

GRAND OLD FLAG

On May 28, 1987, the American flag was flown over the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C., and then presented to the Vigo County Historical Society. Former Congressman John T. Myers, who represented Indiana's 7th congressional district from 1967 to 1997, requested the flag presentation for Vigo County.

The practice of presenting flags is a tradition that began in 1937. Since then, the Capitol Flag Program – run through the Architect of the Capitol – was created to display flags for the Capitol for national holidays and special events, and to honor schools and civic organizations. Requests for a flag display must be made through members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. After the flag is flown, a

Certificate of Authenticity keepsake is issued and given to the organization along with the flag.

The Capitol Flag Program fulfills more than 100,000 requests per year from members of Congress. Flags are flown nearly every day of the year, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Vigo County's United States flag and Certificate of Authenticity is on display in the Military Room in the Vigo County Historical Society Museum.

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