration has changed over the years.

Whatever you do, whoever you are with, the board of the Friends of Fort McKavett: Marilyn Wheless, Ken Lester, Joe Gonzalez, Stella Gonzalez, Mark Stine, Jean Wright, Donna Hector, Tim McTaggart, Horace Williams, John Cobb, and I wish you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas!

*Lisa Lester
President
Friends of Fort McKavett*



*Wishing you
and yours a
safe and
very Merry
Christmas
from the
Friends of
Fort
McKavett*

Barrack No. 4 Update



Our middle room of Barracks No. 4 is being restored to soldier's quarters. Tables, benches, and footlockers are in place.

Next we will work on pegged shelves and then the small pieces such as lamps, rifle racks, and other items will be installed.

Photos to the left show before and after shots of the progress so far.



Volunteers and Staff working on displays, photo Cody Mobley

Boy Scouts at the Fort



Scout Troop 346 from San Antonio

Braving the cold, these Scouts came out to see the site. In the morning Fort McKavett State Historic Site Curator, Kevin Malcom, led the Scouts on a tour of the Fort. Dressed as a Private of the 8th Infantry, Kevin showed them around and through the historic buildings and taught them the history of the Fort and the frontier Army.

In the afternoon, the Scouts, under the supervision of our Maintenance Staff Larry and Jay, helped to clear the walking path from the springs to the site of the Native American campground. The site, indicated by the presence of grinding holes in the rock, is an up and coming attraction of Fort McKavett.



One of the Indian Middens in our Native American Campgrounds at Fort McKavett



One of the tables the crew made for the Barracks. It is from vintage plans and folds.

Christmas at Old Fort Concho



*Fort Concho's largest annual event on Friday-Sunday, December 4 - 6, 2015, as the forty acres and twenty-four buildings at the landmark are filled with shopping, entertainment, food and beverage, displays, living history, period entertainment, children's workshops, and many special events.
Come out and support our Volunteers and Staff!!!*

