

THE SECOND ROTATION:

(SC-40-90) **5th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment**

(Daniel Crotty carries the flag again; merged regiments; flag adopted by the George W. Lee Civil War Round Table of Howell).

The Fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, known as the “Fighting Fifth,” was organized at Fort Wayne in Detroit and mustered in on August 28, 1861. The regiment received its first colors on September 12, 1861. According to the Detroit Free Press, “The regiment was formed in a hollow square, and the crowd, which for the time was very large, was cleared by a company who came through double-quick, stationing men at intervals and managing to restrain the curiosity within bounds.” Governor Blair, General Williams, and Adjutant General Robertson were among those present. In presenting the flag to the regiment, Mr. Backus commented “You are from us, you are one of us, bound to us by the many strong ties that knit together the social compact and give to society itself its greatest value.” Colonel Terry replied that “the lives of the whole regiment are all devoted to the defense of these Colors God grant it may never trail in the dust.” Robertson reports that under this flag some eight or ten color-bearers and guards were killed defending it.