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## **Heritage Day Features Cavalry Demonstrations at Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield**

PLEASANTON, KS—Troops fought one of the largest cavalry battles of the Civil War in the fields around Mine Creek in Kansas. After the Confederate defeat at the Battle of Westport in fall 1864 General Sterling Price withdrew to the south. The Union cavalry followed in close pursuit.

The two brigades of 2,500 Union cavalymen engaged the 7,000 Confederates along Mine Creek. With superior fire power, the Union cavalry claimed victory and the Confederates retreated. It would be the last significant battle in the west.

Mounted combat was quite different from infantry battles. Now visitors have the opportunity to discover more about the life of the cavalry when Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site presents Heritage Day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, August 6. Visitors can see cavalry and cannon demonstrations, watch artisans at work, and see performances by reenactors. Demonstrations include blacksmith, leather crafts, medical displays, spinning wool, wood carving, and outdoor Dutch oven cooking. Activities for children will be available.

Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield admission is \$5 adults; \$1 students; children five and younger and Kansas Historical Foundation members admitted free. Support for Heritage Day comes from Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield is located at 20485 K-52, Pleasanton. For more information, call 785-272-8681, or visit [kshs.org/mine\\_creek](http://kshs.org/mine_creek).

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