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Attention: Middle School Educators

Earlier this year, we announced a contest designed to connect area middle school students to the stories of Fort Scott National Historic Site. At the time, we announced that we would be distributing our DVDs to area schools. The DVD has now been produced, and we are pleased to enclose a copy of it for use as you see fit in educational programming at your school. Included on the DVD is a copy of our movie "Dreams and Dilemmas: Fort Scott and the Growth of a Nation," a 23 minute film that highlights the role that Fort Scott played in important events that influenced the growth of our nation from 1842-1873. Also included on this DVD is a video recently produced by Freedoms' Frontier National Heritage Area, an area affiliated with the National Park Service that brings together a coalition of several historic sites in Kansas and Missouri.

The DVD was produced with funds obtained by a grant awarded by the National Park Foundation. The staff of Fort Scott National Historic Site, along with the Friends of Fort Scott National Historic Site and Freedoms' Frontier National Heritage Area collaborated on this grant to not only produce this video but also to sponsor an essay/art/media contest designed to connect area students to the stories of Fort Scott NHS. Contest winners earned their class a visit to Fort Scott NHS for an educational program on April 15.

We are distributing this DVD to all public, private, and parochial schools that instruct middle school students in the 39 counties included in the Freedoms' Frontier National Heritage Area. It is hoped that you will use this DVD as part of your social studies instruction in order to help your students connect to the stories of historic sites in the region and instill a desire to visit and preserve these sites for future generations. At the same time, we hope that it helps educators achieve curriculum goals related to the teaching of regional and Civil War history.

Please accept this DVD as a token of our gratitude for the work that you do educating our youth.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure