



# KAW VALLEY HERITAGE ALLIANCE

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## Conserving Landscapes & Cultivating Mindscapes

### **I. Subject / Focus**

*Request for Naval History Center Loan of USS Neosho (AO-143) ship's bell.*

### **II. Objective / Goal**

*Augment newly constructed memorial in DeSoto, Kansas near Lower Kaw Valley River Recreation Area Gateway.*

### **III. Present / Situation**

*Memorial honoring all US Armed Services is located near Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.  
The VFW Post 6654 outdoor display site is within the new [Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area \(FFNHA\)](#)*

### **IV. Proposed / Solution**

*Compliment Kanza Territory [Fleet Replenishment Oiler](#) "Corridor of Influence"  
for Old Santa Fe (Eco-History) Trail from Cimarron, NM to Platte City, MO.*

### **V. Advantages / Benefits**

*Reaffirms pivotal roles of [French-Indian Families in America's West](#) (ISBN: 141207037-6)  
Recycles 1846-47 Mexican War Army of the West lessons learned about supply chain management.  
Reframes [The US Army on The Mexican Border" A Historical Perspective](#) (ISBN 978-0-16-078903-8)  
Reinforces importance of [Military Innovation in the Interwar Period](#) (ISBN 0-52163760-0) **pp. 348-49**  
Showcases axiom: "[Rivers are both byways and barriers.](#) To understand history, first understand rivers"*

### **VI. Disadvantages / Hassles**

*Additional display installation expenses may be donated as services-in-kind.  
Ensure ongoing compliance with Naval History Center rules and regulations!  
Requires maintaining Freedoms Frontier NHA [Visitor Site Assessment](#)*

### **VII. Action / Next Steps**

*Submit signed letterhead request with attached proof of [VFW Post 6654](#) insurance coverage.*