



Fort McKavett 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment

Company A

March 1868 – March 1869
February 1874 – January 1875

Company F

April 1868 – November 1868

Company G

February 1875 – March 1875

Company M

August 1874 – January 1875
January 1881 – February 1881

(Companies M and G were attached to Fort McKavett while Company A was on the Palo Duro Expedition.)

Fort McKavett State Historic Site

Located on the western edge of the Texas Hill Country, Fort McKavett State Historic Site is one of the most complete Indian Wars army posts in Texas.

Several quarters and buildings have period furnishings and displays. The site was home to all four of the “Buffalo Soldier” regiments as well as several other cavalry, dragoons and infantry regiments. Fort McKavett was active from 1852–1859, then again from 1868–1883.

Fort McKavett and the 4th U.S. Cavalry

Company M of the 4th Cavalry was on temporary assignment to Fort McKavett in 1874–1875 while most of the regiment was in the field with Mackenzie in Palo Duro Canyon. They worked closely with Company K of the 10th Cavalry in patrolling the area as well as fulfilling guard duties on the mail routes. Their stay at the post was only six months but occurred during the most turbulent times in West Texas history. Company G was assigned to the post after that campaign long enough to re-supply and rest the company before transferring to Fort Sill, Indian Territory.



Ranald S. Mackenzie left Fort McKavett and the 24th Infantry to command the 4th Cavalry in 1870 and visited Fort McKavett several times in the 1870s.



Major John K. Mizner at Fort McKavett in 1874 with Company M.



Capt. William O'Connell commanded Company M in 1874.

FORT MCKAVETT AND THE 4TH U.S. CAVALRY



Company A Medal of Honor Awardees:



Capt. Eugene Beaumont
reopened the Post in 1868.



1st Lt. J.H. Dorst
1874-75



1st Lt. Peter M. Boehm
1868



1st Lt. R.G. Carter
1874



Corporal John W. Comfort
1874

Not shown are Corporal Henry A. McMasters and Farrier Ernest Veuve. Company A had seven Medal of Honor awardees stationed at Fort McKavett between 1868 and 1875.



Company F Medal of Honor Awardees:



Farrier David Larkin
1874



Capt. Wirt Davis
Company F commanding
officer later as Colonel

Not shown: 2nd Lt. Lewis Warrington 1869.



The patch of the 4th Cavalry was adopted years after Fort McKavett. Elements of the regiment still exist today.



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