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Celebrate Independence Day at the State Capitol on the Third!

Independence Day Celebration at the Capitol

Where: California State Capitol—Rotunda
10th Street between L and N Streets Sacramento

When: Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 11 a.m. Historic flag exhibit continues through July 13, 2007

Special Events Admission: Free

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STATE CAPITOL—California State Legislature Joint Rules Committee and California State Parks and State Capitol Museum invite the public to a special event honoring Independence Day, on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

The California National Guard Honor Guard will present the colors on the First Floor of the Rotunda of the State Capitol. "Illusions" Barbershop Quartet will perform patriotic songs to rouse the spirit. The celebration centerpiece is an exhibit of four rare Civil War and WWI military flags from the State Capitol Historic Flag Collection displayed on the Second Floor of the Rotunda.

On display from July 3, 2007 to July 13, 2007 these fragile flags have been undergoing conservation and have not been exhibited for several years. The California State Capitol is home to a remarkable collection of nearly fifty flags dating from the Civil War (1861-1865),

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Spanish American War (1898-1899) and World War I (1914-1918). Some of the flags on exhibit at the Capitol have only been displayed on the parade ground, while others have accompanied Californians into battle during both the Civil War and World War I.

Originally kept in the Adjutant General's Office in the State Capitol, the flag collection was later displayed in the rotunda. Since 1928, the flag collection has had ongoing and extensive conservation efforts to preserve these fragile pieces of California's history and have not been on exhibit in many years. The State Capitol Museum and the California State Legislature are proud to place on temporary exhibit four of the flags from the collection. This is a unique chance to see these precious pieces of our state's history.

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About the California State Capitol Museum

The California State Capitol Museum is operated by California State Parks under contract to and supported by the California State Legislature. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for guided and self-guided tours of the Capitol Building and its extensive outdoor gardens, the Museum is located in the California State Capitol, in downtown Sacramento on 10th Street between L and N Streets. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov