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The Newsletter of the 1st United States Infantry, The Regulars

Mail Call
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Pards,

I missed seeing you all at Muster my apology. I wanted very much to attend but was too “laid up in camp” with a whopper of a bronchitis and cough. From what I hear the Muster was a success. Thank you to all who attended.

Thank you also for your support and selection of a wonderful slate of NTRS Board Members including your trust in me as 1st Sergeant. I am looking forward to a great year with every one of you. Understanding that our nation’s economic outlook should be better I will endeavor to make our investment into the hobby a fun and rewarding experience. If you have an idea as to an activity or scenario that would be fun let any of us on the Board know and we will do what we can to make it happen.

One idea is to establish a “mail call” round a bout. Neal and I have seen this done with an Illinois unit and it can be a hoot. You write a period style letter home to a family member, sweetheart or friend. Get the letter to me. I will redistribute the letter to an anonymous pard for a period response who returns the reply back to me. I will hand out the reply letters at a mail call during the next event. You will need to attend the event to receive your reply. The cycle then continues in your reply or new letter. Send me a letter and I will swap you with another’s letter to reply to.

The Fort McKavett event is not far away so shoot me an e-mail with a letter home and let’s try it. With a little effort we can have some fun with this.

Please RSVP to me on your attending the Fort McKavett weekend March 28/29 for a head count. Additional information to follow or to be included in the newsletter. I may be reached at brsuv1@verizon.net cell is 214-505-1452.

See you in the ranks,
Blair Rudy, Orderly Sergeant, 1st US Infantry

Results of the 2009 1st United States Infantry Elections

The election was held on February 28, 2009 at approximately 7:00 PM, at unit muster at Fort Washita Oklahoma. The following were elected.

- a. **Senior Officer: ... Alan Prendergast**
- b. **Junior Officer: ... Kevin Doughtie**
- c. **1st Sergeant: Blair. Rudy**
- d. **2nd Sergeant: Beck Martin**
- e. **Corporals: Tate Landin, Bryan Powers, Aaron Smith and Brook. Thomas**
- f. **At-Large Reps: Don Gates and Don Gross**

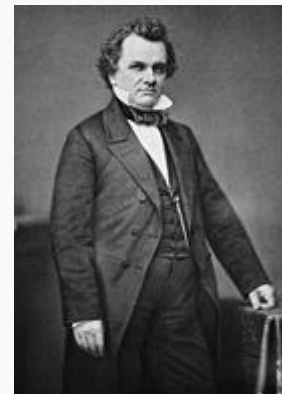
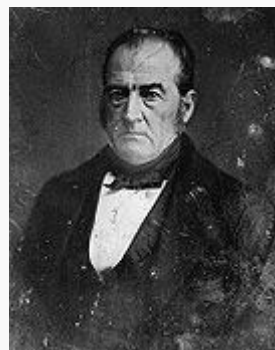
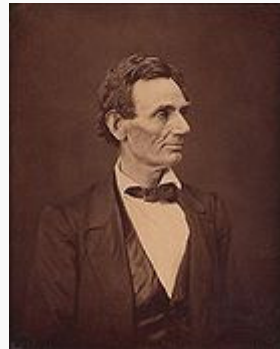
A Total of Seventeen (17) of a possible Twenty-two (22) Votes Were Cast:

- Two (2) votes were cast by absentee Ballot by Cpl Gary Gray and Pvt David Noyes.
- One (1) vote was cast by proxy for Sgt Blair Rudy by his brother Mus Neal Rudy.
- Fourteen votes were cast by Regulars present:
 - LTC Don Gross
 - Cpt Alan Prendergast
 - Lt Kevin Doughtie
 - Cpl Beck Martin
 - Cpl Aaron Smith
 - Cpl Bob Zebian
 - Mus Neal Rudy
 - Pvt John Bowen
 - Pvt Steve Campbell
 - Pvt Don Gates
 - Pvt George Hansen
 - Pvt Tate Landin
 - Pvt Bryan Powers
 - Pvt Brook Thomas
- Four (4) Regulars eligible to vote were not present and did not submit proxies or absentee ballots:

- 1Sgt Paul Mattoon (ret.)
- Pvt Pete Graham
- Pvt Glen Hargis
- Pvt Tom Mabry
- One (1) Civilian, Mrs. (Julie) Thomas was present and eligible to vote but elected not to vote.

Candidates for Senior Officer, Junior Officer, Corporal and At-Large were unopposed and were elected by acclamation. The successful candidates for First Sergeant and Second Sergeant were elected by a simple majority on the first secret ballot.

November 6, 1860



Fort McKavett, March 28th and 29th

This is a friendly reminder that our next event will be Fort McKavett (March 28th and 29th...arriving the evening of the 27th.) We will attend the 150th anniversary of the 1st US abandonment of the fort in 1859. This is also the Fort McKavett Days weekend. We will be honored guest; being that we represent the 1st and we will be staying in the barracks. The Fort will be providing us lunch. We will be cooking our own breakfast and dinner. I am sure our standard ration cost of \$10.00 will be requested from the Captain.



West Texas Heritage Days

Date/Time: 3/28/2009 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Fort McKavett

Fort McKavett, Texas

Cost: Adults \$3, Students \$1, 12 and under free

Contact: Fort McKavett State Historic Site
325.396.2358
ft-mckavett@thc.state.tx.us

Fort McKavett State Historic Site will come to life on March 28, 2009 as living historians and reenactors from around the state gather to portray life on a fort in the 1800s. Gates will open at 8 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. flag raising ceremony.

Activities will include cavalry, artillery and infantry drills, Native American demonstrations, buffalo soldiers, Buffalo Hunters, Chuck Wagon demonstrations, the Texas Camel Corps, and demonstrations of other frontier skills. The Ice House Brass Band will perform during a barbeque lunch offered to the public by the Friends of Fort McKavett.

http://www.thc.state.tx.us/hsites/hs_mckavett.aspx?Site=McKavett

1st U.S. Calendar

2009

March

28th – 29th Fort McKavett, TX 150th Anniversary of the 1st US abandonment of the Fort

April

25th – 26th New Year's Creek Invitational (Houston, TX area)

May

9th Fort Worth Frontier Forts (Recruiting/Drill) Fort Worth Stockyards

June

TBD Cartridge Rolling

July

19th Ceremony at Honey Springs, OK

August

TBD-1st US Social

September

26th – 27th Fort Washita Reenactment

October

TBD

November

7th – 8th Battle of Myer's Landing, McKinney, TX

December

5th or 12th (TBD) Dallas Heritage Village Candlelight Drill

*Note: **Bold** are scheduled maximum effort events. Italicized dates are available events or recruiting activities. **See website for full event calendar***

Dues Reminder

Also, if you have not sent your dues in, please make it a point to get them in soon.

Again the cost is \$25.00, make the check out to NTRS and send to Captain Prendergast.

**Alan Prendergast
1403 Barclay Drive
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Fort McKavett State Historic Site

is a state park in Menard County, Texas, United States. Fort McKavett was a frontier fort established as **Camp San Saba** in 1852 to protect settlers from Indian raids. The camp was renamed in honor of Captain Henry McKavett, who was killed in the Mexican-American War battle of Monterrey

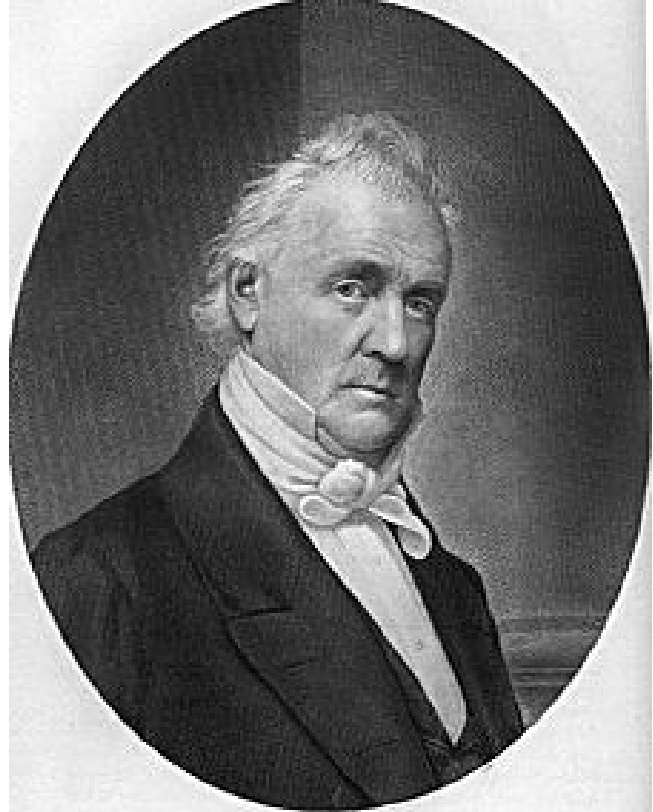
Camp followers formed a town a mile north of the post. It was supposed to be named after a German merchant, but went by the unfortunate name of "Scabtown." The historic site itself is located close to Junction, Texas.

Fort McKavett was abandoned in 1859 as problems with the Indians decreased, and most of the civilians left when the soldiers departed. The post and the community - having rid itself of the name Scabtown was more than happy to assume the same name as the fort.

The fort was reactivated in 1868 as Indian raids became more frequent. The fort closed for good on June 30, 1883 - but with the Indian threat gone, residents stayed - unlike the previous closing.

By the mid-1890s the community had 80 citizens, a weekly paper - and two hotels. In 1904 the school had twenty-eight students and two teachers.

By the 1920s, Fort McKavett's population was about 150 - falling to 136 during the years of the Great Depression and staying at that level until the 1960s. From a reported 103 in the 70s, it declined to a mere 45 by 1990.



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