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ARMY OF THE OHIO RECEIVES AWARD FOR LEADING FLAG PRESERVATION EFFORTS

Columbus, Ohio – The Army of the Ohio Civil War reenactors are pleased to announce that the Ohio Civil War 150 Advisory Committee has awarded them with the 2013 Civil War 150 Heritage Award. The award was presented at the Ohio Historical Centers “A House Divided” reenactment on May 25th.

“The Army of the Ohio and its member units have been working to save Ohio's Civil War Battle Flags for over a decade.” said committee member Fred Lynch, Commander of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, during the ceremony. “The Civil War 150 Advisory Committee is proud to present this award to the Army of the Ohio Reenactors in appreciation for their ongoing commitment to saving our Battle Flags and efforts to preserve Ohio's Civil War history.”

During the past three years, the Army of the Ohio has raised over \$25,000 for the 23d and 25th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI) battle flags. Additionally, many of its member units have contributed to the preservation of other flags in the collection. Ohio's Battle Flag collection is one of the largest in the country and contains over 300 flags from the Civil War.

“I am proud that the battalion was chosen as one of the first recipients of this award,” said Colonel Bob Minton, commander of the Army of the Ohio. “This award reflects how this organization strives to lead in all aspects of the reenacting hobby.”

As part of the current efforts to raise the estimated \$29,000 for the 25th OVI flag, the battalion announced in January they are selling the Flags of Gettysburg t-shirt. This full color shirt shows nine Ohio and New York flags that represent units who fought in the July 1863 battle.

For more information on the Save the Flags campaign, the Flags of Gettysburg t-shirts or to make a donation visit the Army of the Ohio's website at www.armyoftheohio.com and click on the “Make a Donation” tab.

The Army of the Ohio was organized in 1999 to combine the strength of American Civil War reenacting units from Ohio and surrounding states. Currently infantry, artillery and cavalry units from Ohio and New York comprise the group.

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Fred Lynch (center), Ohio Civil War 150 Advisory Committee member presents the 2013 Civil War 150 Heritage Award to Joe McMahon, Army of the Ohio Civil War Reenactors executive officer and commanding officer Bob Minton during a ceremony on May 25, 2013 at Ohio Village in Columbus. (Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society)



Members of the Army of the Ohio Civil War Reenactors pose for a photograph after receiving the 2013 Civil War 150 Heritage Award presented by the Ohio Civil War 150 Advisory Committee on May 25, 2013 at Ohio Village in Columbus. (Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society)