




Hartranft Herald

The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Celebrating our 133rd Year in Harrisburg Area

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~~~ Time for Remembrances ~~~

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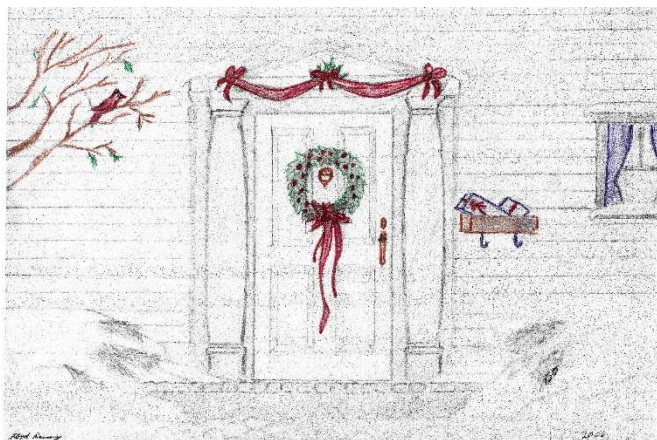


Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7.

Come One, Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera

The reason for the season can be renewed in the New Testament! God bless one and all!



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ART WORK BY BROTHER FLOYD DEMMY 2006!

### Christmas Wish

We wish all of you very Merriest of Christmas celebrations. We hope and pray that the Joy of Christ's birth penetrates deep in your heart and warms you with His love from the inside out.

God bless you and yours -- the Hartranft Staff.

John F. Hartranft (1830 – 1889) served as Governor of Pennsylvania, 1872-1879. Born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in 1830, having served local militia, he raised a regiment of Montgomery County militia in April of 1861 to serve in the Civil War. Hartranft was later named Colonel of the 51st Regiment Volunteer Infantry, participating in several major battles, and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. Following the Civil War, Hartranft was appointed Special Provost Marshall, and given responsibility for the care and final execution of the conspirators convicted in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Later, Hartranft became Auditor General of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1865 and, served two terms. Thereafter he was elected Governor of Commonwealth in 1872. As Governor, he was involved in the ratification of a new state constitution, the Centennial of Pennsylvania, and such labor issues as railroad strikes and the trials of the Molly Maguire's.

Following his years as governor, Hartranft was active in various organizations, and was appointed Major General over the Pennsylvania National Guard.

On October 17, 1889 he died.

**WEAR RED** - Each Friday, wear **red** in tribute to 'remember everyone deployed' till our women and men in uniform come home!



'THE ORIGINAL *POINTER AND CLICK INTERFACE* WAS A SMITH & WESSON.'

[For one of many seasonal musical lite shows visit:](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yigVpFg\\_Waw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yigVpFg_Waw)

No Camp minutes from November – no Camp meeting in November – we celebrated Remembrance Day!

Camp 15s schedule of events is displayed later in this and every issue of your *Hartranft Herald*!

Camp 15 is nearly another year older, serving the greater capital area since 1882. Next month, this *Herald* will begin its 18<sup>th</sup> year! Time for another get together to celebrate and eat and eat and eat! And speaking of celebrating, our annual December issue of this award winning newsletter, displays photos of our December Camp Holiday banquet, and here they are:



Smith family



McMillians and Brother John



Sister Margaret with Brothers Larry and Dane!





The Drumm Family



Kline, Debo and Smith families enjoying the day together!



Brothers Gene and Dave  
table center piece displayed



Brothers prepared for installaton for new year!



Sisters Helen and Ellen corral Brother Dave as the  
Mortorff Family



Officers for 2016 taking oath from Doug  
McMillian, PA Dept Commander

## National Civil War Museum surprise visit

The museum welcomed two special guests this past Thursday ~ **Legendary Rock Musician Ozzy Osbourne** and his son Jack. While at the Museum, they received a "Behind the Scene's" tour with Museum CEO, Wayne Motts, that we hope will be included in a new show they are preparing for national television. We do not have all the details at this time, but Ozzy Osbourne and his son Jack are visiting and filming historical locations around the country and the show should be out sometime next year. Stay tuned!



## The National Civil War Museum 2016

### Upcoming Events/Exhibits

January 20, 2016

*With Bible and Sword: Chaplains in the Civil War* by  
Wayne Motts, CEO

*Exhibit Opening Reception*

January 21, 2016

*Tell Mother I've Been Good: Vice and Virtue of the Civil War.*

*Exhibit Opening*

February 13, 2016

*Community Free Day*

April 9, 16, 23, 30

*Spring Lecture Series*

June 17, 2016

*Summer Exhibit Opening*

June 18, 2016

*Community Free Day/Exhibit Opening*

September 3, 10, 17, 24

*Fall Lecture Series*

2016 Pennsylvania Department Encampment convention:

"Out where the hand clasp's a little stronger – out where the smile dwells a little longer – that's where the West begins" -- Arthur Chapman

The 2016 Department Encampment will be held in State College at the Toftrees Marriott on June 23 to 25. Please mark your social calendar now.

EXTRA - EXTRA

71st WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration January 2016

the World War II Federation and Fort Indiantown Gap Presents the 70<sup>th</sup> WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA.

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM I-81 North  
Indiantown Gap exit 85b

The WWIIHA is pleased to announce that they will be taking over the running of the annual Battle of the Bulge Commemoration event at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA

The former site <http://www.wwiifederation.org/> is kaput!

Forthcoming data for 2016 is coming at The World War II Historical Association:

<http://www.wviiha.org/new/index.php/events/fig>

This is not a camp function; however, you are truly invited if interested in this subject. See camp photos among past Hartranft Heralds at [www.suvchwHarrisburgPA.org](http://www.suvchwHarrisburgPA.org)

The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is coming in less than 45 days, 3 hours, 42 Minutes, and 38 Seconds

Prior to this Saturday event, camp members and friends gather at Farmer's Wife Restaurant at Ono, PA, just a few miles east of the Gap on Route 22 East.

From I-81 exit 85A for Route 934 toward Annville; only go 1/2 mile to ramp on left for Route 22 East! You also may follow Route 22 East directly from Harrisburg area. Restaurant is about 1/2 mile from route 934 junction on route 22 east. Next Traffic light, turn right for the restaurant entrance.

We gather about 8 a.m. at the restaurant and then convoy to GAP parking area.

GAP reenactment is free.

Buffet breakfast available or you may order from large menu – pay as you go.



Left, Brother Floyd Demmy, one of several of Camp 15's WWII veterans! He is a combat veteran of the 54<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Patton's Third Army!

EDITOR'S NOTE: ARMY NUMBERS ARE SPELLED OUT! DIVISIONS AND UNITS ARE INDICATED BY NUMERIC DIGITS.

### Public Battle

There will be a Public Battle Re-enacted by Allied and Axis Living Historians generally at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm in Area 12. The Public Battle will be a narrated. The narration will

include the differences and similarities between an Allied and an Axis Company of Soldiers.

### Displays

There will be small admin buildings open for public viewing from 11:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Barracks will NOT be open for viewing. Please only go into the buildings that have a sign on the outside that indicate that they are open for public viewing.  
German Field Hospital

### WWII Flea Market

There will be an extensive flea market open to the public Saturday from 11:00AM to 2:30PM. We see you at Ono or the Gap. An update will appear in our January newsletter.

I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

[We three kings of World War Two Embarked upon a July 2015 view:](#)



NATE, FLOYD AND JAKE AT LUXEMBOURG CEMETERY



## A tour of Europe with 3 WWII veterans

By Floyd J Demmy

This past July, Nate, Jake and this author pictured above, had the opportunity of a life time to revisit the lands of WWII we traveled as troopers of the US Military effort to stop the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich. We toured England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany in a fast 2 week whirlwind provided by *Specialty Tours of Hummelstown, PA.*



While in Holland and Luxembourg, we were greeted by a group of Dutch boy & girl scouts engaging the Diekirch Military Museum and they visited with us and invited our group to assist them in distributing the ashes of burned flags, across the graves of Americans, interned at Luxembourg American cemetery. The scouts collect old flags and burn them according to ceremony and then spread the ashes upon the brave military personnel within the cemetery with so many Crosses and Stars of David! They gave containers of ashes to the 3 of us veterans. What an honor to pay homage to the fallen as the scouts too scatters ashes across the American Cemetery.



General Patton is buried here among the fallen men of WWII. The onlookers all agreed it was a touching sight to witness the 90-year old something veterans walking among those markers.

## Camp 15 Dues time – year 2016 – 3rd notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2016 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along to Holiday Event on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

National Life Members per capita is \$9.00

Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to

'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.

Or mail your check to

David W. Demmy, Sr., 881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

## Brothers and Sisters in Distress by David Demmy

Please add the following to your prayer list



Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC Camp 15 with great illness;

Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith;

Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC, Past Dept of PA Secretary;

Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and

Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of newly elected PA Dept Secretary; and Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan and Floyd Demmy!

An update from Brother Charlie: "... Recently Had, My third round of chemo. This brings it to 29 weeks of total chemotherapy since this slay-ride started in January this year. They are looking to put me in a *study program* since this is about the extent of all standard chemo can do for the type of cancer I have. There has not been as much research done on this type of cancer as compared to other types such as breast or colon. Maybe they will get some useful info from me participating in this study."

We continue to pray for these folks and all known Brothers and sisters and family with concerns.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

Since 1938 the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania has been commemorating the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address with their Dedication Day program, November 19th was officially designated as Dedication Day by a Joint Resolution of Congress on the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address in 1946. In recent years, the National Park Service, Gettysburg College, and the Gettysburg Foundation have joined with the Lincoln Fellowship in sponsoring the ceremonies. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are not sponsors, but are strong supporters of the ceremony. Our CinC Eugene Mortorff is an officer in the Lincoln Fellowship, your Patriotic Instructor is a life member and numerous other SONS are members.

As mentioned in the last issue of the Hartranft Herald the many events over Nov 19 to 22 are history. One of the highlights was the dedication of the 152 anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Due to rainy conditions it was moved from the Soldiers' National Cemetery to Gettysburg College. Yes I was in attendance. There was a large crowd. The main room was full and the program was main streamed to two other rooms. The program was inspiring. The James Getty family attended and his many years of dedication

portraying Lincoln were recognized. The Lincoln Gettysburg Address was given by Lincoln portrayer George Buss from Illinois. He looked the part, and performed very well. My only disappointment is he is *not local*. Several years ago, they added a Naturalization Ceremony, this year 16 new citizens were sworn in.

In the afternoon I attended the Lincoln Fellowship luncheon and had chance to meet with the Getty family. We compared stories about Jim. In the evening I went to the Gettysburg Civil War roundtable at the GAR hall.

Another high light was the services at the Albert Woolson monument on the battlefield. This is one of the few places that the 5 "Allied Orders" of the Grand Army of the Republic" meet together. Before the services started I had mentioned to Maj. Gen. Grim, Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, that I took part in the dedication of the Woolson monument in 1956. At the start of the program Capt. Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, made mention the last combat Union veteran of the Civil War was James Hard of New York, but probably none of us had heard of him. I quietly mentioned I had met him.

After his prayer, Maj. Gen. Grim, much to my surprise, introduced me as having participated in the original dedication. I stood up and gave them a bit of a history lesson. I also explained how I knew about James Hard, that the chaplain had mentioned. I was at Indianapolis in 1949, Last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic! James Hard was one of the 6 Veterans attending. Major John H. Runkle of Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg, Pa had taken a number of members of the 6th INF. FIELD MUSIC, PENNA BRIGADE SVR (Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps) to Indiana for the Encampment. I also mentioned that Major John H. Runkle went in as Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans at Indianapolis. After the ceremony was over a number of people came upon me and thanked me for my comments!

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Every year at the Woolson ceremony the National Military Park is presented a check of the profits

from our Civil War Ball of the last year. This is for whatever they want to use it for.

In the afternoon was the big Remembrance Day parade. It was a beautiful sunny day, for a change. I was unable to ride with the new Lincoln, He had a companion so I was offered a different carriage, beats walking. Being near the front of the parade, I was able to join CinC Gene Mortorff, President Lincoln, and others reviewing the troops as the parade continued. Quite impressive, also noticed we are getting more ladies in the parade.

In the evening I attended the Sons of Veterans big Civil War Ball!



While there I did catch up with CinC Mortorff and was able to present him with our Sons license plate. We have done this for department and national commanders for a number of years. Now if we could just sell a few plates?

Of course in the morning it was a stop at the GAR Hall for the pancake breakfast/

--- Dave Klinepeter.



## On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum

2016 schedule of Camp 15 business meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday January thru May and then September, and October and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December, Camp 15s annual holiday banquet.

No meeting in November, we hope you may desire to visit Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg.

Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

More later!

2016 Battle of Bulge reenactment of 1944 actions! Most likely, the last Saturday of January 2016 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA.

Free Community Day at National Civil War Museum, Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Department of Pennsylvania annual Lincoln Luncheon to be announced next month.

Please update your social calendar now. Mark us down first before you get invited out to lunch.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail to Hartranft Herald staff.

## Be Proud - Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and engage with us!

### *The Allied Orders of the GAR*

- Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to GAR,
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
- The Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.

Camp Officers & authors, the first Friday of each month is the Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, and photos for *Hartranft Herald*.

Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.

Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book.

If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

Hartranft Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882  
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Your Hartranft Herald Staff

## Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

**Headquarters Hotel:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$96.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 25, 2016.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

**Wreaths** may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Luncheon** will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a documentary film by the Lincoln Monument Assoc. on the history of Lincoln's Tomb. Luncheon cost is \$29 per person. For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or 636-274-4567.

**OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION**  
(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & title of wreath bearer \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

if no e-mail, home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zips: \_\_\_\_\_

To insure being recognized in the program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.

**OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON**

Please accept \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

|                                |            |         |       |        |     |     |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| Herb-roasted Pork Loin W/sauce | Parmesan   | Chicken | W/Red | Pepper | Jus | Lis |
|                                | Vegetarian |         |       |        |     |     |

\_\_\_\_\_ Include remittance of \$29.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will

Be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION

Name of unit: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.

SEND TO: ROBERT M. PETROVIC 6519 CHEROKEE LANE, CEDAR HILL, MO 63016