

MICHAEL KELLY

An open letter to our President and Honorable Congress:

Sequester of March 1, 2013

Michael Kelly;

Enlisted into the Union Army of Company A of the 75th Regiment of the Ohio Infantry Volunteers on the 8th day of September of 1864 in Dayton, Ohio. Michael was sworn in by a Captain Miles for the period of one year.

He was taken prisoner on February 6th, 1865 and remained a prisoner until the end of the war.

He was discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio on September 28th, 1865 under the War Department's General Order Number 77, per the honorable Charles Dill, Adjutant General of Ohio.

He was finally given his discharge papers so he could obtain his veteran benefits, as much as they were back then, on August 19th, 1884.

This is my great-great-grandfather. He is the great-grandfather of my dad, Ralph Eugene Egan. The grandfather of his mother, Mildred Virginia Egan and the father of her mother, Mary Louise Kelly. Future generations of Mildred Virginia Egan would go on to serve in battle during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq.

He loved his adopted country enough to fight to preserve it. His blood runs through me and countless other Egan and Kelley's. I only hope that what he and others sacrificed has not been in vain.

Mr. President and Honorable Congress...we the common people who have served and continue to serve this amazing country and are willing to die for it expect...no demand better from all of you.

C. V. Egan

March 3, 2013