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**2022 FESTIVAL OF
TREES COMMUNITY
VOTING WINNER:
THE LEGACY OF
“A PATRIOTIC SALUTE
IN MEMORY OF
ED STEWART”**

To learn more about this special tree, go to page 3 for an article by Ed’s daughter, Tammy Adams.

Your support continues to inspire us to work harder to save this beautiful building. Without you, we could not have come this far!

- Top Sponsors:
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- 42 total sponsors
- 69 trees decorated
- 100s of volunteer hours to set up, staff the event, take down and store the trees



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HOW CAN I HELP?

CMTF CONTINUES TO RAISE MATCHING FUNDS FOR GRANTS. DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST

HISTORIC RENOVATION GRANTS REQUIRE A 50-50 MATCH? WE CAN ONLY APPLY FOR A GRANT IF WE CAN PROVE THAT WE HAVE MATCHING FUNDS IN OUR POSSESSION. EVERY DOLLAR DESIGNATED FOR

BUILDING RENOVATION GOES INTO OUR MATCHING FUNDS ACCOUNT AND DOUBLES IN VALUE WITH EACH GRANT AWARDED—GIVING US DOUBLE THE FUNDS TO REPAIR OUR BUILDING.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CMTF, A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. OUR TAX ID # IS: 81-1445468.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ 10' SQUARE FEET OF MASONRY/MORTAR REPAIRS: \$2500
- ◆ 50 REPLACEMENT BRICKS: \$2500
- ◆ SMALL WINDOW REPAIR: \$1000
- ◆ LARGE WINDOW REPAIR: \$2000

Recent Project Progress

A group of volunteers from Nucor Steel participated in a day of service on MLK Day at the Cornerstone. They started the painting of both parlors. This refresh project was long overdue.

Thank you to Nucor for your support!

The painting, along with some plaster and chair rail repair, is complete in the North and South Parlors. We are now working on getting the Grand Ballroom painting completed. We are also in the process of adding new electrical outlets on the first floor for safety and function.



Our window repair project is continuing. Plywood temporary closes the openings of windows in the shop for repair. We hope all of our windows will be completed by this fall. This has been a huge project with all of our south and east windows already repaired and reinstalled.

We will also be working on our front porch this summer. We appreciate your support so these projects can continue.



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

SEND YOUR DONATION TO:

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DO YOU HAVE TIME OR SKILLS?
WE CAN ALWAYS USE HELP.



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CMTF MISSION STATEMENT :
COMMITTED TO BEING THE HISTORIC CORNERSTONE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT.

THE LEGACY OF “A PATRIOTIC SALUTE IN MEMORY OF ED STEWART”

WRITTEN BY :
TAMMY ADAMS,
DAUGHTER OF THE
LATE ED STEWART,
ON BEHALF OF HIS
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS



VISION STATEMENT:

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE UNIQUE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE 1901 HISTORIC BUILDING FOR ALL FACETS OF COMMUNITY USE. WE ENVISION THE FUTURE WITH THE HISTORIC THEATRE RESTORED AND THE GRAND BALLROOM WITH AN UPGRADED COMMERCIAL KITCHEN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES.

In August of 2021, my family had to say goodbye to Ed Stewart, a wonderful, God-fearing, hard-working, humble American Veteran, amazing father, caring brother, proud papaw & great papaw, fun-loving uncle, ornery cousin, and loyal friend after a long battle with CLL, a form of leukemia caused by Agent Orange during his time in Vietnam, where he served in the U.S. Army as a tank commander in the late 60's.

His late wife, Elizabeth Stewart, loved the Christmas season and always made it a magical experience with decorations and presents. For 12 years after her death, we continued to put her tree up in her honor which brought great joy to Ed. However, in 2019, during a stay at the VA Hospital, a Christmas tree they had on display caught his eye and he and his lady friend set out to find it online. In doing so, he did not actually find the tree he was looking for but stumbled upon the Patriotic American flag Christmas tree. He called, very excited, asking that I order the tree for him. He displayed it proudly for 2 years before his passing, even crowning it with his Donald Trump hat as a tree topper! We decided to display both parents' trees together in 2021 as a way to honor their memories. Upon posting photos of our evening of decorating on Facebook, Jennifer Lowe reached out inquiring about the uniqueness of the patriotic tree. We tossed around ideas about donating the tree to the Festival of Trees but ultimately decided our family would keep the tree, sponsor a space for the event and decorate it as a family. There were many aspects of the decorations that were intentional and held great meaning. Ed taught us through his example, to take pride in the freedom of our country, to always show respect to those who have served or are serving, and to donate and shop locally for the betterment of our community. Our goal was not only to raise funds for the beautiful historical building, the Masonic Cornerstone, but also to pay homage to our military men and women past and present. It seemed fitting when we came across his military uniform to have a second tree, with his hat as the tree topper, saluting all the men and women who have taken pride in service to our country and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we are blessed to have today. Toy soldiers adorned the smaller saluting tree. We were overwhelmed by the response of the community as they were asked to write the name and branch of their soldier or veteran on a star ornament and hang it on the tree. They were instructed to take a toy soldier from the tree and put it in a prominent place in their home to be reminded to pray for those serving and their families. With more preparation, we would like to make Ed's unique Patriotic tree even more interactive. We asked people to sign up to have a custom ornament made with their loved one's photo, rank, branch, etc. to hang on the tree in the 2023 Festival of Trees. As a result of this opportunity, we will be brainstorming in the coming months for a service project to not only honor soldiers and veterans but also give back in a heartfelt, meaningful way in loving memory of Ed Stewart to keep his light burning bright for as long as we are able.

A PATRIOTIC SALUTE

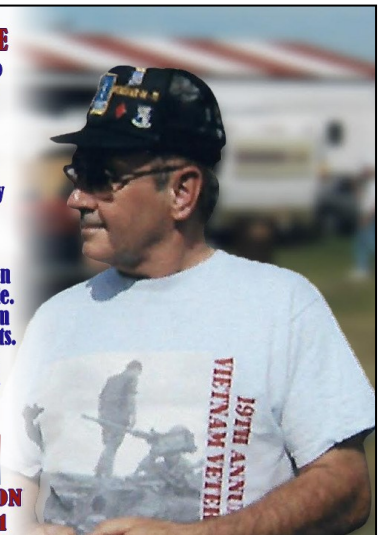
How do you show honor to someone for laying down everything they have for the ultimate cause...
our freedom?

For sacrificing home and comfort so friends & family can enjoy peace?
Two small words,
Thank You,

seem so small in comparison to all the sacrifices you made. However, they do come from the deepest part of our hearts. Thank you for blessing us far more than we deserve.

We Salute You!
At ease, Soldier.

In Memory of
ED STEWART
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