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Special Civil War Gallery Display
“Men of Color – To Arms! To Arms!”
State Museum Collections Commemorating U.S. Colored Troops

Opening November 3, 2010, The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg

To coincide with Harrisburg’s Grand Review and United States Colored Troops commemorations, The State Museum of Pennsylvania has re-installed a rare regimental USCT flag. During the Civil War, a number of African Americans from Pennsylvania joined the Alexandria, Virginia-based regiment represented by this stunning 79 x 81” flag. Several personal USCT military effects and historic images round out this new display featured in the museum’s 2nd floor Civil War Gallery.

On Saturday, November 6, at 2 p.m., the State Museum’s Acting Director, David Dunn, will introduce the display and discuss the collections in the Civil War Gallery. Also on November 6, Richard Saylor, author of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s new book on the Civil War, **Soldiers to Governors**, will be on hand at 3 pm at the museum’s store for a book signing. **Soldiers to Governors** tells the story of Pennsylvania Civil War veterans who became state leaders. These programs are free with museum admission.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and Senior Citizens. Every third Saturday of the month is free to the public.

Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (including State Museum affiliate members) receive free general admission (some programs require a separate fee). Please contact (717) 772-6997, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm to register for the program and to learn more about State Museum and Pennsylvania Heritage Society membership.

Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on museum programs, planetarium shows, exhibitions and other events at The State Museum, click on www.statemuseumpa.org.

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