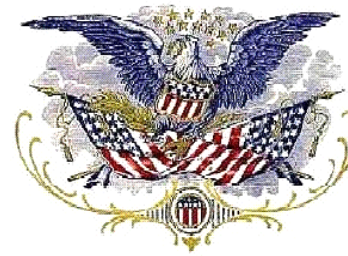


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*July 19-25, Old Stories, New
Voices Youth Camp and Wagon
Train*

*October 10-12, Fort Griffin Days
October 17, Fort Stockton 150th
Anniversary*

*October 17, Star Party at Fort
McKavett*

*October 17, Friends of Fort
McKavett Annual Meeting*

*December 4-6, Christmas at Old
Fort Concho*

*Color Copies of all the Fort McKavett
Gazettes can be found at:*



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Notes from the Post...

Summer is here with a bang. We are still crisscrossing the state with presentations and events for Fort McKavett.

We have our annual Old Stories, New Voices encampment coming up in a few weeks and planning is still under way for this year's ambitious project. This includes a wagon train and military-type camps between Fort McKavett and Fort Concho.

We also want to thank Garland Richards for loaning one of his cannons now on display at Fort McKavett.



John Cobb
President
Friends of Fort McKavett



On June 13, the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club arrived at Fort McKavett SHS for a guided tour, given by staff member Russell Tipton. Their vintage cars decorated the slab near the school house to the thrill of young and old alike. In all, a total of 33 car enthusiasts toured the fort.



126 Years ago...

Fort McKavett, Texas

June 30, 1883

*Adjutant General
Department of Texas
San Antonio, Texas*

Sir:

I have the honor to report the abandonment of the Post of Fort McKavett, Texas, this date, and to enclose a Return of the withdrawing force.

Very Respectfully

*You're Obedient Servant
H. A. Theaker
Captain 16th Infantry
Commanding*

Fort Hood and Fort McKavett



Fort McKavett Crew at Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Reunion in June, 2009 included John Cobb, Richard Vaughn, Don Roseburg, and Kim Tolar.



Fifty members of the Hill Country Cattle Women's Association visited the fort on June 16th. They ate a lunch catered by the Fort McKavett Eastern Star in the school house. Following lunch, they watched the presentation: *Fort McKavett History, Vol II, Age of Exploration*. The presentation was followed by an energetic question and answer session. Despite the heat, about 30 ladies then took a guided tour of the buildings.



The Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center held its grand opening in Benjamin (Knox County) Saturday, June 27. Staff Members Cody Mobley and Brandon Halfmann represented Fort McKavett at the all day event

Friends of Fort McKavett and THC join to ask LCRA to choose a route away from the view of our site for their new transmission lines.

There will be a much needed transmission line to take West Texas windmill electricity to the Austin area. We have joined the Texas Historical Commission in asking LCRA to choose the southern route instead of the northern route that is in plain view of our fort. Several local ranches have joined us in asking for this as well.

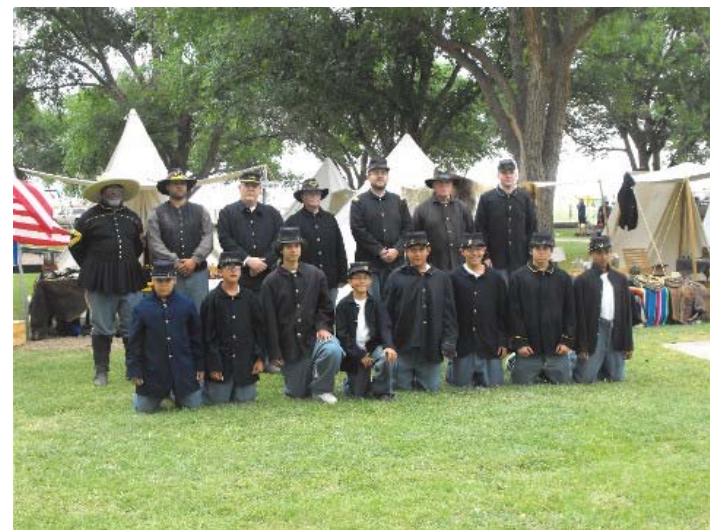
In a resolution, the Friends' Board of Directors asked LCRA to visit our fort and they accepted the invitation. THC officials will join us to welcome the route inspectors during their visit.

We will keep you informed on the status of this project in the coming months.

Fort McKavett at Morton, 2009



Fort McKavett was represented at *Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration & Texas Buffalo Soldier Living History Encampment* in Morton this year by John Cobb, John Schultz, Andrew Schultz, Henry Crawford, Tad Goss, the Buffalo Soldier Program from TPWD, and Fort Concho's Buffalo Soldiers. There were displays of a large military encampment, medical displays, infantry, cavalry, mapping expeditions, and cooking displays. The weather was fairly cool and we had about 800 visitors.



The crew at Morton including our helpers from Morton's 4-H Club.

1872 Financial Report for McKavett

Office Regt'l & Post Quartermaster.

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Fort Mc Kavett, Tex., June 30th 1872

A Statement of Public Funds in the possession of 1st Lieut John B. Nixon 21st Inf. U.S.A. in the fiscal year ending June 30th 1872

On hand July 1 st 1871	\$618. 70
Receiv ^{ns} from Officers during the year	15429. 46
Do ^{cs} from sales of property &c. during the year	1419. 25
Total	
	25467. 50
Disburse ^{ds} during the year	23922. 91
Trans ^{fr} to U.S. Treasury as per Certificates of deposit during year	1290. 99
Remaining on hand June 30 th 1872	553. 60
Total	
	25467. 50

The balance on hand is deposited as follows

With Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans	386. 24
In the National Bank San Antonio Texas	39. 10
In personal possession	128. 26
Total	
	553. 60

John B. Nixon
1st Lieut John B. Nixon, 21st Inf. U.S.A.

This June 30, 1872 copy of the Quartermaster Report for Fort McKavett shows the year to date amount of money the fort brought into the area. This is not the payroll records, but the money for supplies, repairs, and new buildings for the fort. In 1872, \$25,767 was a tremendous amount of cash on the frontier.

1st Lt. Nixon was the Regimental and Post Acting Quartermaster for the Fort in 1872.

From the Manual of Army Cooks...

Mixing.—Preciseness in the preparation of ingredients is an important element of success in cooking. Accurate measuring is the habit of the careful and industrious cook; guessing at proportions is the practice of the indifferent and lazy cook.

After the ingredients have been carefully determined, they should be incorporated as laid down in the recipe. Failure to make a good dish when ingredients have been carefully prepared is often due to the fact that they have not been mixed properly.

Women Nurses in the Army Hospitals

CIRCULAR NO. 8.

Washington, July 24, 1862.

No candidate for service in the Women's Department for nursing in the Military Hospitals of the United States, will be received below the age of thirty-five years, nor above fifty.

Only women of strong health, not subjects of chronic disease, nor liable to sudden illnesses, need apply. The duties of the station make large and continued demands on strength.

Matronly persons of experience, good conduct, or superior education and serious disposition, will always have preference; habits of neatness, order, sobriety, and industry are prerequisites.

All applicants must present certificates of qualification and good character from at least two persons of trust, testifying to morality, integrity, seriousness, and capacity for care of the sick.

Obedience to rules of the service, and conformity to special regulations, will be required and enforced.

Compensation, as regulated by Act of Congress, forty cents a day and subsistence. Transportation furnished to and from the place of service.

Amount of luggage limited within small compass.

Dress plain (colors brown, grey, or black), and, while connected with the service, without ornaments of any sort.

No applicants accepted for less than three months' service; those for longer periods always have preference.

D. L. DIX.

These basic regulations never changed until the late 1890s. Fort McKavett's Medical Journal slightly mentions some matrons serving at the Post Hospital after the Civil War.