

# A Traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July Songs & Celebration !

## **MC: Call to gather around the flag**

- Pledge of Allegiance

## **MC Comments:**

In the War of 1812, the City of Baltimore steadied itself for assault by the most powerful military force in the world. Determined not to yield, American merchants sunk their own ships in the harbor to thwart the marine landing. The city occupied the harbor fort and commissioned a giant national flag to be shown so there could be no claim by the British of a surrender by its lowering. Francis Scott Key watched through the nighttime bombardments. Amazed the Americans had held, he penned these words.

Please join me in our national anthem ...

- **Star Spangled Banner (1<sup>st</sup> verse)**
- **John Adams on Independence Day**

## **MC Invites:** Please join me in singing “America the Beautiful”

- **America the Beautiful**

## **MC Comments:**

The Gettysburg Address was made by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was made on the afternoon of November 19, 1863, four and a half months after the Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg.

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought July 1-3, 1863. The battle involved the largest number of casualties of the entire war and is often described as the war's turning point. The south withdrew on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. And now, President Lincoln's words:

- **Gettysburg Address**

## **MC Invites:** Please join me in singing “Proud to be an American”

- **Proud to be an American**