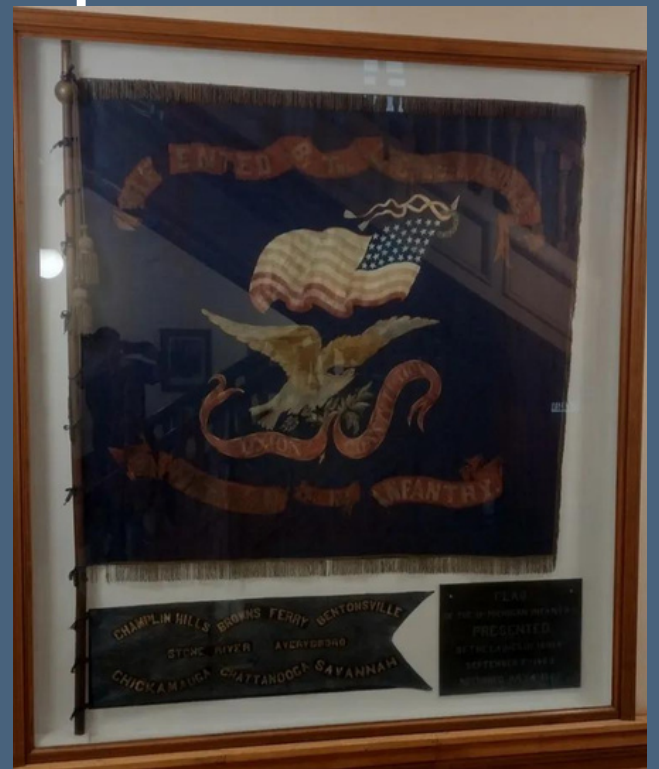


PRESERVING MICHIGAN'S HISTORICAL LEGACY

THE 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT'S BATTLE FLAG



Preserve Our Historical Flag: Join Our Fundraising Campaign

Our treasured flag is in danger of being forgotten, as few of us have had the privilege of seeing it. But we have a chance to save it! We need to raise funds to preserve it, so we're calling on all history enthusiasts to join us in this effort. Our goal is to put our precious flag in a state-of-the-art display case that will safeguard it for future generations and keep it in Ionia to be proudly exhibited. Your support will help us achieve this mission and ensure that our flag is permanently displayed in Ionia for all to honor and admire.

The Ionia County Courthouse in Michigan is home to a significant piece of history, the battle flag of the 21st Infantry Regiment from the Civil War.



This silk flag was hand-embroidered and gifted by the "ladies of Ionia." It played a crucial role in the Union's victory during Sherman's march through Kentucky, Georgia, and North Carolina. The flag's return to its originators on July 4th, 1865, was a momentous occasion for the regiment, which suffered heavy casualties during the war. Since then, the flag has been on display at the Ionia courthouse for over 160 years, bearing witness to the past.

However, the flag now requires restoration and conservation to ensure that it continues to be a symbol of history for future generations in Ionia County. We are seeking a coalition of individuals who share a deep appreciation of history to contribute towards our fundraising goal of \$50,000. This will enable us to restore and preserve this unique battle flag and place it in a state-of-the-art display case to protect it from further damage, saving it from being tucked away in a closet at the Michigan History Museum in Lansing.

We invite you to join us in our pursuit to honor and preserve this symbol of the past. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference in our efforts to preserve this piece of history. Thank you for your support.

On January 26, 2024, at 6 p.m., join us for a Fundraiser Gala at the Banquet Facility at Royal Scot Golf & Bowl. The event will entail guest speakers, a silent auction, and a catered dinner.

21st Infantry Gala

January 26, 2024

6 -9 p.m.

Royal Scot Golf & Bowl Banquet Center

Dinner

London Broil

Sauteed Breaded Boneless Chicken Breast

Parmesan Redskin Potatoes

Steamed Green Beans

Tossed Salad

Homemade Rolls

Dessert

Two Drink Tickets

Special Guest Speakers:

Brian Calley

Major Christopher Buck

Sammy Davis

Emceed by Terry Stevens from Q106

Silent Auction

Preservation of the 21st Infantry Regiments Battle Flag Sponsorship Opportunities



Let's honor the memory of these brave individuals by displaying their flag all year round. Their sacrifices were made so that future generations could thrive, and it's our duty to keep their legacy alive.

There are several ways you can contribute

Purchase your event tickets and experience an evening of compassion and giving.

Showcase your commitment to social responsibility by becoming an event sponsor and gaining prominent recognition.

Can't attend? You can still make an impact by making a contribution.

In March 1967, Davis was sent to South Vietnam as a private first class and was assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Artillery Regiment, 9th Infantry Division.

On November 18, 1967, his unit at Firebase Cudgel west of Cai Lay, fell under machine gun fire and heavy mortar attack by an estimated three companies of Viet Cong from the 261st Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, which swarmed the area from the south and then west. Upon detecting an enemy position, Davis manned a machine gun to give his comrades covering fire so they could fire artillery in response. Davis was wounded but ignored warnings to take cover, taking over the unit's burning howitzer and firing several shells himself. He also disregarded his inability to swim due to a broken back and crossed a river there on an air mattress to help rescue three wounded American soldiers. He ultimately found his way to another howitzer site to continue fighting the NVA attack until they fled. The battle lasted two hours. Davis was subsequently promoted to sergeant and received the Medal of Honor the following year from President Lyndon B. Johnson. After he was presented the medal at the White House ceremony, Davis played "Oh Shenandoah" on his harmonica in memory of the men he served with in Vietnam.

Davis retired in 1984 due to his war-time injuries.



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- Business advertisement on digital signage on 63 screens inside Royal Scot for six months
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- Logo on the event registration page and social media mention
- Verbal recognition during the event



Sponsorship Opportunities

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Name in event program

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Name recognition on table

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Name in event program

Logo on all social media posts

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Name recognition on table

Mention in print materials

Name in event program

Logo on all social media posts

Sammy Davis Package

\$5,000

VIP Meet and Greet for 16 with Sammy Davis

Two corporate tables - includes 16 tickets to event

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Logo recognition in event materials

Logo in e-communications to attendees

Logo on the event registration page and social media mention

Verbal recognition during the event

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