

YOUR CIVIL WAR FLAG

During the Civil War, each Confederate and Union regiment (army unit) carried a flag. Each Civil War flag has a story about how it was created and when it was used. Read about the 28th Alabama Army Infantry Regiment flag then turn the sheet over to draw your own flag on the back. You can even create a story about its history.

The Flag of the 28th Alabama Infantry Regiment

This flag was painted by Nicola Marschall of Marion, Alabama. The flag has a starburst on one side and the St. Andrew's Cross  with 13 stars on the other side.

The flag was carried and then captured at Orchard Knob on November 23, 1863, which was the beginning of the Battle of Chattanooga. The flag was taken by the 41st Ohio Infantry's Corporal G. H. Kramer, who also ordered the surrender of 20 Alabama Confederates with the flag.

Following the war, the flag was placed on loan to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. In 1905, Mr. Thomas Owen, who was the director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, asked that the flag be returned to the Archives. The Smithsonian agreed and it has been at the Archives ever since.

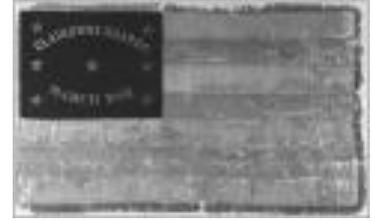


To see a photograph of the 28th Alabama Infantry Regiment flag and to view photographs and information about the other flags in the Archives collections visit the flag collection online at

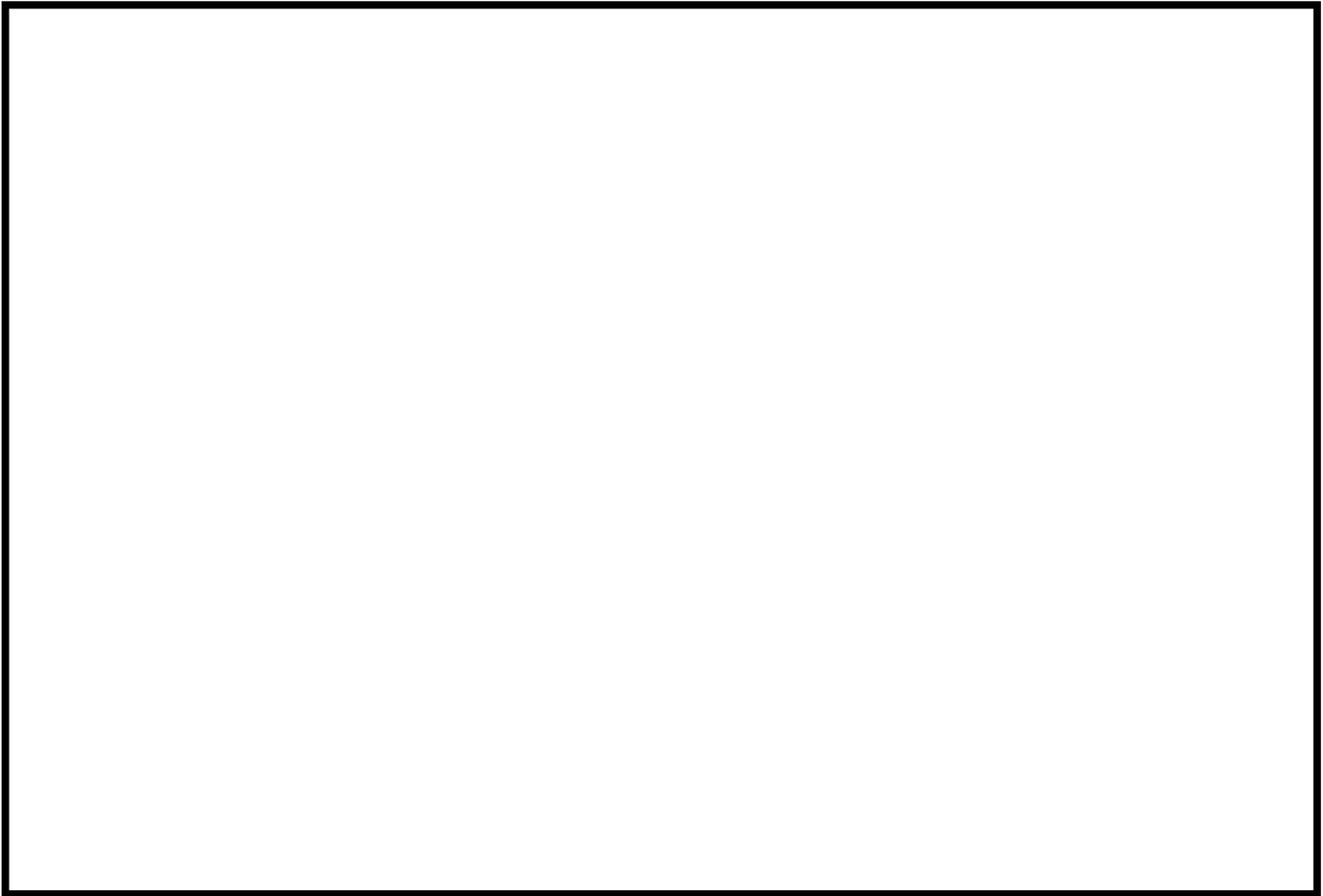
<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/referenc/flags/index.html>



Early in the Civil War, every company (army unit smaller than a regiment) carried individual flags, but as the war progressed Confederate flags became more standardized. Below are three Civil War company flags.



DRAW YOUR OWN CIVIL WAR COMPANY FLAG:



THINK OF A STORY ABOUT YOUR FLAG'S HISTORY.