January 8th, 1866

The 28th Indiana Regiment Returns Home

On January 8th, 1866, a public reception is held for the 28th Indiana Regiment, the first and only African American regiment organized in Indiana. They fought in numerous battles and sustained heavy losses, and they proved their bravery in the sieges of Petersburg and Richmond. Throughout the war, they lost a total of 212 men. They saw their first combat at White House, Virginia, traveled with Sheridan and his Cavalry through Chickahominy swamps, and lost almost half of the regiment’s entire men during what would later become known as the Battle of the Crater. For their sacrifice, bravery, and dedication to the union, they were given an official state reception for their return to Indiana after the war.