

August 12 – August 25

Capitol Notes

Tours

Tuesday, August 14

Alternative Choices – Albion

Wednesday, August 15

MSU English Language Center – East Lansing

MSU Visiting International Professionals

Program – East Lansing

Thursday, August 16

Early LLC – Lansing

Tuesday, August 21

Burcham Hills Memory Care – East Lansing

Rallies & Events

Friday, August 17

Movie Night on the Capitol Lawn

8:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.

East Capitol Steps, Walks, and Lawn

Thursday, August 23

Farmers Market at the Capitol

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

East Capitol Steps, Walks, and Lawn

Friday, August 24

Movie Night on the Capitol Lawn

8:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.

East Capitol Steps, Walks, and Lawn

Session Schedule

House and Senate

Wednesday, August 15 – 10:00 a.m.

1st Michigan Colored Infantry Organized

On August 12, 1863, Michigan Adjutant General John Robertson authorized the establishment of the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry. Henry Barnes, editor of the *Detroit Advertiser and Tribune*, had led an editorial and letter writing campaign advocating for the creation of a regiment of African American soldiers to serve in the Civil War. In recognition of his efforts, Barnes was made the regiment's first colonel, and he helped to organize the group at Camp Ward in Detroit. In the spring of 1864, the first 895 members of the regiment were mustered into the Union Army as the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. Eventually, over fourteen hundred volunteers would serve in the 102nd, seeing action in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina.



Several flags carried by the 102nd are held in the Michigan Capitol Battle Flag Collection.

<http://capitol.michigan.gov/BattleFlags>