

Iowa Battle Flag Project



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AMERICAN HISTORY MAGAZINE FEATURES IOWA FLAG

The IBFP worked with Sarah Cokely of American History Magazine in providing an image of flag number 41, unidentified red palmetto flag for the November issue of the magazine. The story is about the research that possibly links this flag to the Citadel flag also known as "Big Red."



FLAGS TO BE LOANED TO CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PARK

The IBFP staff is working with Bill Rambo, Director of the Confederate Memorial Park to loan the 31st Alabama and 45th Alabama flags for their 150th celebration of the American Civil War. The loan agreement includes the framing of these two flags which will help prolong the life of the flags.



C - 6 MISSISSIPPI SECESSION FLAG ON DISPLAY AT SHSI

On November 4, 2009 the Iowa Battle Flag Project staff installed a new flag at the State Historical Museum. For the first time since 2006 a Confederate flag will be on display. The flag is a Mississippi Secession flag circa 1861. It is made of fine grade English wool bunting with irregular and un-hemmed edges. The flag has red edges on each side of a center white wool bunting panel. At the center of this white area is an embroidered Magnolia tree. Appliquéd to both sides of the upper right corner of the white panel is a canton with a gold colored 5 point star. The flag overall measures 60.313" high and 99.53" wide. It was captured by a soldier from the

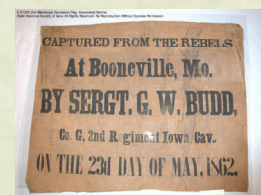
2nd Iowa Cavalry at Booneville, Mississippi in 1862. There are two versions regarding how this capture occurred. According to 2nd Iowa Cavalry Lieutenant Colonel Edward Hatch's report the flag was captured during an attack on the railroad near Booneville, by Sergeant George W. Budd of Company G. The version



from SHSI records state the flag was captured by Private James Kennedy from Atalissa, Iowa who was also a soldier in

the 2nd IA Cavalry and then he gave it to Sergeant Budd.

An associated handmade linen banner was created in 1894 for Flag Day which is painted with the phrase, "Captured from the rebels at Booneville, MO by SERGT. G.W. Budd, Co. G, 2nd Regiment Iowa Cav., on the 23d Day of May, 1862. The banner has several mistakes namely the location was Mississippi, not Missouri and date of capture 30th of May not the 23d.



Flag Day Banner associated with this flag.

UNIT HISTORIES AVAILABLE

IBFP has completed a majority of the unit histories associated with the Project's flags. The unit histories include flag images and a brief description of the flag. The unit histories are available in PDF format to anyone who requests them. The IBFP is unable to place

the unit histories on the website at this time. For related reasons the IBFP is unable to regularly up-date the website, create a Twitter or Facebook page or add podcast/videos to the website. Please feel free to contact staff for any of your research needs.

MONTH IN REVIEW

- 8 tours, 69 people
- 3 talks, 257 people
- Veterans Day Program at Hoyt Sherman Place
- 2 Professional Assistance
- Donations \$1500.00
- 2001.71.79 completed

49TH IOWA VOL. INFANTRY REG., CO. A, SUV HONOR GUARD

The IBFP is delighted to announce that the **49th Iowa Vol. Infantry Regiment, Co. A, SUV Honor Guard** has volunteered to provide assistance with the Capitol flag rotations.

The rotations at the capitol would not be possible without this assistance. The IBFP would like to extend our deepest appreciation. It is a major goal of the project to share the flags with the pub-

lic as they are finished. The IBFP can now keep that goal and the public can benefit.



2001.71.42, 17th Iowa Infantry, Regimental, Capitol Display, NE Case, 1st floor rotunda, Oct 15, 2009- Jan 15, 2010.



49th Iowa Vol. Infantry, Co. A, SUV Honor Guard and Conservator, Sheila Hanke

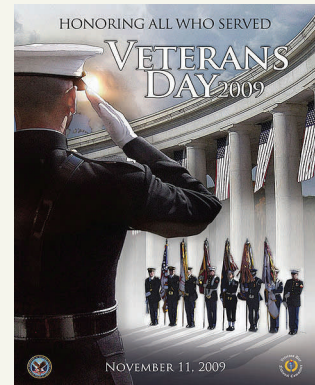
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“Your passion and dedication for the flags amazed each member of our group”
Alpha Circle Kings Daughters

BATTLE FLAG PROJECT SPEAK AT HOYT SHERMAN ON VETERANS DAY

The IBFP was honored to speak at Hoyt Sherman on November 11, Veterans Day. Veterans Day is America’s holiday honoring all military veterans. November 11, 1918 is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day on November 11, 1919.

In 1926, official ceremonies were added to the observation of this day. In 1938, Armistice Day became a national holiday. In 1954, the holiday was changed to Veterans Day to honor all veterans who served this nation. The IBFP is honored to help preserve and research the flags of Iowa’s veterans.



**N E W
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Steve Pisarik, Scott Evehart and Tom Clingan all responded to the IBFP’s need for volunteers after reading John Carlson’s article in the Des Moines Register that told of the effects of the 10% budget cut on various agencies. Steve will be assisting with our research and writing needs while Scott and Tom will both be assisting with flag rotations at SHSI. Thank you so much!

I P C W O R K

IBFP has assisted the museum staff with the up coming Native American exhibition. Three air force map scarves from WWII were brought in for basic research and flattening of folds and creases. The scarf’s were worn by pilots to aid in their survival during raids over the Pacific. The scarves depict both water and air currents as well as land masses.

**C S A
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A catalog (PDF format) has been created of the captured confederate flags. The catalog features an image of the flag, measurement, date, materials and basic description. The catalog is not intended to be the definitive work on the CSA flags rather it is designed to serve the general public’s need for basic information on the CSA flags.