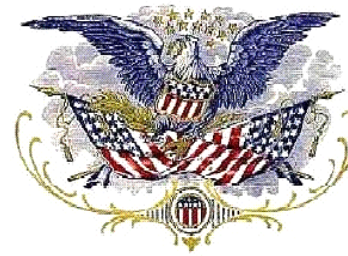


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**May 8-9**, Frontier Forts Days,  
Fort Worth Stockyards  
**May 8-9**, Lake Brownwood State  
Park Open House, Education Day  
on Friday  
**May 22-24**, Texas State Railroad  
Memorial Day Celebration, Rusk  
**June 27-28**, Morton, Last Frontier  
Days  
**October 10-12**, Fort Griffin Days  
**October 17**, Fort Stockton 150th  
Anniversary  
**December 4-6**, Christmas at Old  
Fort Concho

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## *A Quick Note:*

April has been a very busy month for Fort McKavett's staff and volunteers. We were all over Texas: from the House Chambers in Austin to living history events and conferences. The great success of this year's West Texas Heritage Days indicates just how much the efforts of our staff and volunteers have paid off.

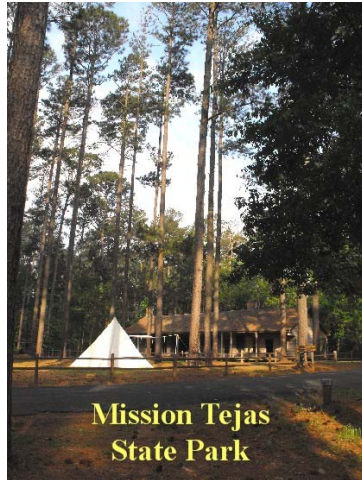
I can't say enough about our staff and volunteers for all their hard work. So on behalf of everyone, thank you!

In the next few months, you will see preparations for this year's "Old Stories, New Voices" event as well as other activities.

Hope to see you in the field or at our fort...

**John E. Cobb**  
President  
Friends of Fort McKavett

# Fort Richardson Days



**Fort McKavett at Mission Tejas**  
*Andrew Schultz, Richard and Cindy Vaughn, and John and Faye Cobb attended Mission Tejas Living History Event April 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a great turnout of visitors to the site and everyone had a good time. Former Fort McKavett volunteer, John Ferguson, is the TPWD Complex Manager there. He gave us all a tour of El Camino Real and of a large Indian Village on the site.*



*Top Left: Andrew Schultz making a presentation, Top Right: Cindy Vaughn showing her laundress impression, Right: John Cobb showing a field desk and other displays.*



## McKavett Represented at THC Annual Historic Preservation Conference

Buddy Garza and Jay Wright were on hand with a Fort McKavett exhibit in Austin on April 15<sup>th</sup>.



*Right: Officers Call at Fort Richardson. Left to right, Glenn Baret, John Cobb, Greg Hector, and Chuck Dixon relaxing on the Hospital Porch at Fort Richardson's April Event*

*Richard and Cindy Vaughn, John Cobb, John and Andrew Schultz represented Fort McKavett at this year's Fort Richardson's event. This was a good event in spite of the weather with a good turnout of students on Friday, along with Saturday's visitors. As usual, Glenn, Ray, and Robert did a bang up job with organization and feeding everyone. Upper Right: Cindy and the Ladies exhibit. Lower Right: Part of the Fort McKavett Field Exhibit.*



*Left: Fort Richardson Hospital*



*Special thanks to Ann Dixon for these photographs.*



# Another Cellar?

## SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

(See section 2, paragraph 3, General Orders No. 9, Headquarters Department of Texas, series of 1875.)

The Subsistence and Commissary property of the post are stored in a single building of stone with shingled roof and with ridge ventilation. It is good, and dry and has ample capacity in everything excepting cellar storage. It has no cellar, and the loam, sand, and better, have the same exposure, as the other stones. I made a thorough inventory of all subsistence supplies on July 4<sup>th</sup> and found amount on hand to agree with reported amount. Few articles - more particularly butter which has been on hand a long time, and a few canned fruits, and vegetables were found to be damaged. All these will be properly acted upon.

In this July, 1879 Inspector General Report on Fort McKavett, there is mention of a cellar located at the Subsistence and Commissary building on Post. This would be located under one of the ruins of the warehouses on the north side of the Post. This might make a great project for THC to find when they have an archeological survey of this area. We will keep our fingers crossed that it will be found.



## For Cavalrymen, from the 1882 Army Regulations

**313.** On the plains, where forage cannot be obtained, grazing should be allowed at every spare moment. For this purpose bits should always be removed and girths loosened. When picketed for grazing, the places should be frequently changed. Grazing should always be allowed as long as possible, early in the morning, when dew is on the grass.

**314.** To prevent stampeding in camp on the plains, if the men of the command go among the animals quietly, but promptly, on the first evidence of fright, and speak to them, they will in most cases be quieted. After animals have been stampeded, if they are new to the service, men should mount the fastest animals within reach, place themselves in front of those running, and lead them back to camp. With old horses, the sound of the stable call will often prevent stampeding, or stop them when running.



*Boy Scout Troop 407 from Boerne spent an April weekend at Fort McKavett and did a service project for us, cleaning brush and trees from the old town area of the site grounds.*



## Texas Travelers Counselors Conference visits Fort McKavett



Friends of Fort McKavett Volunteers served the lunch paid for by the Friends for 100 visitors from the Texas Travelers Counselors Conference. They were here for a visit, tour and lunch on Tuesday, April 21. We are hoping for an increase in our site visitation from referrals made by these professionals of the travel industry in Texas.

# From the Archives...

## 1857 U.S. Army Regulations Dealing with Sutlers

### ARTICLE XXV.

#### SUTLERS.

202....Every military post may have one Sutler, to be appointed by the Secretary of War on the recommendation of the Council of Administration, approved by the commanding officer.

203....A Sutler shall hold his office for a term of three years, unless sooner removed; but the commanding officer may, for cause, suspend a Sutler's privilege until a decision of the War Department is received in the case.

204....In case of vacancy, a temporary appointment may be made by the commanding officer upon the nomination of the Council of Administration.

205....Troops in campaign, on detachment, or on distant service, will be allowed Sutlers, at the rate of one for every regiment, corps, or separate detachment; to be appointed by the commanding officer of such regiment, corps, or detachment, upon the recommendation of the council of administration, subject to the approval of the general or other officer in command.

206....No tax or burden in any shape, other than the authorized assessment for the post fund, will be imposed on the Sutler. If there be a spare building, the use of it may be allowed him, he being responsible that it is kept in repair. If there be no such building, he may be allowed to erect one; but this article gives the Sutler no claim to quarters, transportation for himself or goods, or to any military allowance whatever.

207....The tariff of prices fixed by the Council of Administration shall be exposed in a conspicuous place in the Sutler's store. No difference of prices will be allowed on cash or credit sales.

208....Sutlers are not allowed to keep ardent spirits or other intoxicating drinks, under penalty of losing their situations.

209....Sutlers shall not farm out or underlet the business and privileges granted by their appointment.



## Fort Lancaster Event

Buddy Garza and Russell Tipton represented Fort McKavett at Fort Lancaster's living history event in April. There were 300 kids on Education Day, 60 Boy Scouts on Saturday, and about 150 regular visitors during the 2 day event. There were also 66 children from the SEABORN Challenge school group.



*Left: Historic Sites Division Director Donna Williams riding a camel at Fort Lancaster. Below Left: Camp and Stagecoach displays, Below Right: Lipan Apache Village.*



*Right: The Moore's Approved Pack-Saddle from the 1881 Regulations on Wagons, Paulins, Stoves and Ranges for the U.S. Army.*

*This is one of the research books you can find at the Fort McKavett Research Center and Library.*

