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**Celebrating Camp Harlan  
A Civil War Sesquicentennial Event  
Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m.  
Iowa Wesleyan College Chapel  
Mount Pleasant, Iowa**



**CAMP HARLAN**

With the assistance of Senator James Harlan, the Department authorized a military training camp at Mount Pleasant in October of 1861. The first recruits had arrived that September at Camp Harlan, which was designated as a cavalry training post for the Fourth Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. Twelve companies had been mustered by November 23, 1861 with 1080 men and officers. The first recruits found only an open meadow and piles of lumber to be used for barracks construction. The people of the county provided food and blankets, with the first companies left by trail on February 25 when the Fourth Iowa received orders to move to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri.

Starting in August, 1862 a second regiment was organized, the 25th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with the military post now called Camp McKean. Ten companies were mustered on September 27, 1862.