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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **HISTORY COMES ALIVE WITH U.S. ARMY EXHIBIT**

*Horse-Drawn Artillery Unit to Visit Area High Schools and Midwest Horse Fair, April 15-18*

**MILWAUKEE (April 14, 2004)** – The U.S. Army Half Section will saddle up in Wisconsin this week in preparation for high school visits and participation in the Midwest Horse Fair.

The Half Section is an authentic representation of a horse-drawn artillery section used during World War I. The saddles and hardware are original and the uniforms are replicas of those worn from 1918 to the 1930's. This horse-drawn artillery unit from Fort Sill, Okla. is the last of its kind.

Before artillery was mechanized, a field artillery section had a six-horse team pulling a cannon and another six-horse team hitched to a caisson which served as an ammunition carrier. Fort Sill's unit is called a half section because it includes only the gun (cannon) team led by a section chief and guidon bearer who ride in front. This artillery piece was the standard light field artillery piece for U.S. and French forces in World War I. It was used until the last horse-drawn artillery unit was replaced by motorized units in 1942.

The Fort Sill Field Artillery Half Section has performed in presidential inaugural parades, rodeos, state fairs, horse shows and, April 15-18, it will make visits to local high schools and participate in the Midwest Horse Fair at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. A schedule for the Half Section follows below. Media interested in covering the Half Section's visits to area

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schools are asked to contact Sara Keller at 414/297-4596 for further details. Additional information and pictures of Fort Sill's Field Artillery Half Section can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/pao/pahafsec.htm>.

April 15	Baraboo High School	9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
	Richland Center High School	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
	Middleton High School	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Note: The Half Section's cannon will not be part of the exhibit at local schools.

April 16-18 Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison

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