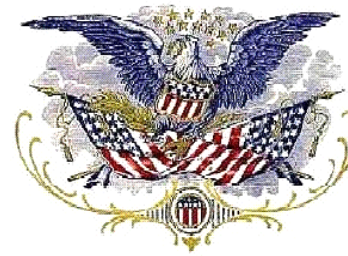


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May 2-3, Fort Chadbourne Days
Living History Event, Student Day is
the 2nd

May 3, Doan's Crossing

May 10, Fort Mason 150th
anniversary

May 8-10, 2008 Texas Forts Days
held at the Fort Worth Stockyards

June 28-29, Texas' Last Frontier
Heritage Celebration, Morton

Oct 10-12, Fort Griffin Days, Fort
Griffin. Education Day on Friday the
10th

Dec 5-7, Christmas at Old Fort
Concho, San Angelo. Education day
on Friday the 5th

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Boy Scouts at Fort McKavett

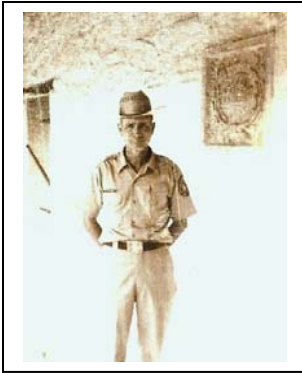


The Post played host to 91 Boy Scouts from Troops 407, 107, and 18 joined the staff and cleared junipers and brush during the weekend of April 19th. They got to enjoy the barracks and had a good time.



Coming up in July, we will be hosting the Old Stories, New Voices again. More on this in next month's Gazette.

Meet the Staff



Left: Bill Wright was one of our first Park Rangers. Right: Jay Wright is one of our new Staff Members and follows in his Dad's footsteps

Jay was born and raised in the area surrounding Fort McKavett. He attended both Junction and Menard schools, graduating from Menard High School in 1975. He then attended Texas A & M University. Jay lives on the Landers' family ranch on Bear Creek near Cleo, TX. He is a rancher and is currently serving as the Master of the Fort McKavett Masonic Lodge. Jay's father, William A. (Bill) Wright worked as a Park Ranger at Fort McKavett SHS from 1970 until he retired in 1989. Jay enjoyed spending many weekends and summers working with his father at the Fort. This job was fate.

Library Plaque is on the wall...



John Schultz presented with Historical Stewards award



In only the second presentation since the Friends of Fort McKavett was founded, John Schultz, our Living History Director, received our Steward of History award. John is shown being presented with a plaque by Site Superintendent Buddy Garza and Friends of Fort McKavett President John Cobb while representing Fort McKavett at Fort Richardson's Living History Days.



Fort Richardson Days

Buddy Garza led the staff and volunteers at Fort Richardson this year. Buddy was joined by Lee Reed, John Cobb, John Schultz, Richard and Cindy Vaughn, and Chris Fischer. The wagon made an excellent platform to work out of. Everyone had a great time and we had lots of visitors and students on both Friday and Saturday. The Richardson Staff did a great job!

History America Tour Visits Fort McKavett



Tour members take a break on the Hospital porch

Fort McKavett was one of the first stops on History America Tours: "Bad Hand Mackenzie: Legend of the Texas Indian Wars" tour through Texas. Twenty-two people from all over the United States arrived by bus accompanied by tour historian Neil Mangum. Neil spent most of his 34 year National Park Service career in the West. He was chief historian and later park superintendant at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. This is his second trip to Fort McKavett having been here for the Order of the Indian Wars Tour a couple of years ago.

The tour featured historic posts where Ranald Mackenzie was assigned and locations where Mackenzie and his men fought. In addition to Fort McKavett, the tour was to stop at Fort Concho, Camp Cooper, Fort Griffin, Fort Belknap, Fort Phantom Hill, Fort Sill, Adobe Walls, and Palo Duro Canyon.



Fort McKavett was represented in Buffalo Gap at a Vintage Baseball Tournament April 26th by Alfredo and Russell. They played on the Bourne White Sox team. They lost their first game and then won their second.



Fort McKavett has received four new Texas Historical Commission trucks. This is the ¾ ton and there are three ½ ton trucks.

Lake Brownwood State Park Open House



In our continuing quest to keep and expand our Educational Programs, Fort McKavett was represented at Lake Brownwood by Russell, Alfredo and John Cobb April 25th-26th. Working as a bridge between the Texas Historical Commission and Texas Parks and Wildlife, we have a very busy schedule this year. Come out and enjoy some of our programs this year. See the first page for a copy of the schedule.

From the Archives...

OFFICER OF THE DAY.

49. The officer of the day is responsible for the proper performance of duty by the guard with which he marches on and for the enforcement of all police regulations, and is charged with the execution of all orders of the commanding officer relating to the safety and good order of the post or camp.

His actual tour of duty begins when he receives the report of the adjutant at guard mounting, and ceases when he has been relieved by the commanding officer.

From Fort McKavett's Research Center and Post Library

Transporting the wounded in the field



FIG. 13.—ROOKER'S saddle-attachment for the support of wounded men.

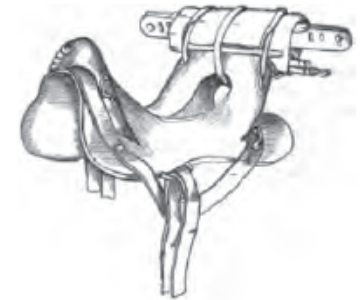


FIG. 14.—ROOKER'S saddle-attachment packed to a McClellan saddle.

The 1877 Circular from the Medical Department showed this method for transporting wounded soldiers. The attachment to the McClellan Saddle held the Soldier upright while being evacuated. If he was unable to stay in the saddle, he was put in a wagon, ambulance, or in a horse litter and dragged behind the horse.

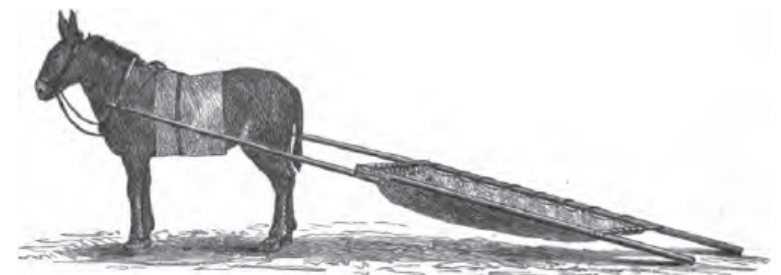


FIG. 19.—GREENLEAF'S combined hand and horse litter hitched to a mule. [From a drawing by Dr. GREENLEAF.]



Dr. Redford Sharpe was at Fort McKavett and was quite familiar with these types of evacuation of soldiers in the field. Very few of the expeditions and patrols out of Fort McKavett had ambulances with them. They had to make do with what they had in the field.