17th Annual <u>Mari Sandoz Heritage Society</u> **c o n f e r e n c e The TON-WALKER** by Mari Sandoz

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Keynote Address: "A Time for War, A Time For Peace" by Senator George McGovern

World War II



Civil War

World War I

17th Annual Conference of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society

March 30 – April 1, 2006

This year's conference of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society focuses on Sandoz's 1947 novel, The <u>Tom-Walker</u>, and its themes of the aftermath of war and war's effects on society.

Dawes County Civil War and World War I veterans' photographs are reproduced in the program and poster by generous permission of the Dawes County Historical Society.

Agenda

Thursday, March 30

Memorial Hall on the Chadron State College Campus, 10th and Main Street

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Conference Registration in Memorial Hall Lobby

7:30 pm

Keynote Address – Free and Open to the Public*

Welcome	Dr. Kathy Bahr, Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences	
Introduction	Dr. Ron Hull, President, Mari Sandoz Heritage Society	
Presentation	Senator George McGovern	
	"A Time for War. A Time for Peace."	

Friday, March 31 Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center

8:00 – 9:00 am

Registration and Coffee and Rolls

Session I: 9:00 to 10:15 am.

The War at Home in the West

Chair: Dr. Matthew Evertson, Department of Language, Literature and Communication Arts, CSC "Collateral Damage: Domestic Violence in <u>The Tom-Walker</u>."

Dr. Kathy Bahr, Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences, CSC,

"A Confederate Ghost, Barbed Wire, and the Nebraska Sandhills Cattlemen."

Ann Greenia, Graduate Student, Department of Social Sciences and Legal Studies, CSC,

"Dawes County Soldiers' Relief Fund."

Teresa Bright, Director of the Dawes County Historical Museum

10:15 - 10:30 am

Break

Session II: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Veterans' Roundtable

Moderator: Luke Perry, Social Sciences and Justice Studies, CSC A panel of veterans expresses views on returning home after serving in war.

11:30 to 11:45 am

In Memoriam

Department of Language, Literature and Communication Arts, CSC We remember Andy Elkins, Chadron State College professor of literature and long time Sandoz Society member.

11:45 to 1:00 pm

Ticketed Luncheon at the Scottsbluff Room in the CSC Student Center.

Afternoon Sessions Held in the Student Center in the Bordeaux, Lakota, and Ponderosa Rooms

* Financial support for each year's keynote speaker is provided through an endowment established by Peter and Loreta DeMarco of Springfield, NE



T.J. Wilson Historical photo courtesy of the Dawes County Historical Museum.

Session III: 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Prisoners of War in the West

Chair: Joel Hyer, Department of Social Sciences and Justice Studies, CSC "Hitler's Boys in the Heart of Nebraska: German POWs in the U.S. during WWII." Randall Austin, Department of Social Sciences and Justice Studies, CSC

2:00 – 2:15 pm

Break

Session IV: 2:15 to 3:15 pm

"Army Posts on the Northern Plains 1865 – 1948" Tom Buecker, Director of Nebraska State Historical Society Museum at Fort Robinson:

3:30 to 5:00 pm

Annual Business Meeting of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society - Student Center

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Tour of Dawes County Historical Museum with members of the Dawes County Historical Society. Directions: Drive to the Museum, two and one half miles south of Chadron on Highway 385.

Friday Evening at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center

6:00 pm

Reception

6:30 pm

Dinner in Chicoine Atrium Presentation of the 'In the Spirit of Mari Sandoz' Award

"The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society: A Brief History"

Presentation by Michael Cartwright

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am

Tour of Fort Robinson Coffee and Rolls at Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center

Meet at Sandoz Center to carpool to Ft. Robinson near Crawford, NE.

Directions: Crawford is 26 miles southwest of Chadron on Highway 20. Fort Robinson is 3 miles farther west on Highway 20. To get to the Museum, turn right off Highway 20 at the Fort's Lodge and Restaurant, stop there for a State Park sticker if you don't have one, then take the next right to the Museum, a three story white frame building.

10:00 am

Tour Fort Robinson with Tom Buecker,

Director of Nebraska State Historical Society Museum at Fort Robinson

Registration Infor	mation		
Mari Sandoz Heritage Soo	ciety Members	Non-Members	
Conference Sessions	\$15	Conference Sessions	\$25
Luncheon	\$10	Luncheon	\$10
Banquet	\$ 20	Banquet	\$25
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The front cover shows an undated photo of the Lenington Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Chadron NE. The post was named for Josiah B. Lenington, the first Civil War veteran who died in the Chadron area in 1886. Members pictured:

Top Row: Ed Clapp, "Dad" Loomer, not a member, Jim Tyree, James (Mose) Moses, Eddie Randall, George Harmony, Judge C. Dana Sayers, Joe Leader, Solomon (Sol) Hartzell, J.E. Long, J.B. Johnson, William H. Kiser, Moses (Mose) Larne

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Center from Left: Tom Lockett, William Wilson, Dr. O.R. Blanchard, A.S. Isham, Cap Sweet, T.J. Warren, Warren Rucker Lowest Row: Milton While, A.S. Mossman, "Dad" Gobell. Other Photos: Civil War - T.J. Wilson; World War I - George Evans; World War II - George McGovern Historical photos courtesy of the Dawes County Historical Museum.

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