

Get Ready for a Great Time in Texas!
The 2010 Bivouac and National Cavalry Competition
San Angelo & Fort Concho, September 30 – October 3, 2010

Ten years after a Bivouac in San Angelo, in conjunction with San Angelo and Fort Concho, we are planning a great Annual Bivouac and National Cavalry Competition (NCC) deep in the heart of Texas. The historic Fort Concho, established in 1867 and occupied by cavalry, infantry, and artillery until 1889, is considered among the best preserved frontier forts west of the Mississippi. It is currently involved extensively in public service and educational activities, including having its own living history program with mounted reenactors. The fort's facilities are ideally suited for the NCC and support of several of our social activities. There are both indoor stables and outdoor places for horses. The parade ground will be the site of the competitive events. Horse trailer and limited RV hookups are available at the stables and adjacent to the fort. Fort Concho includes several displays of historic artifacts, including weapons, uniforms, artillery, wagons, art, furniture, and household items, as well as a barracks and mess hall display.

San Angelo itself is an historic frontier city located in the midst of West Texas ranching country. Settled as a "whiskey and sin" village adjacent to Fort Concho soon after the fort was established, the arrival of a railroad connection in 1888 led to growth as an agricultural and ranching trade center. Vast wealth came to the city in 1923 with the Santa Rita oil boom. The city now numbers 100,000. There are museums, restaurants and shops nearby the fort.

You can find out more by visiting these web sites: www.sanangelo.org and www.fortconcho.com.

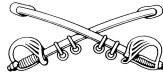
We have contracted for a special room rate, a breakfast in conjunction with our Annual Business Meeting, and our Annual Banquet with the **San Angelo Inn**, only a half mile from the Fort – shuttle to social events will be provided. Members must make their own reservations by calling (325) 658-2828, identifying themselves as USCA members. The rate of \$99 plus 13% tax is available from three days before to three days after our event. Military personnel may also seek accommodations at the Angelo Inn on Goodfellow AFB, phone (325) 654-3332, adjacent to San Angelo. Also, for those who would live austere, an open barracks building (air conditioned and heated) with cots is available at no cost through the Fort Concho administration (phone (325) 657-4444). Rest rooms (with showers) are behind the building.

There are three significant changes to the NCC events this year:

- (1) The Major Howze Event will be held in a state park 12 miles from the city, requiring transportation of horses,
- (2) There will be an opening parade Saturday morning of competitors through the city (a little over a mile), and
- (3) Instead of Platoon Drill Saturday morning, each team or unit may conduct a freestyle demonstration of its choice of up to 15 minutes in length.

Herewith is a schedule of events and a Registration Form. Competitors will need to submit both the Registration Form and additional NCC Registration documents, available on our web site <uscavalry.org> or by phoning USCA HQ (785) 784-5797.

The San Angelo Convention and Visitors' Bureau and the administration of Fort Concho National Historical Landmark have already demonstrated that they are going all out to make this a truly memorable Bivouac and NCC. Join fellow members for a great gathering of old and new friends and an exciting NCC!



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2010 ANNUAL BIVOUAC & NATIONAL CAVALRY COMPETITION REQUIRED REGISTRATION

Please submit by September 1, 2010, to ensure acceptance

Please fill this out carefully, as we commit funds based on your registration. Please don't forget to include your telephone number and email address in case we have a question.

NAME: (as you want it on name tag) _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail: (print legibly) _____

Names of others in my party that I am registering (for required name tag):

Enclosed is my check to cover the following

	Number	Price	Total
Registration (each attendee & each competitor) (Includes dinner Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and breakfast Saturday, plus registration packet)	_____	\$97.00 *	_____
Competitor Entry Fee (in addition to above)	_____	\$40.00 **	_____
Second Horse Entry Fee	_____	\$20.00	_____
<u>Additional</u> Guest Tickets for Thursday Dinner	_____	\$20.00 *	_____
<u>Additional</u> Guest Tickets for Friday Dinner	_____	\$25.00 *	_____
<u>Additional</u> Guest Tickets for Saturday Breakfast	_____	\$17.00 *	_____
<u>Additional</u> Guest Tickets for Saturday Banquet	_____	\$34.00 *	_____
USCA Special Membership (if not a member)***	_____	\$10.00 *	_____

I am donating an additional \$40 for a 2010 USCA membership
 for an Active Army Mounted Color Guard soldier (voluntary) _____

TOTAL _____

* Price per person ** 1 competitor & 1 horse

*** You **must** be a member to register and compete. This reduced fee will pay for membership for the rest of 2010 and includes the final 2010 newsletter "Crossed Sabers" and final 2010 "The Cavalry Journal."

Additional Information

I/We will be arriving at San Angelo Sep. _____, 2010 and depart Oct. _____ 2010.

_____ I/We will stay at the San Angelo Inn and will personally reserve _____ room(s). [(325) 658-2828]

_____ I/We are part of a competing team. Which? _____

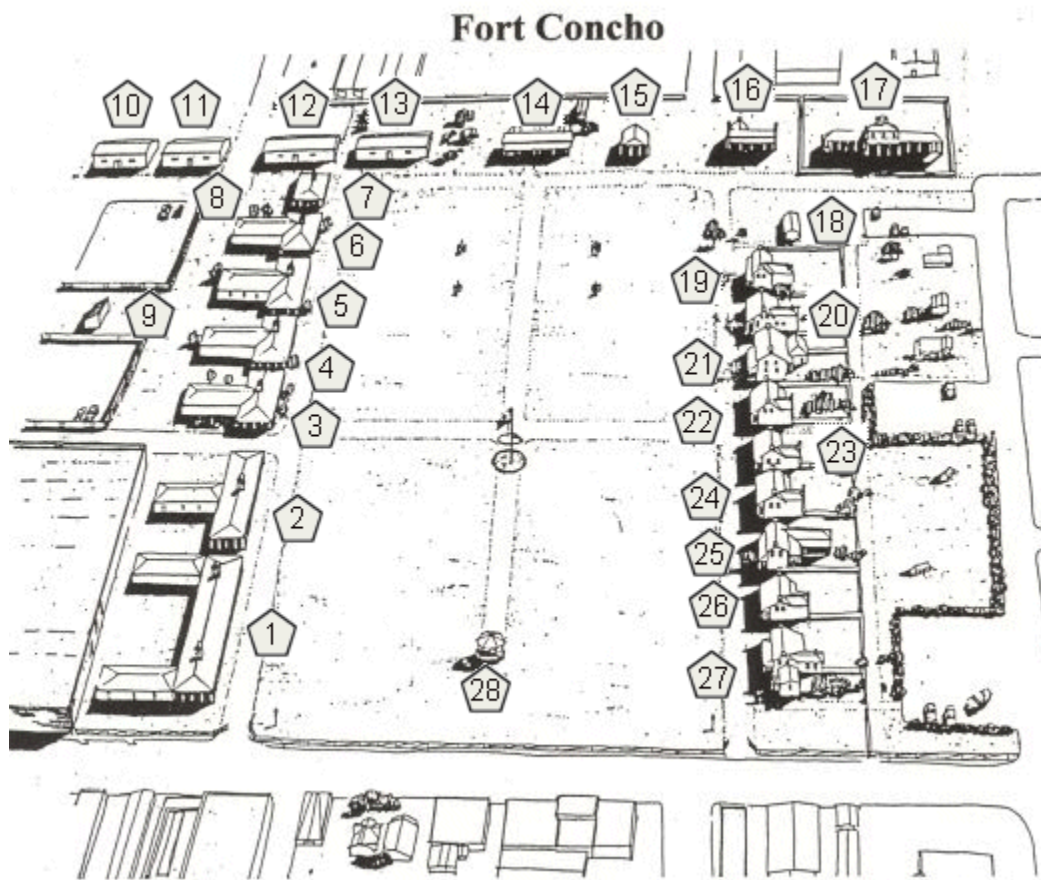
_____ I/We will be camping at Ft. Concho in our recreational vehicle.

_____ I/We will be staying at another location. Where? _____

_____ I/We plan to bring horse(s) to Ft. Concho. How many? _____

_____ I/We will be arriving by private (or rental) automobile.

_____ I/We will be arrive in San Angelo by airline. Provide flight information for ground transportation:



Visitors Center #1

Headquarters building (#14)

Enlisted men's barracks (#2-6)

Officer's Quarters # 19-27

Commissary Storehouse (#12)

Quartermaster Storehouse (#13)

Schoolhouse/Chapel. (#18)

Constructed for the most part of native limestone, Fort Concho consisted of at least forty buildings and covered more than 1600 acres.

Fort Concho served as regimental headquarters for some of the most famous frontier units like the 4th and 10th Cavalry. Notable military commanders such as Ranald Mackenzie, Benjamin Grierson, and William 'Pecos Bill' Shafter commanded here. Elements of all four regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers were stationed at the post during its active period.

At full strength Fort Concho supported 400-500 men made up of four companies of infantry and four troops of cavalry, staff officers and support personnel.