

# FORT CRAIG UNITS, 1854-1884

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## FEDERAL REGULARS

### PRE-CIVIL WAR to 1861

**U.S. Regiment of Mounted Rifles (USMR)**, Companies A, C, D, F, G, I, K – 1856-1861

**1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, U.S. Dragoons**, Company D – 1854-1861

**2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, U.S. Dragoons**, Companies E & K – 1854

**3<sup>d</sup> Regiment, U.S. Infantry**, Company I – 1854-1858

### CIVIL WAR

#### U.S. CAVALRY

**1<sup>st</sup> Regiment** (formerly 1st Dragoons), Companies D & G – 1861-1862

**2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment** (Valverde – McRae's battery [G of the 2<sup>nd</sup> New Mexico & I of the 3d Cavalry Regts])

**3<sup>d</sup> Regiment** (formerly **USMR**), Companies B, C, E, G, I, K – 1861-1862

#### U.S. INFANTRY

**5<sup>th</sup> Regiment**, Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, K – 1861-1862

**7<sup>th</sup> Regiment**, Companies D, F, H & K – 1860-1862

**10<sup>th</sup> Regiment**, 3 companies during Valverde Battle, 1862

**12<sup>th</sup> Regiment**, Represented by Captain Wm. J. L. Nicodemus, 1862

**19<sup>th</sup> Regiment**, Represented by Col. Canby, 1861-62)

## VOLUNTEERS & MILITIA

(All of these appear to have been stationed at Fort Craig before, during and after the Battle of Valverde)

**1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, New Mexico Volunteer Infantry**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, New Mexico Volunteer Infantry**

**3<sup>d</sup> Regiment New Mexico Mounted Volunteer Infantry**

**4<sup>th</sup> Regiment New Mexico Mounted Volunteer Infantry**

**5<sup>th</sup> Regiment New Mexico Mounted Volunteer Infantry**

**1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Cavalry**

**Haspell's Independent Cavalry Company**

**Vidal's Independent Cavalry Company**

**Capt. James "Paddy" Graydon's Independent Spy Company**

**Graydon's Independent Cavalry Company – Reorganized**

**Mink's Independent Company, New Mexico Mounted Volunteers**

**1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Infantry, California Volunteers**

**Co. B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Colorado Cavalry**

**Denver City Home Guard (Denver City Volunteers)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Colorado Infantry**

**1<sup>st</sup> Regt, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, New Mexico Militia November**

**Perea's Battalion Militia**

**Tafolla's Independent Company Militia**

## FEDERAL REGULARS

### INDIAN WARS

#### U.S. CAVALRY

3<sup>d</sup> Regiment (formerly **USMR**), Companies B, C, E, G, I, K – 1866–1870

4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Troops F & M – 1881–1884

6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Troop I – 1884

8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Companies A & H – 1870–1872

9<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Companies B & D – 1876–77 and 1880–81 (Buffalo Soldiers)

#### U.S. INFANTRY

15<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Companies A, B, F, G & K – 1874–1881

23<sup>d</sup> Regiment, Company F – 1881–1884

38<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Companies C & D – 1867–1869 (Buffalo Soldiers)

125<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Companies A, B & C – 1866–1867 (Buffalo Soldiers)

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