

operations at Sheppard Mountain could be the prelude to a housing development which would destroy the historic viewshed. Immediate actions should be continued to secure a scenic easement on the site.

At Mine Creek, consideration should be given to the acquisition of other key portions of the battlefield which are currently unprotected. Negotiations should continue with the new owner of property near the twin mounds at Trading Post. A scenic easement is essential to prevent incompatible development which would destroy the viewshed.

US 69 from Kansas City to Fort Scott is vulnerable to gradual encroachment and development from Kansas City. There is a real danger to the historic integrity of the area if the current two lane road is widened to four lanes. It is now time for affected groups to seek long range plans from Departments of Transportation and zoning authorities. Efforts should be taken now to ensure that the pristine environment currently enjoyed is not destroyed in the future.

The Newtonia battlefields are completely unprotected and in private hands. The risk of unexpected development would prove disastrous to the integrity of these battlefields. The owners of the historic Matthew Richey House have indicated a desire to sell the property at a highly inflated price. This should serve as sufficient warning for "friends" groups to implement the most significant portions of their July 1995 report.

***Recommendation #17.*** The **Kansas Historical Society** and the local government agencies which control zoning in the Mine Creek area should examine current and future transportation requirements and land use zonings to ensure permanent protection of Mine Creek Battlefield and related sites.

***Recommendation #18.*** The **Friends of Newtonia Battlefields** should implement key elements of their strategic plan by February 28, 1998.

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## Summary

America's Civil War stretched across the landscape of states and territories. Nowhere was the fighting any more vicious or earnest than in Missouri and Kansas. The feeling that Price's Raid was unsuccessful or poorly managed does not diminish its significance in the historiography of the region.

A number of organizations have made great progress in commemorating the war in this theater. Furthermore, government agencies are participating in important programs which further understanding of both Price's Raid and the Civil War.

Unfortunately, there is not a cogent plan for marketing the positive elements of Price's Raid. There is tremendous economic potential for all the participants. Of special concern is the lack of information, and hence cooperation, on the economic impact of heritage tourism versus convention marketing. Once again the mechanisms are available; they must be triggered to integrate a new emphasis on this element of the states' collective histories.

Individual efforts must now give way to integrated and strategic planning to ensure these unique frontier Civil War artifacts are available for future generations. We are confident based on the successes of the past that the challenges of the future can be met and mastered.

# Attendance Roster

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## ***PRICE'S 1864 MISSOURI CAMPAIGN PRESERVATION CONFERENCE***

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***KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 30 NOV- 1 DEC 1995***

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PRESERVATION OF CIVIL WAR SITES (APCWS) ,  
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BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM (ABPP)***

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The American Civil War is commemorated on a number of hallowed fields which present a cross section of the significant fields of strife. While many sites are located in the footprint of American industrial expansion and are endangered, others are buried in the heartland of America and are still farmed as they were 131 years ago. Fortunately, there are dedicated cells of people who work to maintain these sites in both spirit and fact. Their work is inspirational.

Today the state of the federal budget and its impact on agencies such as the **National Park Service** requires an honest reappraisal of how the public and private sectors can work together to address battlefield preservation and interpretation.

In 1994, the **Civil War Sites Advisory Commission** presented its report to Congress. The *Commission* evaluated the significance of the various Civil War battle sites around the country, the threat facing them, and recommended possible solutions to assist in their preservation and interpretation. A key element of this report was a recommendation to expand thematic issues which have not received formal recognition in the existing historic presentation. Purposefully absent from the report was any effort to catalogue or address structures of historical significance. It is the purpose of this conference to work from this baseline report and apply it to Sterling Price's 1864 Missouri Campaign.

### **ASSUMPTIONS**

1. Preservation of historic properties and structures in conjunction with the development of heritage tourism for this campaign is a legitimate state objective.
2. Local property holders are willing to allow access to and limited interpretation of battlefield sites to which they hold title.

3. The responsible government offices at the local, state, and federal level are willing to work in concert to enact appropriate legislation to encourage and facilitate the development of a Price's campaign trail.

4. The federal government, through the **American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)** and local **NPS** employees, will be willing to consider planning support and partnership funding for core programs.

#### SPONSORSHIP

This conference is sponsored by **APCWS** based on a grant from the **ABPP**. The Department of History at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has agreed to cosponsor the conference. The event is organized and conducted by the **Blue and Gray Education Society (BGES)**.

**APCWS** is America's oldest land trust devoted exclusively to acquisition of deeded interest in real estate possessing significance to the Civil War. **APCWS'** 10,000 plus members have participated in the preservation of over 3200 acres at 36 sites in 7 states. The cash value of these lands exceed \$10 million.

**ABPP** is the liaison arm of the **Department of Interior and National Park Service**. Founded by the Secretary of the Interior in 1990, **ABPP** seeks to facilitate preservation and interpretation through partnerships with credible public and private organizations. A limited planning budget is used to assist communities and other related groups in basic planning and interpretation.

**BGES** is a non profit, tax exempt group dedicated to battlefield interpretation, public education, and Civil War scholarship. It works in partnership with established groups to seek funding for interpretation of unsponsored sites which have been acquired for preservation.

#### RELATED GROUPS

There are several dedicated and significant groups making dramatic contributions to this campaign.

The **National Trust for Historic Preservation** continues to be a formidable force in the acquisition, restoration, and management of historic sites around the country.

**APCWS** assisted **The Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City** in the final acquisition of sites at Byram's Ford near Kansas City.

**Kansas Historical Society** has successfully pursued the funds for construction of a Visitors' Center and interpretive site at Mine Creek.

## OBJECTIVES

This conference should work to identify issues which challenge people who desire to study this campaign by:

1. Exchanging information on the status of past, ongoing, and projected preservation efforts,
2. Identifying the sites required/desired to start a Price's Campaign trail,
3. Determine what vehicles exist to assure the historic integrity of the site is preserved while overcoming obstacles to the development of a national historic heritage trail,
4. Determine possible resources for the development of an educational heritage trail,
5. Identify key players/agencies for the development of an educational heritage trail,
6. Devise a target timetable and structure for completion of an educational heritage trail.

## AGENDA

This is an information conference, as such emphasis will be on the exchange of factual information in general sessions and several work groups. We must assume designated briefers will be empowered to not only present the views of the people for which they speak; but, to discuss emerging issues.

Thursday, 30 Nov 1995

10:00 AM Welcome by Dr Herman Hattaway, Univ of Mo-KC

Administrative remarks by Len Riedel, Executive Director BGES

10:10 AM Welcome, APCWS view by Dennis Frye, President APCWS

10:20 AM Overview by Len Riedel

10:30 AM Information briefing on ABPP charter, goals, funding by Jan Townsend

11:00 AM Price's 1864 Missouri Campaign; A Political Process or a Military Operation? by Connie Slaughter, NPS historian Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

11:30 AM Fort Davidson, A State Jewel by David Roggensee, Park Supervisor

12 Noon Lunch on your own

1:15 PM The sites in Kansas City, Byram Ford and Westport by Dan Smith, President of Monett Fund

2:00 PM Mine Creek, A Dream bears fruit, by Ron Parks, Kansas State Historical Society

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Newtonia, A Sad Conclusion to a Forlorn Dream, by Dr. Bob Fryman

3:15 PM Petersburg and Lee's Retreat, A multi-county case study by Len Riedel  
3:30 PM Kansas Policies and Programs concerning historic preservation, education, and interpretation by Martin Stein, Kansas State Historical Society  
4:15 PM Missouri Policies and Programs concerning historic preservation, education, and interpretation by Jim Denny, Missouri Department of Parks and Recreation  
4:45 PM- 5:00 PM Summary, plan for AM session

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8:30 AM Open session Q&A  
9:30 AM Brainstorming session on Issues and needs  
11:00 AM Validation of issues and needs  
12:00 noon Lunch on your own  
1:00 PM Summary session  
1:15 PM Closing remarks, by Dennis Frye--President of APCWS  
1:30 PM Adjourn

#### FOLLOW ON ACTIONS

The results of this conference will be wasted without follow-up action. We assume this program will be executed in part and that several national nonprofit, and federal agencies will be partners.

The conference report will be available in draft to APCWS by 2 January 1996. A final report will be delivered within 30 days after the receipt of APCWS' comments.

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