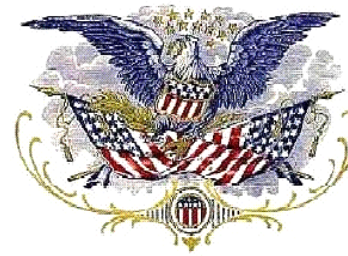


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**July 20-26** Old Stories, New Voices-  
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**Oct 10-12**, Fort Griffin Days, Fort  
Griffin. Education Day on Friday the  
10<sup>th</sup>

**Oct 25**, Friends of Fort McKavett  
Meeting and Star Party

**Dec 5-7**, Christmas at Old Fort  
Concho, San Angelo. Education day  
on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>

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Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July and  
Stay Safe!



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## A Note from the President of the Friends of Fort McKavett

The next month will be a busy one for the Post. There are meetings in Austin with the Legislative Committee over our Historic Sites where I will be speaking. We have our “Old Stories, New Voices” camp coming up this month. We are looking at a meeting with THC and the Friends organizations state-wide where we will be discussing our organizations.

The Staff is busy with maintenance work and starting on important restoration work.

We will endeavor to keep everyone up to date on all this and much more over the next few months. It’s going to be quite a ride.

John Cobb, President  
Friends of Fort McKavett

# From the Archives...

## ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Brigadier-Gen. Randall S. Mackenzie, having been found by an Army Retiring Board incapacitated for active service, on account of disability incident to the service, has, by direction of the President, been retired from active service, in conformity with section 1,251, Revised Statutes.

Officers were detailed to duty on the arctic steamer *Thetis* to-day, as follows: Commander W. S. Schley, commander; Lieut. Uriel Sebree, executive; Lieut. E. H. Taunt, navigator; Lieut. O. C. Lemly, Ensign C. H. Harlow, Passed Assistant Surgeon E. H. Green, and Chief Engineer George W. Melville. The *Thetis* will be the flag-ship of the expedition. The detail for the *Bear* is as follows: Lieut. W. H. Emory, commander; Lieut. F. H. Crosby, executive; Lieut. John R. Colwell, navigator; Lieut. N. R. Usher, Ensign L. K. Reynolds, Passed Assistant Surgeon H. E. Amos, and Chief Engineer John Lowe. The detail for the *Alert* will be completed when she reaches New-York. She will be in command of Commander Coffin.

Commodore T. Scott Fillbrown, President of the Naval Examining Board, was to-day ordered to relieve Commodore J. H. Upshur of the command of the New-York Navy-yard on March 31.

Orders have been issued for the *Ossipee* to take on torpedo stores at Norfolk and proceed to New-York. The United States steamer *Yantic*, now at Charleston, has been ordered on a cruise to the West Indies.

Capt. Frank Webster, of the Marine Corps, having been found physically incapacitated for active service, will be placed on the retired list.

LONDON, March 25.—The war sloop *Alert*, which has been presented by England to America to take part in the Greely search expedition, was to-day put in commission. Minister Lowell was present. She will sail for America on Thursday under the command of Lieut. Goodrich, United States Navy.

*March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Article from the New York Times newspaper showing the forced retirement of R.S. Mackenzie (former Commander at Fort McKavett and Fort Concho.*



## Regulations for the Flag, Salutes and Deaths

**382.** The flag should be hoisted at reveille and lowered at retreat. The national flag will always be displayed at the time of firing salutes. (A. R. 442)

**383.** Under no circumstances will the flag of a military post be dipped by way of salute or compliment. (A.R. 456)

**384.** On the death of an officer at a military post, the flag is displayed at half-staff, and kept so, between the hours of reveille and retreat, until the last salvo or volley is fired over the grave; or, if the remains are not interred at the post, until they are removed there from: (A. R.473)

**385.** During the funeral of an enlisted man, the flag is displayed at half-staff. It is hoisted to the top after the final volley or gun is fired, or after the remains are taken from the post.







*Russell and Jay on our twin mowers. This allows the staff to be able to keep ahead of mowing at the Post.*



*Government Springs at Fort McKavett showing all the springs are flowing. This is a “must see” for visitors to the site. It is the turn around point on our nature walk at the Post.*



Above: The Staff at Fort McKavett repairing and putting down new gravel on the Parking Pads around the Site. Also shown is our new Air Conditioned Tractor. There is a backhoe unit that can be used for the daily operations of the Post. By having the cab, the Staff can work and not have to change clothes to greet visitors. This also allows us to mow when the temperature is hot.



## *Old Stories, New Voices Update*

This next month, we will have photographs and articles about our newest “Old Stories, New Voices” summer camp. We will be hosting students from Fort Worth-Dallas, Houston, and local schools this year. The Texas Historical Association will be co-hosting the program again this year. Students will be taught outdoor skills, canoeing, swimming, nature, and historical education. This is held under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These students will be between the ages of 9 and 12 years old.

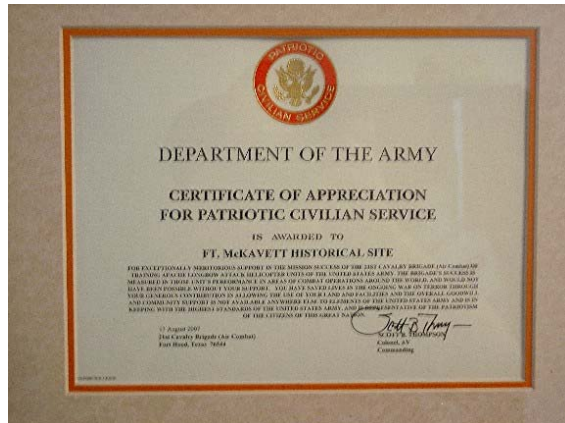
Our Staff is heavily involved in the planning and execution of this program.



# Fort McKavett at Morton



*Buddy Garza at Fort McKavett's exhibit at Morton's "Last Frontier Days" in June, 2008. Buddy was joined by Russell Tipton and John Cobb at this event.*



*Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service awarded to Fort McKavett by the Army plaque is now on the Library Wall*

# More from Morton



*Buffalo Soldier Sgt. .Wendell Prince and Buddy Garza at the dedication services for 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Soldiers Gravestones at Morton, Texas on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Their bodies were never recovered from the Llano after the Buffalo Soldier Disaster of 1877, but the VA allowed four headstones and the Texas Historical Commission provided a Historical Marker showing their sacrifice 131 years ago. The dedication went very well and was well attended.*



**Before the dedication at the Cemetery, a car caravan went to "Buffalo Soldier Hill" in New Mexico for a dedication of the Historical Marker provided by the State of New Mexico. That was the location of Captain Nolan's start of the return of his Company to Double Lakes (Lynn County, Texas) and 86 hours without water.**