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# Fort McKavett Gazette

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## Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

December 6-8, Christmas at Fort  
Concho. Education Day on  
Friday

\*THC Historic Sites Event



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## President's Message...

As usual, between our annual Star Party and the Fall Living History events, the Staff and Volunteers from Fort McKavett have been very busy this October. We have been involved with events on site and throughout the State.

In November there will be a stakeholder's planning meeting on the new Interpretive Master Plan for Fort McKavett State Historic Site. The site is expecting good attendance and there will be more information in the December edition of the Gazette.

Don't forget Christmas at Old Fort Concho is coming up!

John Cobb President  
Friends of Fort McKavett



## **Fall Star Party**

JSCAS astronomer Kurt Maurer helped the staff with trimming and mowing prior to the Fall Star Party. Kurt arrived a couple days early to volunteer at the fort. He helped get the grounds ready and helped trim at the Fort McKavett Cemetery in preparation for the program given by Cody Mobley. Kurt also helped with setting up the RV electrical pedestals. Buddy and the staff appreciate Kurt's hard work.



*Right: Some of the visitors who attended the cemetery tour viewing one of the interesting headstone epitaphs.*



*Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving from the Friends of Fort McKavett*

## **Honors for one of ours...**

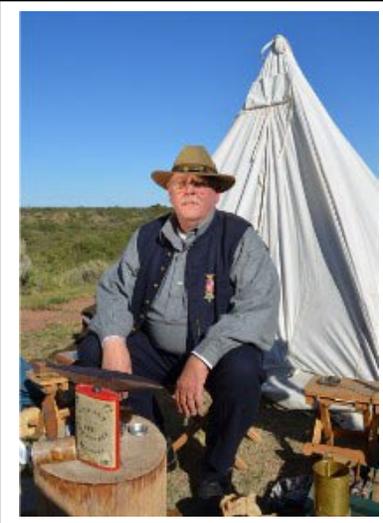


The Friends of Fort McKavett helped with historical data and documenting the dedication of a grave marker and historical plaque for Sgt. Felix Lindsey in Wichita Falls. Sgt. Lindsey was stationed at Fort McKavett with Company "C" of the 10th Cavalry Regiment between 1875 and 1878. Seventy-four years after he was laid to rest in a crudely marked grave in Riverside Cemetery, a slave-turned-vaunted Indian fighter who made his home in Wichita Falls he finally received official state and military recognition on Saturday, Oct. 5. Buffalo soldier Felix L. Lindsey, who died at the age of 92, received three wounds in the Indian Wars while fighting for the 10th U.S. Cavalry during the U.S. Army's pursuit of hostile tribes on the Western frontier. Lindsey later recounted how in 1885 after his regiment captured Geronimo in Arizona, he had a face-to-face confrontation with the elusive and feared Apache chieftain as Geronimo negotiated his surrender. A leg wound led to the end of Lindsey's 11-year military career in 1893, while he was serving in the Hospital Corps at Fort Sill, Okla.

## Fort Griffin Living History Event, 2013



Fort Griffin State Historic Site hosted their annual Living History Event in October. This year's event was held in the campgrounds because of construction at the fort site. Tours were given of the Fort so participants could see the improvements being made. There were about 1,200 students on hand for education day and many visitors on Saturday.



### Caprock Canyons Event

Friends of Fort McKavett President John Cobb and Henry Crawford were among the living history presenters at this year's Caprock Canyons Event in October. We had around 350 students on education day and about twice that number of visitors on Friday and Saturday.

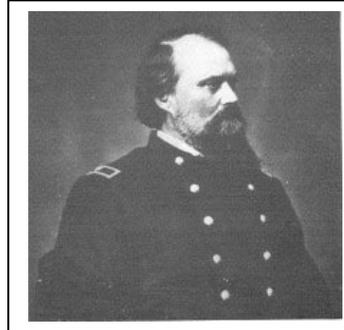
## Fort Stockton, October 2013



*Fort McKavett staff and volunteers attended this year's Saturday only event at Fort Stockton. There was a good turnout of visitors to the site.*

*Post Adjutant at Fort McKavett in the 1850's*

## Samuel Beckley Holabird



**\*Holabird, Samuel Beckley.** Conn. Conn. **Cadet M A** 1 July 1845 (**31**); bvt 2 lt 1 inf 1 July 1849; 2 lt 10 June 1850; 1 lt 31 May 1855; r q m 1 July 1852 to 31 May 1858; capt a q m 13 May 1861; maj a a d c 2 July 1862; col a a d c 11 July 1862; hon must out as a a d c 31 May 1866; lt col d q m gen 29 July 1866; col a q m gen 22 Jan 1881; brig gen q m gen 1 July 1883; retd 16 June 1890; bvt maj lt col col and brig gen 13 Mar 1865 for fai and mer ser dur the war.

Holabird served at Fort McKavett with the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Infantry 1855-1858. He was the Post and Regimental Adjutant at that time. Later, he became the Quartermaster General of the Army from 1883 to 1890 when he retired.

# Indian Wars Army Regulations

## PAYMENT OF ENLISTED MEN.

**2448.** When a company is paraded for payment, the officer in command of it shall attend the pay-table, and witness the payment.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 1341.]

**2449.** The Paymaster will deduct from the pay of all enlisted men twelve and a half cents per month for the support of the "Soldiers' Home," and also the amount of the authorized stoppages entered on the muster-roll, descriptive-list, or certificate of discharge.—[*Regs.* 1863, ¶ 1364.]

**2450.** The ordinary rates of pay are found in sections 1261 to 1288, inclusive, Revised Statutes.

## RE-ENLISTMENT PAY.

**2451.** The rate of pay prescribed in section 1282, Revised Statutes, is payable to the following classes of men:

1. Those who are entitled to longevity pay for re-enlistment under the provisions of the act of August 4, 1854.

2. Those who have at any time re-enlisted under the terms of that act, though not entitled to longevity pay thereunder because of failure to remain continuously in service.

Men of class 1 will be indicated on the muster-rolls by the remarks prescribed in paragraph 2453.

Those of class 2 will be indicated by the remark: "Entitled to re-enlistment pay." Lack of sufficient evidence to establish a claim

to re-enlistment pay will be supplied by application to the Adjutant General.—[*G. O.* 51, 1872.]

**2452.** Men serving under a second, third, fourth, &c., enlistment, but who never "re-enlisted" under the act of August 4, 1854, will only be entitled to the pay provided in sections 1280 and 1281, Revised Statutes.—[*G. O.* 51, 1872.]

## LONGEVITY PAY OF ENLISTED MEN.

**2453.** Under section 1284, Revised Statutes, a soldier who completes a term of five years' continuous service, and re-enlists within thirty days thereafter, is entitled to an additional allowance of \$2 per month; and for each successive and continuous re-enlistment under the same conditions he is entitled to a further addition of \$1 per month. The rate of allowance is indicated on the rolls by the remark: "\$2 per mo. for five years' continuous service"; "\$3 per mo. for ten years' continuous service"; "\$4 per mo. for fifteen years' continuous service," &c.—[*G. O.* 18, 1876.]

*Several Questions have come up about the Enlisted Men's pay, so here are the Army Regulations covering Men's pay...*

# From the Army Cooks Manual

## RAW CUCUMBERS.

Cucumbers should be as fresh from the vine as possible, and eaten within twenty-four hours after they are gathered. Pare and slice the cucumbers thin and sprinkle them plentifully with salt, and let them remain for a half hour. Then rinse off the salt with cold water, drain, and put lumps of ice on top or lay them in ice water for one-half hour or longer. This will crisp them. Just before they are served drain them dry. Season with pepper, salt, and vinegar. Add olive oil if desired.

Thin slices of raw onions may be mixed with the cucumbers.

## STEWED CUCUMBERS.

Pare and cut the cucumbers lengthwise into slices one-quarter inch thick. Put them in cold or ice water for one hour, then drain them. Put into a pot one or more tablespoonfuls of dripping or butter and enough stock or boiling water to prevent the cucumbers from burning. Season with pepper and salt, mace, or grated nutmeg; put in the cucumbers, cover, and stew gently for thirty minutes, frequently stirring to prevent burning. When the stew is done, pour over it one-half cupful of milk previously thickened with flour and water and seasoned with pepper, salt, mace, or grated nutmeg.

Let it boil up once, constantly stirring; then add the juice of half a lemon or a teaspoonful of vinegar.

## FRIED CUCUMBERS.

Pare and cut the cucumbers lengthwise into slices not quite one-half inch thick. Put them in cold or

ice water for one hour. Wipe each slice dry with a soft cloth, sprinkle with pepper and salt, and dredge them with flour. Put into a frying pan enough butter, beef dripping, or lard so that when melted it will just cover the bottom of the pan.

When this becomes hot, put in the cucumbers and fry both sides a light brown.