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# Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute to Host CGSC Professor, Historian Dr. Edwin Kennedy

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(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Did you know that during the Civil War, approximately 60,000-90,000 black soldiers served in the Armed Forces—for the Confederacy? According to Command General Staff College professor Edwin Kennedy not only did the African-American soldiers serve—they served freely. But why haven't we heard more about these Confederate heroes? Kennedy will discuss this and more during a special presentation at the University of Saint Mary, starting at **7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 inside the Saint Mary Social Room.**

Kennedy's presentation is part of USM's Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute's 2006-07 lecture series. Admission for this presentation and all Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute presentations are free and open to the public. The Saint Mary Social Room is located on the second floor of Saint Mary Hall, located on the University of Saint Mary campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth. Call 913-758-6117 for details.

According to Kennedy, the Union and Confederate Armies utilized black soldiers far differently. Unlike the U.S. Army, which segregated blacks until the 1950s, the Confederate Army integrated soldiers in the ranks until the end of the war. While the subject has been squashed or ignored due to prejudice and stereotyping, Kennedy says, blacks' participation in the Confederate forces is recorded in written records, photographs, and on headstones in military cemeteries.

### ***About the Presenter***

Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Edwin L. Kennedy, Jr. is a member of the graduate faculty for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Kennedy has taught tactics and military history at the staff college. He is a private consultant and runs a business teaching leadership, and conducts tours of battlefields across the U.S.

The Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute is a professional, academic organization dedicated to examining global integration and promoting attitudes, policies and practices that foster peace and justice. The institute regularly brings in guest speakers for lectures which are open to the public. Recent topics have included: America's Role in the Global Economy, Security Threats in Our Hemisphere, Energy Choices and Environmental Challenges, Immigration: Legal and Illegal, and U.S. Foreign Policy, the Department of State and the Heartland of America.

The University of Saint Mary is a private, co-educational applied liberal arts university founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations at 11413 Pflumm in Overland Park and inside Providence Medical Center at 8929 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kan.

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