

## New Staff

Help us welcome Troy Perry,  
Chief of Facility Management!



Troy Perry previously worked for the Department of Defense as maintenance lead at Fallbrook Naval Weapons Detachment in Fallbrook, California.

“I am enthusiastic for the opportunity to work for the National Park Service. Serving as Facility Manager for Fort Davis National Historic Site has broadened my career beyond measure. I am dedicated to gaining knowledge and experience to provide Facility Management Leadership to improve the outstanding Fort Davis National Historic Site infrastructure. The Leadership and Fort Davis staff make employment here fulfilling and rewarding.”

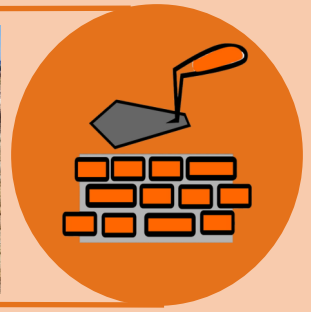
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## Education Day

Closing out 2019 we held our annual Frontier Education Day. There was crafts, potato walls, living history, a new interpretive talk on women in the army, and the man himself, Santa Clause! It was a great day with a great team!

## Masonry Workshop

Master Stonemason Allan Ash and volunteers repaired foundations while teaching visitors how to care for these footprints.  
(See more on reverse)



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# Fort Davis Newsflash



## VIRTUAL FIND YOUR PARK

Due to recent events, many national park units have closed in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. Just because parks have limited access—like us—or are closed, that doesn't mean that we haven't had any work to do! The National Park Service has made a dedicated effort to bring the parks to the people and thanks to modern technology and social media, it's easier than ever.

How do we do it? We dive into the resources! We hike the trails, reread books and learn from other divisions so that more diverse information is being shared. If you follow our official Fort Davis NHS Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FortDavisNHS> you will see that we have been sharing lessons during the week regarding various aspects of the park's cultural and natural resources.

The theme of this year's National Park Week was "Envisioning Your 20/20 Park Experience". Parks posted along to themed days such as "Volunteer Day", "Military Monday", "Earth Day", "Throwback Thursday" and "Bark Ranger Day". From Facebook and Twitter to Instagram, parks all around the country are doing our best to continue to promote our mission of conservation, education and stewardship.

## Office Remodel —plus that new wood smell!

The park offices are continuing to be remodeled by Clint and Nathan from Northern Management Services, Inc. have been doing a fantastic job around the park. There are new porches on both standing 2-story buildings. Using tongue and groove wood and skill with a table saw they replaced both. The offices are looking great with their new layout, paint, tile, and carpet. There is still much to be done, but we hope to move in and show it to each of you by August.





## We Miss You.

From all of us at Fort Davis NHS, we miss you! These uncertain days, weeks, and now months have been hard on many families. Please know that all of you hold a special place in our hearts and we cannot wait to see your smiling faces once again. <3

## Masonry Workshop

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From November 21 to December 31st Allan Ash stabilized the foundation of HB-38 which was the Quartermaster Storehouse. He used a technique called "pointing and capping" to repair and stabilize the stone. Over a dozen volunteers from across the country (and locally) assisted and learned from him during this time. When in use the storehouse held uniforms, hardware, office supplies, furniture, dishes, harnesses, paint, and lumber.

Thanks to Allan, the volunteers, and Cornerstones Community Partnerships who coordinated the effort, this foundation will connect the past and the present for our visitors. A second project is in the planning phase so check back for more information!!



This has been a unique year, but we can all celebrate two awesome anniversaries. It is the 50th year of demonstrating support for environmental protection. Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970 and now it is globally coordinated by the Earth Day Network in over 193 countries!

The second 50th anniversary is of the Volunteers-in-Parks program. This is a National Park Service-wide program that allows individuals to play an active role in helping protect and share national treasures. Here at Fort Davis NHS over 100 people donate their time and expertise to bring the park alive. 8000 hours are typically donated per year by some of the most fantastic people I have ever met.

Come see us or check out [volunteer.gov](http://volunteer.gov) for more information.

## Friends of Fort Davis

If you are looking for another way to get involved the Friends of Fort Davis is a fantastic non-profit organization with the mission to support Fort Davis NHS through improving facilities, fund furnishings and displays, and participate in living history events. They have been around since 1983 and have been a major contributor to both the Enlisted Men's Barracks and Hospital. They are a key partner for this park.

You can join their ranks by going to [fofdnhs.org](http://fofdnhs.org)

## Sad Loss

On February 20, 2020 we lost one of the iconic park friends, Big Girl the goat. She loved hanging out with the park horses and getting her head rubbed by all the visitors. Her other favorite past time was begging for treats specifically lemonheads. She was an important member of our park family and will be missed by all. Farewell Big Girl.

