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#### LOGO OF THE KINNEY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The circular shape, lettering, and map of Texas are in harmony with the logo of the Texas Historical Commission. "**1850**" identifies the year Kinney County was formed. The **RED STAR** locates Kinney County on the Texas map, the single most recognizable geographic shape in the world. The **BLUE BACKGROUND** represents the cool waters of Las Moras Spring, the source and lifeblood of our community. A **STAGECOACH** facing west across Texas evokes the origins of Brackettville as a stage stop on the "Lower Road" to California. The "**U.S.S.**" [1903 branch insignia for United States Scouts] singles out Kinney County's long and proud relationship with the U.S. Army and specifically the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, Fort Clark's most heroic unit, and their four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried here.

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### Kinney County Historical Commission Dedication Ceremony for Official Texas Historical Marker

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized **2ND CAVALRY DIVISION AT FORT CLARK** as a significant part of Texas history by awarding the subject an Official Texas Historical Marker as part of the Commission's "Undertold Stories" program. The designation honors **2ND CAVALRY DIVISION AT FORT CLARK** as an important and educational part of state and local history.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the service at Fort Clark of the Army's only Black Cavalry Division was held Saturday, February 26, 2011,



at the U.S. Army Unit Memorial site on Fort Clark Springs. Speakers for the ceremony will include THC Commissioner Tom Alexander and Henri A. LeGendre, Chapter Historian, Buffalo Soldiers Greater North Carolina Chapter **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** Horse Cavalry Association. Trooper LeGendre served at Fort Clark 1942-1944 in the **2<sup>nd</sup>** Cavalry Division and was the secretary for the Commanding General. The Kinney County Historical Commission welcomes the public to share in and witness this important Black History Month event right here in Kinney County.

"The Official Texas Historical Marker program helps bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation," said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the THC. "Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our state's history. This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of important cultural resources," Wolfe said.

A subject qualifies for a marker if two basic criteria are met: historical significance and age. Historical significance is established by reviewing its role and importance in local history and the age requirement depends on the topic. Beginning in 2006, the THC began collecting a state-mandated \$100 marker application fee "to establish an account to offer funding incentives for special or priority markers." Funds are intended to address historical gaps, promote diversity of topics, and proactively document significant underrepresented subjects or untold stories.

"It is vital that as we move forward, we do not forget our past. Not only will this Texas Historical Marker provide awareness in the community of our fascinating history, but it will become a building block for the promotion of local tourism," said County Judge Tim Ward.

Texas has the largest marker program in the United States with approximately 15,000 markers. Seventeen states have used the Texas program as a model; the THC reviews more than 300 marker applications each year.