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### **150<sup>th</sup> War Commemoration Gallery Display**



PARSONS, KANSAS (January 22, 2015)  
-- The past four years the United States has commemorated the American Civil War, and honored all who served in a difficult time in the defense of Freedom. Those who served in the blue ranks of the Union fought for Freedom for all. Those who served in the gray ranks of the Confederacy fought to protect their homes from invasion, and for States' Rights.

To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War, Rick Fulton, a retired Labette Community College adjunct history instructor and the LCC Gallery Committee, are displaying a photography show *150<sup>th</sup> Civil War Commemoration*.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of this, America's most terrible war, a conflict in which more than 600,000 lives were lost, marks the many battles fought between 1861 and 1865. The war ended with the surrender of the South by General Robert E. Lee to the North's senior military commander, General Ulysses S. Grant.

The past ten years, a pair of Pittsburg, Kansas photographers have travelled to battlefields of the war, including Vicksburg, Mississippi; Wilson's Creek near Springfield, Missouri; Pear Ridge in Arkansas; Mine Creek, southwest of Kansas City; the Cow Creek engagement near Pittsburg, Kansas, and Carthage, Missouri where a battle was fought in the west two weeks before the Battle of Bull Run in Virginia.

Rick and his wife Lorella Fulton also frequently attended various Civil War reenactments at the Fort Scott National Historic Site, taking photographs of encampments, camp life, ceremonies, rifle skills, field artillery practice and cavalry drills. During the war itself, no battles were fought at Fort Scott but the post was important because of the administrative, training, medical and logistical support it provided.

A photography show of more than 100 images of these various things is on display at Labette Community College Hendershot Gallery, located in the Main Building on the Parsons Campus. The show, is open until February 12, and is free and open to the public. LCC Hendershot Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 8am-8:30pm, and Friday 8am-4:30pm.