The Life & Death of Major Joel H. Elliott, 7th Cavalry
Presented by Author Sandy Barnard

Author Sandy Barnard will speak about the life and Army career of Major Joel Elliott, who fought and died in November 1868 at the Battle of the Washita while serving with the 7th U.S. Cavalry under the command of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Barnard’s current book, published in 2010, is A Hoosier Quaker Goes to War, The Life & Death of Major Joel H. Elliott, 7th Cavalry. Barnard, a journalist and non-fiction writer for more than 40 years, specializes in researching the Civil War and the Plains Indian wars. He is well-known for his research and writing on the Battle of the Little Big Horn, the career of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, and the men of the 7th U.S. Cavalry who served with him or followed him.

Date: Monday, April 23, 2012
Time: 6:00p.m. Reception
7:00p.m. Program
Location: Celebration Centre
1145 East Highway 56
Lyons, Kansas

Barnard is especially recognized for his expertise on newspaper reporter Mark H. Kellogg, killed with Custer at the Little Big Horn; First Sgt. John Ryan, a prominent Little Big Horn survivor; and Major Elliott, a key 7th Cavalry officer in the 1860s. In the 1980s, Barnard assisted the National Park Service with media relations during archeological projects at then-Custer Battlefield National Monument. Besides A Hoosier Quaker Goes to War, The Life & Death of Major Joel H. Elliott, 7th Cavalry, Barnard’s other books include:

- Where Custer Fell, a study of historic photographs of the Little Bighorn Battlefield in collaboration with James S. Brust and Brian C. Pohanka that was published in 2005;
- The third edition of Digging Into Custer’s Last Stand, which first appeared in 1986.
- Campaigning with the Irish Brigade: Pvt. John Ryan, 28th Massachusetts;
- Ten Years with Custer, a 7th Cavalryman’s Memoirs;
- Custer’s First Sergeant John Ryan;
- I Go With Custer, The Life and Death of Reporter Mark Kellogg;
- Shovels & Speculation, Archeologists Hunt Custer;
- Speaking About Custer, A Collection of Lectures

Three of his books have received the John M. Carroll Award for book of the year from the Little Big Horn Associates: A Hoosier Quaker (2011); Where Custer Fell (2006); and Ten Years With Custer (2002).

For 23 years (1989-2011), he served as the editor of the annual Greasy Grass magazine published by the Custer Battlefield Historical & Museum Association. A U.S. Army veteran who received the Bronze Star Medal while serving as an intelligence officer in Vietnam in 1968-1969, Barnard holds degrees from Boston College and the University of Missouri School of Journalism. A retired journalism professor at Indiana State University, he lives with his wife, Betty, in Wake Forest, N.C., where he operates AST Press and Rare Books, which includes Indianwarsbooks.com.