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Fort McKavett Upcoming Events

October 5, Fall Star Party with
Johnson Space Center
Astronomical Society*
October 11-12, Fort Griffin
Living History Event, Education
Day on Friday.*
October 19, Fort Stockton (1
day)
October 18-19, Caprock
Canyons SP Buffalo Days
Education Day on Friday
December 6-8, Christmas at Fort
Concho. Education Day on
Friday

*THC Historic Sites Event



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Gazettes can be found at:

www.fortmckavett.org

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President's Message...

We are entering our busy Fall time at Fort McKavett with our annual Fall Star Party and several events our volunteers and staff will be attending.

In November, there will be a Stake Holders Meeting with the Texas Historical Commission about the long term plans for Fort McKavett. We will have more details on this as we get closer to the meeting.

In the meantime, our Post has received good rains and the grass is green and thick this year. If you haven't had a chance to see the Fort lately, you need to see it. Between the fresh whitewash, window sashes, doorways, and the green grass, it's quite a sight!

Hope to see you on the trail!

John Cobb President
Friends of Fort McKavett



Star Party

**Saturday
October 5th**

**Fort
McKavett
State Historic
Site**

**Johnson
Space Center
Astronomical
Society**

Photo courtesy of Jake McKee

October is Archeology month in Texas, and on October 5th Fort McKavett will host a walking tour of the Fort McKavett Cemetery at 2 p.m. and the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society Star Party beginning at dusk. The fort's gates will remain open until 10:30 p.m.

All visitors are encouraged to arrive before dark to meet the astronomers. Amateur astronomers from the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society in Houston will be on hand with their telescopes. There will be a wide variety of sizes and styles of telescopes that visitors can look through to see planets, nebulas, star clusters, and galaxies.

The star party is dependent upon weather and could be cancelled due to clouds or bad weather. On the afternoon of the Star Party, please feel free to contact the fort at 325.396.2358 for a status update. Please park in the parking lot and follow the red lights to the observation field. Bring a red flashlight. Red cellophane will be available to cover white light flashlights. Please no white light at the telescopes.

*Fort McKavett will be represented at events
this fall...*

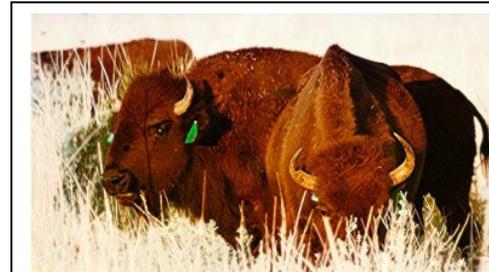


**Fort Stockton Living
History Event,
October 19, one day
event.**

**Fort Griffin Living
History Days,
October 11-12.
Education Day on
Friday. This year's
event will be held
in the
campgrounds.**



**Caprock Canyons
State Park, October
18-19. Education Day
on Friday**



***Come out and support our Volunteers at these
events...Don't forget Christmas at Old Fort
Concho the first weekend in December!***

Buffalo Soldier to be recognized...

Rededication Ceremony
honoring
SGT FELIX L. LINDSEY
10th U. S. CAVALRY REGIMENT
INDIAN WARS



9:15 A.M.
MEMORIAL SERVICE

Former Residence:
800 Jalonc Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

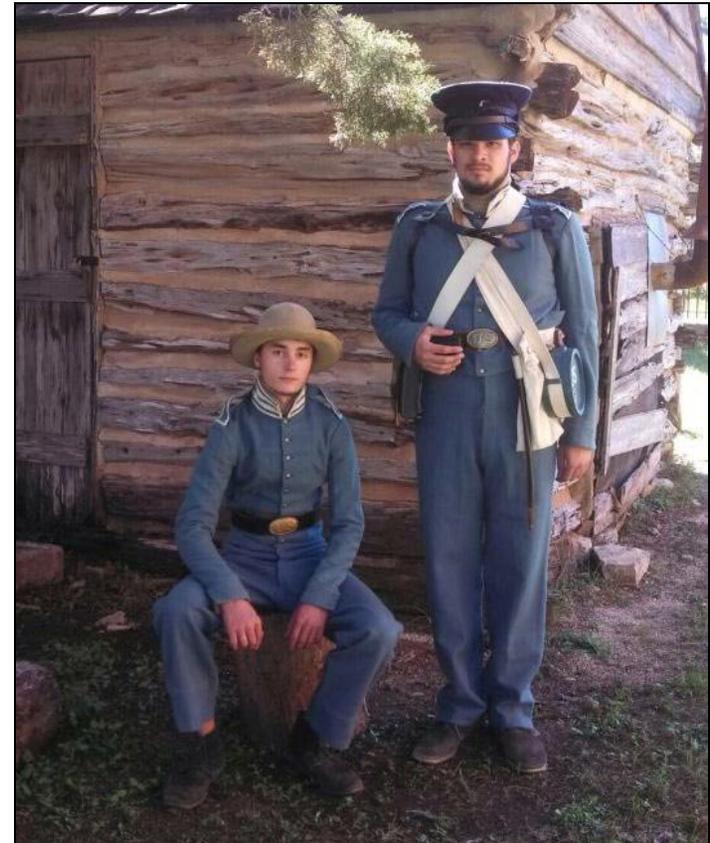
10:00 A.M., SATURDAY,
5 OCTOBER 2013
RIVERSIDE CEMETERY
1810 Seymour Hwy
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301


Fellowship and Era Exhibit
immediately following in the
Assembly Hall at:

The MUSEUM OF NORTH
TEXAS HISTORY
720 Indiana Avenue
Wichita Falls, Texas 76307

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 will finally receive official state and military recognition on Saturday, Oct. 5. Fort McKavett will have coverage of this event in our November Gazette.

Onsite Programs



McMurry students shown at Buffalo Gap Historic Village.

McMurry University's public history program will be joining Fort McKavett staff in future antebellum programs onsite. With increasing interest in antebellum military history within the living history community it's nice to see younger participants get involved. If you are interested in participating in any of the antebellum programs, or any programs onsite, please contact Cody Mobley via email: cody.mobley@thc.state.tx.us or by calling the site for more info 325.396.2358

From the U.S. Army Regulations

767. As soon as practicable, and at least within six days after his enlistment, the following oath will be administered to the recruit:

STATE OF _____,
Town of _____, ss:

I, _____, born in _____, in the State of _____, and by occupation a _____, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted [or re-enlisted] this _____ day of _____, 18____, as a soldier in the Army of the United States of America for the period of _____ years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority, and do also agree to accept from the United States such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are or may be established by law; and I do solemnly swear that I am _____ years and _____ months of age, and know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for _____ years, under this enlistment contract with the United States. And I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

_____. [SEAL.]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 18____.

Recruiting Officer.

This oath may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Army.—[Reg. 1863, ¶ 935; R. S., § 1342, Art. 2; A. G. O., May 4, 1876.]

Fort McKavett's Research Library will be receiving copies of the Post Returns of Fort Griffin, Lancaster, Terrett, Richardson, Stockton and several Pre-Civil War Sites in the next few weeks. These will be available through the Library for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact site staff for scheduling appointments. Research fee of \$20.00 will apply.



From the Army Cooks Manual

TO MAKE SAUSAGE MEAT.

14 pounds lean fresh pork.	6 pounds fresh pork fat.
4 ounces powdered sage.	2 ounces fine salt.
2 ounces sugar.	¼ ounce cayenne pepper.
1 ounce powdered black pepper.	

Remove the skin, sinews, and gristle from the fat; chop the lean and fat as fine as possible. Mix them well together. Mix the seasoning together, and then into the meat. Pack it firm in stone jars. Pour melted lard over the meat and cover the vessel. Or pack it into stout muslin bags, dip them into melted lard, and hang them up. Sausage meat should be kept in a cool, dry place. It is better fresh made; if it is to be kept a length of time, the sage should not be put in until it is to be cooked.

The proportion of fat and lean may be varied.

FRIED SAUSAGE MEAT.

Make it into cakes about three inches in diameter and about three-quarters of an inch thick. Have the frying pan hot and dry; put in the cakes and fry until brown on both sides.

Sausage meat in skins may be boiled.

BREAKFAST SAUSAGE.

2 pounds lean pork.	1 teaspoonful salt.
1 teaspoonful powdered sage leaves.	1 salt spoonful black pepper.

Chop meat very fine, add to it the salt, pepper, and sage, mix all thoroughly and form into small cakes. Put an even tablespoonful of dripping into a frying pan, and when hot cover the bottom of the pan with sausage cakes. Fry until nicely browned on one side, then turn and brown the other. Serve plain.

As the old saying goes, don't watch them make sausage...