

## Coventry Board of Education

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Kristen Duke (CHS Social Studies) is currently working with Dr. Matthew Warshauer (CCSU) and five-time Emmy Award winning director/producer Karyl Evans as part of a small research team responsible for gathering information regarding Connecticut's involvement in and commemoration of the Civil War. *Civil War Connecticut: from Slavery to Commemoration*, published by Wesleyan University Press, will examine our state's mobilization during the Civil War including efforts on the home front, African-American contributions and Civil War remembrance. The video documentary and book release are scheduled to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter in April of 2011. Ms. Duke is currently compiling research from primary sources including newspapers, letters to home and other first-hand accounts from the men and women of Connecticut.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Coventry High School at 742-7346.