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**“FLAGS IN THE CIVIL WAR: UTILITY AND SYMBOLISM”
A TALK BY MARK PERKINS OF COPLEY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
SHELTER HOUSE, FRED FULLER PARK, KENT**



The image of battle flags waving above clashing foes makes for an iconic view of the Civil War. For the combatants on the line, the battle flag represented God, country and home. But it also represented the anchor upon which the battle line was fixed, and their guide in the maelstrom. For the staff officers behind the lines, those same flags communicated the success or failure of their assault and the position and number of the enemy.

As iconic as the battle flag may have been, it was only one of many flags to be found on the field of battle, behind the lines, in camps and fortresses and in cities and towns across the divided land. The coming war only increased the number of flags to be found, as the creation of new political entities necessitated the creation of new flags to represent them.

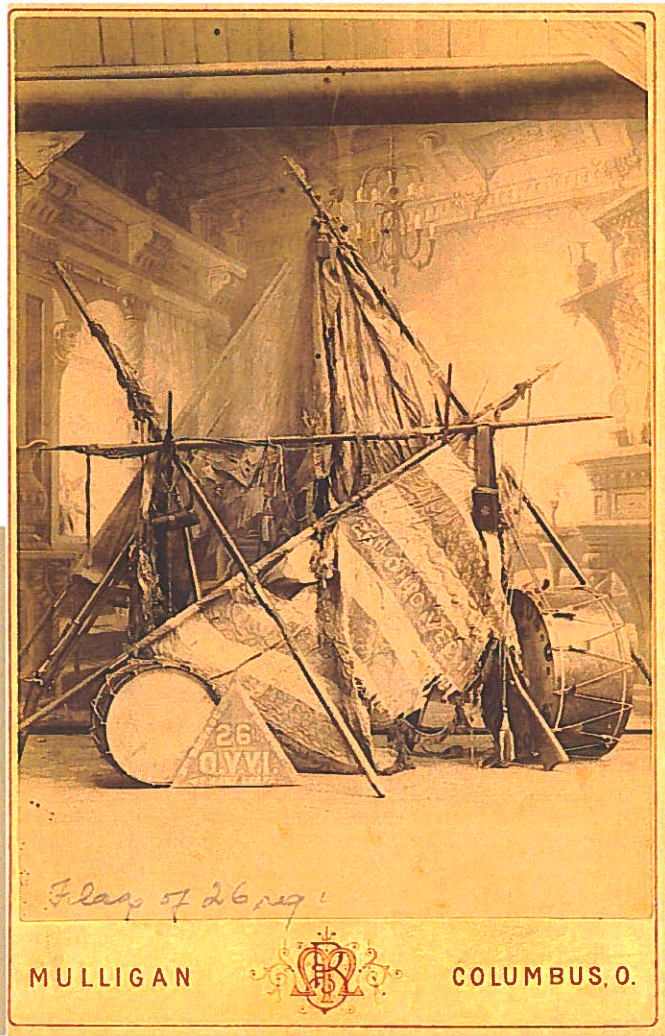
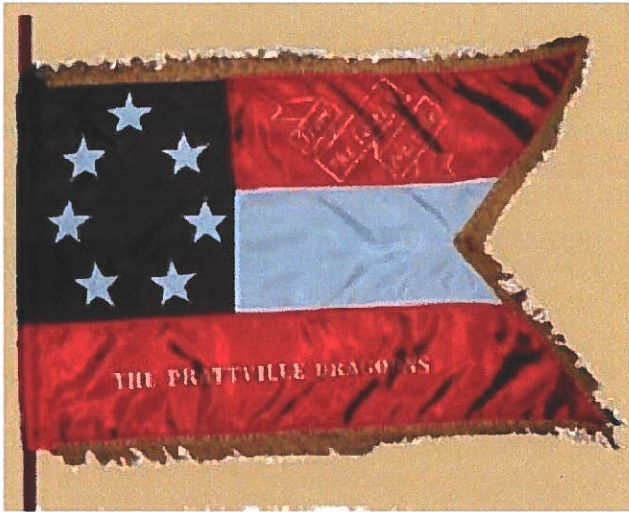
On Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Kent Civil War Society member Mark Perkins will examine the variety of flags to be found on and off the battle field as he presents *Flags in the Civil War: Utility and Symbolism*. Mark is a long time member of the society and has spoken on subjects as far ranging as artillery, railroads and Hawaii in the Civil War.

Our optional meet-the-speaker dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. at Little City Grill (formerly Digger's Bar & Grill) in Kent.

Don't forget – Ruth is collecting dues! Also, we will be having our book discussion in March. Pick a book about the Battle of Gettysburg – any book, any aspect – and be ready to participate in a lively discussion!

A Brief Selection of Battle Flags





They are from, top to bottom and left to right, 1st Texas Infantry, 1st Arkansas Volunteers, 36th Pennsylvania Volunteers, 2nd Wisconsin Co. F, The Prattville Dragoons of Alabama, 26th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and the 1st Minnesota Light Artillery.