

Visit Historic Forts

Fort Larned

Located on the Santa Fe Trail, Fort Larned was established as the "Camp on Pawnee Fork" in 1859. The next year the name was changed to Camp Alert and then Fort Larned. It was designed to provide protection to travelers on the trail and for the distribution of annuities for the various Indian tribes who had reached treaty agreements with the U. S. government. Fort Larned was abandoned in 1878. (see *Fort Larned: Guardian of the Plains*)

Fort Dodge

Fort Dodge was established in April 1865, named for Brigadier General Grenville M. Dodge. The site was located on a camping ground at the intersection of the dry and wet routes of the Santa Fe Trail. The fort's primary mission was to protect wagons on the trail. General Philip Henry Sheridan was assigned to command the fort in summer 1868. General Alfred Sully was appointed commander in fall 1868. When he was nearly ready to begin a winter campaign, he was sent home and General Custer completed the campaign. The fort was abandoned in 1882. (See *Fort Dodge: Sentry of the Western Plains*)

Fort Hays

After experiencing a destructive flash flood, Fort Fletcher was relocated on higher ground in June of 1867 and renamed Fort Hays. It was important in the protection of the Kansas Pacific Railroad and quartered many troops assigned to western Kansas for this purpose. From 1867 to 1870, Fort Hays was frequently the home base of Custer's 7th Cavalry. It was abandoned in 1889, but is now operated as a state historic site by the Kansas Historical Society. (See *Fort Hays: Keeping Peace on the Plains*)



Fort Hays Officers' Quarters

Join with other interested people during five monthly sessions to gain knowledge and understanding of the Plains Indian Wars and frontier military forts through a wide variety of resources including:

- Conversation and discussion with Dr. Leo Oliva
- Readings in literature, history, period letters, magazines, newspapers, and documents
- Tours of three historic forts (provide own transportation and car pools will be formed)
- Interpretive presentations by experts

\$10 Registration Fee to support the preservation of the historic forts that will be toured

This program is sponsored by the
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PO Box 64, Kinsley, KS 67547

and the

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Fort Dodge Commanding Officer's Quarters

The Kansas Humanities Council,
Edwards County Historical Society,
and the Kinsley Library
presents

Kansas Forts & the Indian Wars

A series of monthly Readings,
Conversations, Tours, &
Scholarly Interpretations

facilitated by

Leo Oliva, Ph.D.

featuring

Henrietta Mann Ph.D., Ken Weidner,

Mark Berry, Rex Abrahams,

Joanne VanCoevern & Greg VanCoevern

JANUARY – MAY, 2013



Fort Larned National Historic Site

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND READINGS

January 13, 2013 - Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

City of Kinsley Meeting Room

721 Marsh Ave, Kinsley, KS 67547

"Kansas Forts & the Indian Wars - Overview"

Presented by Leo Oliva, Ph.D.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

READING: Little Big Man by Thomas Berger

REFRESHMENTS: Edwards County Historical Society

GUEST SCHOLAR: Ken Weidner,

"Cheyenne Warrior Culture"

February 10, 2013 - Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

Fort Larned National Historic Site

1767 KS HWY 156, Larned, KS 67550

"Fort Larned: Guardian of the Plains"

Presented by Leo Oliva, Ph.D.

TOUR: Fort Larned National Historic Site

REFRESHMENTS: Fort Larned Old Guard

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

READING: Primary Sources on Founding Fort Larned

GUEST SCHOLARS: Greg VanCoevern

"Life of a Frontier Cavalryman"

and Rex Abrahams

"Life of a Frontier Infantryman"

March 10, 2013 - Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

Fort Dodge (Fort Mann, Fort Atkinson)

714 Sheridan, Fort Dodge, KS 67843

"Fort Dodge: Sentry of the Western Plains"

Presented by Leo Oliva, Ph.D.

TOUR: Fort Dodge

REFRESHMENTS: Dodge City Chapter of the

Santa Fe Trail Association

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

GUEST SCHOLAR: Joanne VanCoevern

"Letters of Isadore Douglas, Fort Dodge"

April 14, 2013 - Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

Fort Hays State Historic Site

1472 Hwy 183 Alternate, Hays, KS 67601

"Fort Hays: Keeping Peace on the Plains"

Presented by Leo Oliva, Ph.D.

TOUR: Fort Hays State Historic Site

REFRESHMENTS: Friends of Fort Hays

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

GUEST SCHOLAR: Mark Berry

"California Joe Milner: Army Scout"

May 5, 2013 - Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

City of Kinsley Meeting Room

721 Marsh Ave, Kinsley, KS 67547

"The Indian Wars in Kansas - Conclusion"

Presented by Leo Oliva, Ph.D.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

READING: Selections on the Indian Wars in Kansas

REFRESHMENTS: Friends of the Kinsley Library

GUEST SCHOLAR: Henrietta Mann, Ph.D.

"Walking the Cheyenne Road of Life"

(Dr. Mann's talk will be at 2 p.m. and open to general public)

REGISTER TODAY ON-LINE

www.kinsleylibrary.info

or Call

620-659-3341

Participants will secure the reading materials from their local library/Interlibrary Loan, personal purchase, or linked on line. Private transportation and car pools from participants' home to the forts will be necessary. Registration fee of \$10 will be collected at the first meeting.

EXHIBIT: May 1-30 "Cheyenne Culture"

ECHS Museum, 1027 US 56 Hwy, Kinsley, KS

(Courtesy of the Fort Larned National Historic Site)