



Fort McKavett 9th U.S. Cavalry Regiment

Company D

November 1873 – January 1874

Company F

March 1869 – January 1874

Company M

March 1869 – November 1873

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 9th U.S. Cavalry

Three companies of the 9th Cavalry spent most of their time at Fort McKavett on patrols, guard duties on military wagon trains, and explorations of West Texas. They had more Native American Indian encounters and fights than any other units assigned to the post.

Sgt. Emanuel Stance was assigned to patrol the Kickapoo Springs area in May, 1870 in response to the theft of two children and several mules and horses from the Loyal Valley area. He found the Native American Indians and over a two-day period, rescued the children, recovered the stock and saved an Army wagon train from attack by Native American Indians. Sgt. Stance was awarded the Medal of Honor in July, becoming the first black soldier to be honored with the Medal during the Indian Wars.



Capt. Henry Carroll's Company F were stationed at Fort McKavett in the early 1870s. They had the reputation of being “bulldogs” when in pursuit of raiding Native American Indians, and they logged thousands of miles in the field.



Capt. Frances Sanford Dodge of Company D was awarded the Medal of Honor after Fort McKavett in the 1879 Ute Uprising in Colorado.

FORT MCKAVETT AND THE 9TH U.S. CAVALRY



Major Albert Payson Morrow was over the 9th Cavalry's Battalion at Fort McKavett from 1873–1874.



9th Cavalry officers in the 1870s.



9th Cavalrymen on parade in the 1880s after leaving Fort McKavett and Texas.



The patch of the 9th Cavalry was adopted years after Fort McKavett. Elements of the regiment still exist today.



9th Cavalry
Coat of Arms



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