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Come to Fort McHenry on June 27 & 28 to see the debut of the National Civil War Field Music School at Fort McHenry!

The American Civil War began and ended in Baltimore. The first deaths of the conflict were killed in a riot on Pratt Street in 1861 and some of the last troops to be mustered out left Fort McHenry in the summer of 1865. Ranger talks focusing on the end of the Civil War and children's activities will make the event special to visiting families.

During the weekend the ramparts of Fort McHenry will resound with the sounds of drums, fifes, bugles and marching feet as students from the National Civil War Field School learn to play drum, fife and march. Dressed in Civil War reproduction uniforms, and coming from across America, over 100 reenactors will breathe life into the old fort once again.

**The highlight of the weekend will be the FREE twilight tattoo on June 27 at 6:00 p.m!**

The FREE twilight tattoo on June 27 will recreate the military ceremonies held at Fort McHenry 150 years ago. The walls of the fort will resound with the thunder of the fifes and drums playing pieces such as “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” “Dixie,” and “The Battle Cry of Freedom.” The massing of over 100 fifes and drums is one of the largest ever assembled at the fort.

The Honorary Colonel for the evening will be **Major General Linda L. Singh, Adjutant General for the State of Maryland.** Past honorary colonels include community leaders, philanthropists, sports leaders and historians.

Visitors will be invited to watch the evening gun being fired and join the parade as the garrison marches out of the fort at the end of the ceremony.

A special exhibit describing the events leading up to the 1931 Presidential act signing is on display in the park’s Visitor Center. Also, on permanent display in the lobby is the actual pen used by President Hoover.

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“The Civil War Field Music School” – Fort McHenry 1865

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