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STAFF WORKING ON A NEW RESOURCE TRUNK (June 2007)

SHSI battle flag staff recently started work on a new portable resource trunk designed to acquaint students with the lives of children during the Civil War. It is also designed for educators to teach Iowa history and social studies. Specific lesson plans will be included that address Iowa's standards and benchmarks. The contents of the trunk illustrate the material culture of Iowa's Civil War youth. Items illustrate real objects used by children during the 1860s.

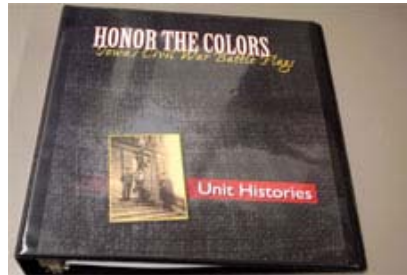
Borrowers can utilize the resource trunk on a number of levels. The publication and video material provide stand-alone information on children during the Civil War. The objects and clothing can be used as props or hands-on learning tools to provide a snapshot of Iowa's distant past. The games can actually be played. The games offer insight into how children entertained themselves. All items are non-toxic and multi-sensory.

The resource trunk is schedule for release January 2008.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY LAB INSTALLED (May 2007)

To enhance the photographic documentation and digital imaging of the battle flag collection a new photography studio was installed in the conservation lab. The studio, equipment and software has enabled us to achieve more in capture, improve our workflow and increase our details in documentation. Correct setups, lighting, backgrounds, image uploads and print quality can be achieved providing the best documentation of the flags to date.

IOWA BATTLE FLAG UNIT HISTORIES LAUNCHED (March 2007)



SHSI battle flag staff has launched the introduction of Iowa's military "Unit Histories" beginning with the Civil War. These exciting narratives of Iowa's fighting units are told through gripping accounts of events, soldier's diaries and historical documents. Each unit history contains a listing of historical statistics relating to the unit.

The unit histories are highlighted with brilliant images of associated flags held in Iowa's battle flag collection. The unit histories for the 3rd Iowa Battery, 1st Iowa Cavalry and the 15th Iowa Infantry are now available in the Museum Shop for \$5.00 each. New additions will coordinate with scheduled flag rotations.

ARCHIVE

Past press releases of news and events pertaining to the Battle Flag Project and related exhibits.

News Archive (June-Oct 2006)
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Adopt-a-flag program is announced (7-18-06) [Download PDF](#)

NEH Grant is awarded to project (1-31-06) } [Download PDF](#)

New Civil War Survivors exhibit opens (1-26-06) [Download PDF](#)

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