



The Battle Cry of Freedom

Yes we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom,
We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)

The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!
Down with the traitors, up with the stars;
While we rally round the flag, boys, we rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

We are springing to the call of our brothers gone before,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!
And we'll fill our vacant ranks with a million freemen more,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)

We will welcome to our numbers the loyal, true and brave,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!
And although they may be poor, not a man shall be a slave,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)

So we're springing to the call from the East and from the West,
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom;
And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land we love best,
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom.

(Chorus)

"The Battle Cry of Freedom" was composed by George F. Root and was first performed on July 24, 1862 at a massive war rally. The song was written in one day as a response to President Lincoln's call for 300,000 more volunteers to fill the depleted ranks of the Union army. Root said, "From there the song went into the army, and the testimony in regard to its use in the camp and on the march, and even on the field of battle, from soldiers and officers, up to the good President himself, made me thankful that if I could not shoulder a musket in defense of my country I could serve her in this way."



Flag of the Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment



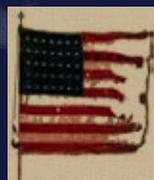
Flag of the Fourth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment



Flag of the Seventeenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment



Flag of the Twenty-Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment



Flag of the 102nd United States CT

The State of Michigan
Commemorates the
150th Anniversary
of the Return of the
CIVIL WAR VOLUNTEERS
and their
BATTLE FLAGS
and the
25th Anniversary of
SAVE THE FLAGS
July 4, 1866 – July 9, 2016

The Michigan State Capitol
Saturday, July 9, 2016
1:00 p.m.

Presentation of the Troops

Posting of the Colors

(Please stand)

**Michigan's Civil War Reenactors and
The Michigan National Guard Color Guard**

Singing of the National Anthem

Ms. Rachel Curtis

Stacking of Arms

Welcome and Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Dave Downing, Save The Flags

The Fifth Michigan Regiment Band

Remarks

Mr. James Redford,
Director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

*Presentation of the Milliken/Adams/Kelley
Award for Michigan Historic Preservation*

Mr. Jack Dempsey,
President of the Michigan Historical Commission

2016 Award Presented to Ms. Kerry K. Chartkoff

Remarks

Ms. Kerry K. Chartkoff, Save The Flags

Flag Adoption and Legislative Tribute Presentation to

Ms. Emily Ernst

Ms. Kerry Chartkoff, Save the Flags

The Fifth Michigan Regiment Band

Remarks

Ms. Sandra S. Clark,
Director of the Michigan Historical Center

Remarks and Reception of the Colors

Brigadier General John Slocum, Michigan Air National Guard

Flag of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan

Flag of the Fourth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment

Flag of the Sixth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment

Flag of the Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Two Flags of the Seventeenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Flag of the Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Two Flags of the Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Closing Remarks

Mr. Matthew VanAcker, Save The Flags

"THE BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM"

The Fifth Michigan Regiment Band

Please sing along, lyrics on the back of this program

Retirement of the Troops and the Colors

Salute by the Troops and the First Michigan Light Artillery

Playing of Taps

Mr. Mark Heath, Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

*Taps or "lights out" was first played during the Civil War
and attributed to Union General Daniel Butterfield*

Performance by the 126th Michigan

National Guard Marching Band

*Thank you for joining us in commemorating the service
and sacrifice of our proud Michigan soldiers
and sailors of the Civil War.*

Special thanks to:

The Michigan Civil War reenactment community
The Civilians of the Seventh Michigan Infantry Regiment, Company B

Mr. Adam Spannagel, Sign Language Interpreter

The Exhibitors and Vendors

Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group

Hudsonville Ice Cream

The Fifth Michigan Regiment Band

The 126th Michigan National Guard Band

Hyacinth House Floral Arrangements of Lansing, MI

The members and staff of the Michigan State Capitol Commission

CIVIL WAR VOLUNTEERS ★ BATTLE FLAGS ★ SAVE THE FLAGS