



Fort McKavett Gazette

“News of our Volunteers and Friends”

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Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

March 5-6, Fort Clark Living History Event
March 13, Fort McKavett Spring Star Party
March 13-14, Fort Concho, School of the Soldier
March 26 - 27, Fort McKavett* "West Texas Heritage Days" Education Day on Friday
March 27, Fort McKavett, Annual Friends of Fort McKavett Meeting
April 16-18, Fort Richardson Living History Days. Education Day on Friday
April 16-18, Confederate Reunion Grounds*, 16th Annual Civil War Living History and Reenactment, Education Day on Friday
April 30-May 1, Fort Chadbourne, Education day on Friday
May 7-8, Lake Brownwood State Park Open House, Education Day on Friday
May 11, Lake Arrowhead State Park, Education Day
May 15-16, Battleship Texas, Armed Forces Day Event
May 14-16, Texas State Railroad, Armed Forces Day Event
May 21-22, Fort Lancaster* Living History Days. Education Day on Friday
October 2, Texas Forts Trail, Frontier Texas, Abilene
October 8-9, Fort Griffin* Living History Event
October 9, Fort McKavett Fall Star Party
October 15-16, Fort Stockton Living History Days, Education Day on Friday

*THC Historic Sites Event

Notes from the Post...

This issue of the Fort McKavett Gazette starts our 9th year of publication. Over the years, we have tried to bring you current news from Fort McKavett State Historic Site, our Friends of Fort McKavett group, our many trips throughout the State, and Historical bits and pieces.

I hope you have enjoyed the Gazette so far and we look forward to another New Year's worth of news and information.

I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John Cobb
President
Friends of Fort McKavett



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KITCHEN POLICE.

The duties of the kitchen police are as follows: The preparation of vegetables and bread, the setting of the tables and placing the food thereon under supervision of the cooks, and the removing and cleansing of the dishes after each meal, and all work incident thereto, and such duties as the steward may prescribe.

From the Cooks Manual



The Hardee Hat Eagle Badge was used before, during and after the Civil War. From the collection of John Cobb



Snow at Fort McKavett's Hospital in early December

January, 1881 A New Commanding Officer for Fort McKavett

Record for the month of January 1881.

January 2^d: Colonel W. R. Shafter, 1st Infantry, arrived at post and assumed command January 3^d 1881.



Colonel William R. Shafter arrived on January 3rd to take Command of Fort McKavett. He was the Commander of the 1st U.S. Infantry Regiment and had served at McKavett earlier as Lt. Colonel of the 41st and 24th Infantry Regiments.

Christmas at Old Fort Concho



Enjoying the fire at Fort Concho, Left to Right: Richard Vaughn, Russell Tipton, John Schultz, Andrew Schultz, and Don Bredthauer.



Left: Ladies of the Fort enjoying the warmer weather on Saturday at Fort Concho.

Right: Anthony and Oliver under the watchful eye of Dale Werner enjoy the warmer weather



More from Fort Concho...



Fort McKavett's Friday Morning "Cold Camp" at Fort Concho. The snow was gone by noon and the rest of the weekend was a lot warmer.



Cody Mobley and Buddy Garza showing their displays at Fort Concho.