

# Civil War dog stories and more available through NNA and Missouri Press Foundation

COLUMBIA, MO—A serialized story for young readers is now available thanks to the National Newspaper Association. NNA granted permission for use by both member and non-member newspapers, at no cost. “Patriotic Pals, Tails of the Civil War” is a nine-chapter historical fiction story highlighting pups with a purpose—dog mascots from the Civil War.

Newspapers have access to the story for six months through a special partnership with the Missouri Press Foundation. This is the fourth year NNA and MPF have offered newspapers a story to help them reach out to young readers in their communities. This year’s story commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (1861-1865).

Each chapter in “Patriotic Pals,” features a canine that participated in, or witnessed, a fray or major Civil War battle, from St. Louis to Pennsylvania, concluding in Illinois with Fido, the beloved mutt Lincoln left behind when he was called to Washington to serve as president.

To download the story, visit [www.mo-nie.com](http://www.mo-nie.com) and use the download code: nnaread. Any newspaper should read first the rules of publication and note the time frame for publishing the story and the stipulation that the story appear in print and in password-protected pdf versions of the newspaper. The collaboration produced not only a nine-chapter story but also a teaching guide and promotional ad.

“Patriotic Pals, Tails of the Civil War,” is written by Chris Stuckenschneider, an author from Washington, MO, who wrote the serial “Twist of Fate: The Miracle Colt and His Friends.” “Twist of Fate” was the NNA Reading Across the Nation serialized story in 2009. Stuckenschneider also writes monthly book columns, available free to newspapers nationwide, through MPA. Learn more at [www.cstuckenschneider.com](http://www.cstuckenschneider.com).

Each [chapter](#) in “Patriotic Pals, Tails of the Civil War” is provided in a print-ready format and includes a newspaper activity within the feature. The elementary companion teacher guide reinforces comprehension and other skills. The guide may be distributed to teachers or posted on your newspaper’s website.

Please read the full rules included in the download, but in summary:

1 Your newspaper may access “Patriotic Pals” files from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2012.

1 You cannot put the story on your website unless it is a secure site.

1 You can’t change the story or the credits—but you may add your own credits to include your newspaper and sponsors.

1 If you plan on publishing the story in more than one newspaper operated by your company, you must log in under each newspaper’s name so there is an accurate record of all the publications participating in the project.

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Note from Sandy Cook: Thanks to Dawn Kitchell for obtaining permission to offer Patriotic Pals, the serial story to all NC Press newspapers.

To make more **relevant to North Carolina**, newspapers should add **sidebars** about Civil War events and historic places in North Carolina, particularly events and parks in your region.

Also, add **standards** from the NC core and essential standards. Ask your educators or call me, 919.843.5648. Note the website, [www.ncpublicschools.org](http://www.ncpublicschools.org), click on K-12 curriculum. The state’s core standards emphasize reading in social studies and other subjects and informational text,

[www.ncpublicschools.org](http://www.ncpublicschools.org), click on curriculum and then social studies. Under current essential standards for social studies, you'll find that US History is taught in high school. In lower grades, note the following:

#### Fourth Grade

North Carolina: Geography and History

#### Fifth Grade

United States History, Canada, Mexico, and Central America

#### Eighth Grade

North Carolina: Creation and Development of the State

### **MORE on the CIVIL WAR—Missouri**

The Missouri Press Foundation offers two other Civil War features, well-received by newspapers.

### **TEN—PART SERIES, Civil War Features**

To access the 10-part series offered to newspapers for publication, visit [mo-nie.com](http://mo-nie.com) and use download code: `civilwar`. Features cover people, John Brown, Jefferson Davis, Stephen Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and more general topics, Common Soldier, Divided Loyalties, Homefront, Reuniting a Nation and Total War.

Partners include the Joplin, Missouri newspaper.

### **FOUR-PART SERIES, Civil War Amendments**

To access the four-part series on Civil War Amendments, visit [mo-nie.com](http://mo-nie.com) and use download code: `cwamend`. The series covers the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> (two parts) and 15<sup>th</sup> amendments.

Partners include the Missouri Bar Association

### **COMING on CIVIL WAR—New York**

Mary Miller, NIE Director for the New York Newspaper Publishers Association, has contracted with an author to write a Civil War story, available in 2013.

**NOTE!** More, different SERIAL STORIES will come from NC Press Foundation, NIE if approved.