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Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site  
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### PLEASANTON DAYS EVENT BRINGS SPECIAL CIVIL WAR ARTIFACTS, BLUE AND GRAY CONCERT TO MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD

*Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5, 2008*

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PLEASANTON, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site will participate in the Pleasanton Days fall festival 12 – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 4, and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday, October 5. Activities at the site include the display of special Civil War artifacts not normally on display at the site, presentations, a guided tour of the battlefield, and live music. All activities are free and include admission to the Mine Creek Battlefield visitor center. Mine Creek Battlefield is located approximately three miles south of Pleasanton on K-52. Free parking and bus shuttle service from Pleasanton will be available 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 913-352-8890.

Saturday's programs will include Harold Sites presenting "Surgeon's Call," a program on Civil War field hospitals at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.; a guided tour of the battlefield led by Darren Crays at 1 p.m.; and "Fuss & Feathers" performing Civil War period music at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Blue & Gray Brass Brigade Band from Kansas City will perform at 2 and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Major General Alfred Pleasanton was a Union cavalry commander during the Civil War. On October 25, 1864, General Pleasanton commanded a provisional cavalry division from the Department of Missouri. Some of these soldiers participated in the Battle of Mine Creek, where approximately 2,800 Union troops attacked and defeated nearly 8,000 Confederates along the banks of Mine Creek. This was one of the largest cavalry battles in the Civil War and was the only major battle fought in Kansas. After this battle, Federal forces pursued the Confederates in Missouri as they attempted to return to Arkansas, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and eventually Texas.

The Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. For more information, visit [kshs.org/places/minecreek](http://kshs.org/places/minecreek).

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