

# **“OH, COULD THEY BUT SPEAK...”**

*The history and importance of Michigan's Civil War Battle Flags*

## **RESOURCES**

### *WEBSITES:*

- <http://www.mgtv.org>

The Michigan Government Television (MGTV) website features all the MGTV Civil War Battle Flags Project lesson plans, support materials and related links. The site also contains general information about MGTV, including glossaries of terms commonly used during the House and Senate sessions and the Supreme Court oral arguments, the schedule of programs to be aired that week and archived programs excellent for use as resources in social studies and government classes.

- <http://www.michiganhistory.org>

The Michigan Historical Center website features shortcuts to the five sections of the Michigan Historical Center, a calendar of events, information about what's new in Michigan history, activities for teachers' use in the classroom and a specific site for young people,.

- <http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/>

The American Civil War Homepage gathers together in one place hypertext links to the most useful identified electronic files about the American Civil War (1861-1865). The page opens a gateway to the Internet's multi-formatted resources about what is arguably the seminal event in American history. The page has received numerous awards for its organization, content and ease of use. It has most recently been included in the American Library Association's "Top 700" web sites for children and students. The page is part of the web site of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

- <http://www.flint.lib.mi.us/fpl/resources/reenactment/livhis.html>

The Flint, MI, Public Library WebStation maintains a Living History Reenactment site that is one of the best sources of information for reenactment activities in Michigan. To quote the site, "Living history is the authentic portrayal by contemporary persons to reenact by impression the lifestyles of other people from history. Living history re-enactors, men and women of all ages, are dedicated to the preservation and teaching of history through dramatic portrayals of battle reenactments. The end result of reenacting is public education of periods from history usually only found in books. Living history reenactment in Michigan has a long and well-established tradition of living history presentations. There exist in Michigan many different living history centers, various reenactment groups from all historical time periods, and a schedule of historical demonstrations that is ongoing."

There are over five hundred sites on the Internet related to the American Civil War. The categories include everything from muster rolls to war games to genealogy. As you explore, please let us know if you find some that should be recommended to others.

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