



# *Hartranft Herald*

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

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

<http://www.geocities.com/hartranft15/>  
**Celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



Volume 10, No. 02



February 2008

--- Oh, the weather outside is frightful! ---

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7.  
Come One, Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family and Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

## [Commander's Report](#) by Greg Kline

Greetings Brothers!

First of all, please accept my thanks for the honor of electing me to be your Camp Commander for 2008! I hope to prove worthy of this honor and to continue Camp 15's tradition of service to the [central Pennsylvania] region in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Many thanks to our outgoing Commander, Don Prye, for his leadership over the past two years. I hope to rely on his counsel in the upcoming year.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 125th year of Camp 15's noble existence. We have many things on tap for this year and I would like to encourage the active participation of all of our members in our Camp activities. As I mentioned at our meeting in January, Camp 15 belongs to all of us and only through our active participation will it continue to grow and be a recognizable organization serving the capital region and Central Pennsylvania.

I am in the process of scheduling a number of speakers for our upcoming meetings to add a bit of entertainment and additional historical information to our normal business meetings. I feel that this will provide us with valuable public exposure and recruitment opportunities. If any Brother is interested in presenting a program, or suggesting a possible speaker, please contact me or any of the Camp officers with your suggestions.

In addition to these historical presentations, I would like to see the Camp remain active in local parades and ceremonies, as we have been in the past few years. Any Brothers who are interested in joining me to march in the Memorial Day parade in Gettysburg, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get a feel as to what our attendance will be and what banners, rifles, etc that we will be able to use.

In closing, let me extend my invitation to all of Camp 15's Brothers to regularly attend our Camp meetings and to join us in making 2008, our 125<sup>th</sup> year, a year to remember.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Greg Kline, Camp Commander  
Gen. John F. Hartranft, Camp 15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Bereavement by *Hartranft Herald*

Members of Camp 15 have extended their Christian sympathy to Brother Frank Haley on the recent loss of his beloved wife, Margie. 01-23-08. Obituary available upon request.

I am sorry of the loss of Brother Haley's wife. Please pass on my condolences.  
- Brother Eric  
God Bless Frank and family during this difficult period! - *Hartranft Herald*  
How can I reach Frank? - John.

Write to:  
Frank Haley  
3115 Earle Street  
Green Acres  
Harrisburg, PA 17109-4633.

Secretary's Report by John Deppen, SVC  
Acting secretary

Minutes of the meeting of General John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
Sunday, January 20, 2008  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
--- The Pennsylvania Ballroom ---

Officers present –  
Lee F. Walters, Department Commander  
Donnie Prye, Commander  
Greg Kline, Commander Elect  
John Deppen, Senior Vice Commander Elect  
Stan Zellers, Junior Vice Commander Elect  
David W. Demmy, Sr., Chaplain & Treasurer  
Gene Mascioli, Guard & Council

David J. Klinepeter, Patriotic Instructor & Historian

Brothers present –  
Jon Demmy – new inductee  
Dave Demmy, Jr. – new inductee  
Floyd Demmy – paternal grandfather to new inductees  
Bill Kuhn, Jr.  
John Martin

Guests -  
Charlotte Walters (wife of Lee Walters, Department Commander)  
Marilyn Demmy (mother of inducted brothers Demmy)  
Jen Demmy (sister of inducted brothers Demmy)  
Evelyn Smith (maternal grandmother of brothers Demmy)  
Gret Demmy (paternal grandmother of brothers Demmy)

The January meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Commander Prye.

The minutes from the last meeting [November] were read and approved.

Commander Prye asked for information on any ailing brothers or family members in distress. Brother Haley continues to undergo treatments for his condition, which are said to be taking a heavy toll on his stamina and well-being.

Under reports from Visiting Committees, Department Commander Walters reported that SUVCW Camp #8 was recently forced out of its current meeting place and relocated its records and collections at a local municipal building, an arrangement that is expected to be permanent. Chaplain Demmy reported that the staff of the National Civil War Museum was willing to allow Camp #15 to use the board room at the museum, as long as a paying customer did not desire to use the room at the same time.

Following a voice vote to permit the installation of two new brothers, Dave Demmy Jr. and Jon Demmy, Acting Guide John Deppen brought the

candidates forward, and Chaplain Demmy (the proud father) swore them in. The Camp was delighted to welcome the young men, and we were all proud to celebrate this wonderful occasion with the Demmy family.

Acting Secretary Deppen summarized two communications, one from National C-in-C Kuhn, and one from Department Commander Walters. The complete text of the communications will be kept on file.

Under unfinished business, the Camp voted to purchase a brick on behalf of the Camp, to be installed at the National Civil War Museum. Also, the Camp voted to request that Secretary Larry Sheibley obtain new cost estimates for copying and binding the planned history of Camp #15. Secretary Sheibley obtained initial costs based on a quantity of 75 – after discussion, the brothers recommended that we make 125 copies, in the expectation that we will need more to distribute to new inductees and other interested parties. Commander Prye will check on his supply of large envelopes to see if we might utilize these envelopes in order to save on shipping costs for the new history book.

Brother Floyd Demmy, appearing in his World War II U.S. Army “Ike” uniform bearing the insignias of the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, spoke briefly about his war experience, and about the forthcoming reenactment of the Battle of the Bugle at Fort Indiantown Gap, to be held on Saturday, January 26. Brother Demmy commented about last year’s reenactment, that he had not seen that many German uniforms since the war.

Treasurer Demmy reported that Camp #15 currently has a balance of \$3,208.00. He also cautioned the Camp to remember that much of this money will be turned over to Department and National as Capita Tax. He reminded the brothers present that Camp #15 makes little if any money from annual dues, and that it is important for everyone to pay their dues in a timely fashion. The Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved and accepted.

Under new business, Department Commander Walters swore in Camp #15’s new slate of officers. Our new commander, Greg Kline, in his first action as commander, thanked Past Commander Prye for his service and leadership during his term. Commander Kline reminded everyone that Camp

#15 is not “his” camp, but “our” camp, and that he welcomes ideas for new projects and events.

Camp #15 received an invitation from the Historical Society of Montgomery County to participate in a wreath-laying at Montgomery Cemetery on Saturday, May 24. Since this date conflicts with the Camp’s long-established date of helping to place flags on Civil War veterans’ graves in Harrisburg, Commander Kline asked that brothers think about how we want to respond to the Society’s request. A small delegation might be sent to Norristown, while a party of volunteers will work on the flag project.

Department Commander Walters asked that, because of the hard work done on behalf of Camp #15’s website by new brother [Dave] Demmy – work that was done on a volunteer basis long before he applied to be a member – the Camp pay the initiation fee and first year’s dues for him. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Deppen, Acting Secretary  
January 20, 2008



COMMANDER DONNIE PRYE OPENED JANUARY MEETING.

FROM LEFT, STAN ZELLERS – INCOMING JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER; JOHN DEPPEN – INCOMING SENIOR VICE COMMANDER; GREG KLINE – INCOMING COMMANDER, AND DONNIE PRYE OUT GOING COMMANDER!



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, LEE WALTERS INSTALLS NEW CAMP COMMANDER, GREG KLINE.



PROUD CAMP CHAPLAIN, DAVID W. DEMMY, SR., PROVIDES OATH OF MEMBERSHIP TO HIS TWO SONS, l to r, JON AND DAVE.



NEWLY INSTALLED COMMANDER GREG KLINE, ISSUES PAST CAMP COMMANDER (PCC) BADGE TO DONNIE PRYE.



DRESS REHEARSAL – MARILYN DEMMY, PINS SON, JONATHAN WITH HIS NEWLY EARNED MEMBERSHIP BADGE.



BROTHERS NORM HOUSER AND JOHN MARTIN ENJOYING CAMP'S NEWEST ASSEMBLY ROOM AT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM, AT RESERVOIR PARK, HARRISBURG.

ABOVE, JON AND DONNIE EXCHANGE QUIK, FACETIOUS REMARK REGARDING WHETHER MOM, [A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN], WILL DRAW JON'S BLOOD!



CAMP 15 BOASTS ANOTHER THREE-GENERATION FAMILY. THE DEMMY CLAN!  
 I to r: JON, FLOYD, DAVID AND DAVE, JR.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, DAVID J. KLINEPETER, PRESENTED ANOTHER FINE DIALOGUE ON HISTORICAL EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE MONTH-OF-FEBRUARY. BROTHERS FLOYD J. DEMMY AND GENE MASCIOLI REVIEW DAVE'S RECENT HAND-OUT ON ABE LINCOLN.



CAMP OFFICERS FOR 2008, GREG KLINE, CDR, JOHN DEPPEN, SVC AND STAN ZELLERS, JVC.

### Thoughts following the Secretary's minutes above

Out-going Commander, Donnie Prye, expressed an *emotional, heartfelt thanks* to the Camp for their support to him during his tenure as Camp Commander.

Since the meeting, the treasury as paid the National Civil War Museum for a Brick in honor of Camp 15 SUVCW. Other expenditures included purchase of 5 additional membership badges, office supplies and *Hartranft Herald* production items too. When the brick is installed at National Civil War Museum, your *Hartranft Herald* will post photos for your viewing.

In addition, our webmaster pondered the high bid of \$1200 to produce **75** copies of our history book in full color vs. under \$400 for non-color except Cover sheets A few calculations later, he arrived at an under \$900 figure for **125** copies in **full color** including paper, transparent covers, ink & printing and *binding* in 8½ x 11 format. So now the Camp has a choice to pay approximately \$400 for black and white or under \$900 for full color; and control production ourselves! It also means we could reproduce future copies as desired. The February meeting will entertain a motion relative to this paragraph and subsequently act upon that motion.

Your Camp website has been updated again. 7 new items include:

- 2008 List of Camp Officers
- 2008 Schedule of Events
- 2008 Camp Calendar in PDF format
- 2007 Holiday party photos
- 2007 Norristown Cemetery field trip
- How to become a member and application instructions.
- Induction of new members and Indiantown Gap field trip in January 2008.

If you have photos to share or a story or news article, send data to *Hartranft Herald* for inclusion in a future issue of the *Hartranft Herald* and/or website. Send e-mail to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc) or write to return address on the mailing page of this *Hartranft Herald* issue.

A future plan calls for an electronic version of our Camp Member Profile form to be posted on our website to make it easy for members and auxiliary to download the PDF Word Document, complete it,

save it and send it to the *Hartranft Herald* as an attachment to the e-mail or US postal mail.

Please report ADDs, CHANGES, and CORRECTIONS to your *Hartranft Herald*.

**\$25.00 Camp dues for 2008 are due.**

**43 of us have remitted our dues to date! 8 of you are missing in action! Your staff thanks you for your timely remittance; thus saving us reminder stationery and postage!**

Larry C. Sheibley, secretary.

Checks preferred – make 'em **payable to:**  
**John F. Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW!** Please mail your remittance to  
David W. Demmy, Sr., Camp 15 Treasurer  
881 Sunny Hill Lane  
Harrisburg PA 17111-4690.

Or you may bring your remittance to our February meeting and save yourself some postage. All paid members have been issued their 2008 membership card.

.....  
[PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#)

by Dave Klinepeter

On Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> I took a trip to Fort Indiantown Gap to see a reenactment of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. The battle area was small but with shouting, gunfire, commotion and some imagination it was realistic. Missing was the (normal) bitter cold and lots more snow (associated with Fort Indiantown Gap in January). While walking around I observed several groups of reenactors talking to older veterans about their experiences during the war. Brother Floyd Demmy was, no doubt, approached about his experiences. A number of members of Camp 15 were in attendance. I complimented a number of the participants on their uniforms and equipment too, (Germans also) and encouraged them in their efforts to preserve military history. One young fellow in particular caught my eye and brought back memories for me. He was dressed in WWII Navy Blues. He informed me his grandfather had been in the Navy in WWII. I learned he was in the Penna. National Guard and had returned from Iraq, with a bronze star. There were a number of young

ladies walking around dressed in the early 1940s style.

By the time you read this newsletter Abraham Lincoln's birthday (Feb 12<sup>th</sup>) will be passed. George Washington's birthday is on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now of course, you can celebrate both of their birthdays of Feb 18<sup>th</sup> (Presidents Day) thanks to the government and tourist industry, just like . . . Memorial Day week end.

February 27th 1862 Union prisoners started arriving at Andersonville Ga. Prison. Nearly one quarter of the inmates died.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1864 General Grant is given supreme command of the Union troops and is promoted to Lieutenant General.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863 Congress passed the conscription act that became the first wartime draft, covering all males from 20 to 45 years of age.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1862 Battle of Ironsides, the Monitor and Merrimac at Hampton Roads, VA

--- David J. Klinepeter

.....  
[Camp 15's .45-70 Rifles for sale](#)

Camp 15 sold three rifles and traded two .45-70s for 1861 models.

5 down 2 to go! If interested in purchasing a new, never fired, .45-70, please contact the *Hartranft Herald*.

.....  
I understood God to say, "You need a miracle tomorrow.... so here goes... Prov. 29:25...

You never know when God is going to bless you!! Good things happen when you least expect them!

Dear Lord, I thank You for this day, I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have *done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you*. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude

and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. *Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. And give the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits.* I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will. Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak... Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those that will not share your good news with others. I pray for those that don't believe. But I thank you that I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God.

Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees it. Amen!

[Happy Birthday to Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7 February birthday personnel:](#)

- John Andrews – Mechanicsburg, PA
- Dennis Karle – Erie, PA
- Charlie Kuhn – East Berlin, PA
- John Martin – Linglestown, PA
- Russ Ottens – Tifton, GA
- Ron Shireman – New Oxford, PA
- Stan Zellers – Lewisburg, PA

Ladies of the auxiliary, wanta share your birth month with us so you can be recognized in this publication!

If your name is missing from this birthday roster for this period, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* with corrective information.

[Ah, a military anecdote - one of best!](#)

Circa 1970.

A buncha Air Force enlisted kids are behind a "ticket counter" checking our orders for our flight to Hawaii. [we chust graduated from OCS!

(Then to Okinawa, then to RVN). [Vietnam].

I look over and see this Marine Sgt E-5 who - below the neck - looks like a recruiting poster-- crisp dress greens, blouse with 2 rows of ribbons topped with gold Recon wings, the pants have the proverbial crease-ya-could-cut-yourself-on, spit-shined shoes, etc.

Above the neck, however, the Sgt looks like forty miles o' bad road --- ashen face, bleary red eyes, a 2-day stubble, regulation flattop that's mussed up and goin' every which way, and a blank, wide-eyed expression that narrows to a squint every now and then as if he's just comin' around.

The Air Force kid ticket-agent does a double, double-take -- he looks at the Sgt's uniform, his face, then the orders, the Sgt., again, and then the orders one more time. Then he starts frantically paging thru the orders, convinced he's seein' things.

His jaw drops as he slowly says,

"You're . . . you're . . . FIVE DAYS LATE!"

The Recon Marine Sgt. says something like,

"Aww, lemme guess . . . now I can't go, right?"

Shared by John C., 1L.T. – in country 1970.

[Back in Time with Hartranft](#)



Above is displayed a tattered, 1899, 1-3/8" *souvenir medal*, commemorating the **unveiling of a statue of Civil War hero General J. F. Hartranft in Harrisburg, PA 1899**. Unveiled May 12, 1899, an impressive equestrian statue stood near the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg honoring Hartranft the former Civil War Hero.

**"I will maintain that the entire freedom of thought and speech, however acrimoniously indulged, is consistent with the noblest aspirations of man, and the happiest condition of his race."**

- Major General Winfield Scott Hancock

[Susquehanna Valley](#)

Our valley lost an irreplaceable remnant of our Civil War history last week, and most people do not even know it.

John Peter Shindel Gobin was a young Sunbury attorney who, in the summer of 1861, led a company of volunteers from the Susquehanna Valley to Harrisburg to join the Union war effort. The unit was officially designated as Company C, 47<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers, and Gobin served as its captain.

Captain Gobin served throughout the war, rising through the ranks to eventually command the entire regiment. Upon Gobin's promotion to major, one of his soldiers wrote, "This appointment is well deserved and is the unanimous choice of the regiment. The members of Company C, for their own good, are opposed to losing

their captain, but for his advancement are well pleased, and consider what is their loss is gain to the regiment."

Gobin received a brevet, or temporary, promotion to brigadier general just prior to the end of the war. Following the war, Gobin retained the high esteem of his fellow veterans. He served as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the largest veterans' organization of its day. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in North America from 1889 to 1892. Gobin also served in the Pennsylvania State Senate, and was Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania from 1899 until 1903.

Gobin kept much of his wartime correspondence and newspaper clippings about his postwar achievements in scrapbooks. A few days ago, an individual in Rochester, New York put the scrapbooks up for sale on Ebay, apparently having acquired the books from someone in Gobin's family. The asking price was nearly \$17,000.

I contacted the seller immediately, explaining Gobin's Sunbury connection and expressing the hope that a way could be found to bring the general's papers home to our valley. I contacted the Northumberland County Historical Society, whose director, Cindy Inkrote, instantly recognized the value of the material, but who expressed sincere regret that the Society could not offer much assistance – the asking price far exceeded the group's total acquisition budget.

By the time I suggested to The Daily Item that we do a quick story to alert any potential benefactors in the valley, it was too late. Someone was willing to pay the seller's asking price, and the auction was over. When I asked the seller if he would be willing to make copies of the material, he agreed – if I paid him \$1,250, and quickly, since, according to the seller, the scrapbooks were to be mailed to the buyer the next day. Such an exorbitant sum far exceeded my own budget for duplicating, and it seemed to me rather exploitative for the seller to engage in such a "high pressure" tactic, knowing of my passionate interest in the material.

Last week, John Peter Shindel Gobin's letters and clippings disappeared into someone's private collection, perhaps never to be seen again. The person who bought the material might well choose to clip the general's signatures from the letters and sell them piecemeal to autograph dealers or collectors, thereby destroying the integrity of the documents forever.

As a company commander, Gobin always took good care of his men. The surviving letters from soldiers in Company C speak of his integrity and thoughtfulness. When the company's drummer boy, John Boulton Young, died, Gobin made sure the body was eventually returned to his parents in Sunbury. When the men decided to pool their meager funds in order to buy better food, they trusted Gobin to serve as company treasurer.

Gobin's legacy of honorable service to our commonwealth and our country is now all we have left to cherish.—shared by John Deppen, Svc.

63<sup>rd</sup> Commemoration of World War II  
 Battle of the Bulge – January 26, 2008

On another overcast, but mild-for-January day, eight members – that's right 8 members of Camp 15 and at least one offspring, joined hundreds of other interested folks in viewing the reenactment of the battle between Allied Forces and the factions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich!

Five of us enjoyed a buffet breakfast in 'Ono' [that's a small village outside of Fort Indiantown Gap] and after visiting with a couple that had a superb\* reconditioned 1940's US Army Jeep and trailer, we headed west to the Gap for the action and for the many vendors on site too.



\*SIMILAR JEEP SHOWN ABOVE; SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.MEMBERS.AOL.COM/BRIMILJEEP/WEBPAGES/WWDRIVETOWWII.HTML](http://www.members.aol.com/brimiljeep/webpages/wwdrivetowwii.html)

Norm Houser, Gene Mascioli, Kelly Betz, David J. Klinepeter, joined with Larry C. Sheibley, Donnie Prye and son, and Floyd and David Demmy too. Also, Jim Brenner, the educational director at the National Civil War Museum was on site! A Philadelphia area history teacher interviewed Veteran Floyd Demmy. Later Floyd obtained an overseas cap to top off his World War II 'Ike' uniform. We toured the vendor buildings and barracks of, not only the Allied troops, but

the barracks housing the German reenactors too. Of course, these barracks are the original World War II wooden barracks built in the 1930's and widely used by several Division's that trained at the GAP prior to D-Day. This author's Division, the 3d Armored Division, indicated in their history book, that the GAP was the best site they were assigned to during the era of WWII. The scenic valley and weather were ideal for the terrain and conditions they would experience in Germany in due time.

While this event was not a sanctioned Camp 15 field trip, the 8 of us had a marvelous time in the fresh air of 19,000 acres of this military installation. When printed, additional Photos to be posted to our website.

“That is all”! – John Wayne



NORM HOUSER, UNDER PAVILION, DONNIE PRYE & SON.



GERMAN LINE OF DEFENSE!

Editor's Note: all equipment viewed this weekend was in excellent condition – German chuck wagon, ambulance, jeeps, and trucks!



‘Das Fachwissen abfeuern die Kanone?’

“Nein der Hauptmann”.



U. S. TENTH ARMORED DIVISION VETERAN FLOYD DEMMY, CAPTURES ANOTHER GERMAN IN ANOTHER ERA – THIS TIME, UNDER FRIENDLY TERMS!

Photos by *Hartranft Herald*. Other photos on this subject have been posted to Camp 15 [website](#).

Additional photos, when developed, to appear in March issue of your *Hartranft Herald* & [website](#).

Next Reenactment on this grand subject will be:

BATTLE OF THE BULGE at FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA  
64th Commemoration is **January 2009**.

" Have you HUGGED a WWII Veteran TODAY"

Check it out at <http://www.wwiifederation.org/>  
Or World War II Federation  
PO Box 711 - Waynesburg, PA 15370-0711  
(724) 627 8545  
The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is NOW; or later in 352 days, 6 hours, 40 Minutes, and 53 Seconds!  
Mark your social calendar now for January 2009.

[Abraham Lincoln, our 16<sup>th</sup> President](#)

[In *my* opinion, it *will* not cease, until a *crisis* shall have been reached, and passed. ‘A house divided against itself cannot stand.’ I believe this government cannot endure; permanently half *slave* and half *free*.

I do not expect the Union to be *dissolved* ---I do not expect the house to *fall* ---but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided. It will become *all* one thing or *all* the other].

Source: "A House Divided" Speech, Springfield, Illinois (June 16, 1858) – A. Lincoln in a pre-Civil War speech where Abe forecasts the coming rebellion.

And . . . . .

[Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington].

Source: Farewell Address, Springfield, Illinois (February 11, 1861) – A. Lincoln departing home to assume the Presidency of the United States of America.

Abraham Lincoln - A great American and President following the less than mediocre term of the 15<sup>th</sup> President – the only president from Pennsylvania! Can you imagine the Civil War era with a lesser man in the White House – we might well have had A HOUSE DIVIDED!

[National Civil War Museum Page](#)

up coming events:

Data extracted from Museum website for your enjoyment.

**A Temporary Exhibition: February 1, 2008 - August 31, 2008**

***"Escape from the Peculiar Institution: Slavery, Abolitionism & the Underground Railroad"***

The exhibit will examine the institution of slavery as it applied to the United States, giving the visitor a fresh perspective on the political and social climate in the years leading up to and during the Civil War.

Original artifacts including whips, shackles, and reward posters will address the harsh realities of slavery and the determined efforts to end it. Prominent events that either sustained the institution or broke down and eventually ended slavery will be discussed, with an emphasis on the Underground Railroad.

**Entrance to the temporary exhibit is included with the purchase of your museum admission ticket.**

**This weekend - [M&T Bank Community Free Day: Saturday, February 16, 2008, 10am-4pm](#)**

**Civil War [Re-enactor's Expo](#) - Saturday, March 1, 2008, 9am-3pm**



Civil War Re-enactor's Expo at The National Civil War Museum. All Units Welcome!

\$25.00 per Unit to exhibit ---\$75.00 for Sutlers to exhibit

An 8' x 8' space will be provided ---Additional fee for tables & chairs if needed

Limited Space Available!

Excellent opportunity to recruit & network with other re-enacting groups!

***Visitors may enter the expo with the purchase of their Museum admission ticket.***

To register for this event please call 717.260.1861 Ext. 1230

**[Another FREE Family Fun Day & Camp Out: Saturday, July 12, 2008, 10am-5pm](#)**

Free admission will be available to all visitors!

Schedule of Events\*:

Encampment of Thompson's Independent Battery C with artillery and Civil War Period children's games

More details to follow!

\* Schedules and times are subject to change. Inclement weather will route activities indoors.

Camp Out\*\*

\*\*Please note that the Museum closes at 5:00pm. Registration for the overnight camp out is required by July 3, 2008. Please contact the Museum for more information, 717-260-1861, ext 1108

Source: National Civil War Museum website

✓ DO YOU WANT TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN THE CAMP,  
 BUT FEEL THAT YOU LIVE TOO FAR FROM THE CAMP TO TAKE PART?

You can help by participating the National Graves Registration Project!

Nearly every community has a cemetery and within many of them are interred Civil War vets. The goal of this project is to record the final resting place of every last Union veteran. This is indeed a mighty lofty goal and only through the help of Brothers from every corner of the country can we come closer to reaching that goal. Won't you please help with this worthy project? Go to your local cemetery and record information from those veterans' graves and send it in!

• • •

Your collected data can be input at the National SUVCW website under Graves Registration. Contact our Camp Graves Registration officer, John Deppen for more information.

2008 Camp schedule of events below – please update your calendar accordingly.

[Camp 15's Calendar of Events for 2008](#)

February – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	General Camp Meeting – draft of our history booklet –discuss events
March – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
April – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
May – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
May – Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day	Old Decoration Day at Harrisburg Cemetery at 13 <sup>th</sup> & State streets Placing of flags upon veterans' gravesites
June	No general meeting; Predicting road trip to Hartranft gravesite!
June 19-21	Annual Pennsylvania State Department Encampment (convention) at Ligonier.
July - TBA	Annual Camp Picnic – 11 am to 4 pm – begin eating about 1 pm
August 7 – 10	National Encampment (convention) – Boston
August – Saturday TBA	Visit ancestral flag display Harrisburg & a Senators ballgame!
September – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
October – Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
November	No general meeting – Camp to participate in Remembrance Day
November – Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg
December 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday	Annual Camp Holiday Dinner – Pearl Harbor Day 1941

2008 Camp calendar available on our Camp Website

## Allied Orders of the GAR

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

"Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history." - President Abraham Lincoln, December 1862

Be Proud Wear The Badge



### Looking Ahead into March 2008:

- Photos, as they become available, of recent Camp activities.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.
- Keep a copy of your 2008 schedule of events and calendar handy for reference.
- Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Contact *Hartranft Herald* at [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

--- End of February 2008 Hartranft Herald ---

Annual Appomattox Luncheon invitation – RSVP by March 20<sup>th</sup> - driving directions below

*Home Of.....*

**Camp #8**  
**S.U.V.C.W.**

**Aux. #10**  
**A.S.U.V.C.W.**

**Tent #59**  
**D.U.V.C.W. 1861-1865**

*The annual Appomattox luncheon will be held on April 12, 2008, at 1:30 P.M., at*  
**The Clarion Hotel**  
**300 Meadow Avenue**  
**Scranton, PA 18505**

*Exit 184 off 81*

*Menu selections are Chicken Cordon Bleu or Sliced Top Round of Beef. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Kindly make your reservation(s) and luncheon selection(s), and remit payment no later than March 20, 2008 to*

**Joseph Long**  
**505 Marcy Street**  
**Duryea, PA 18642-1625**

*If you need to contact me, I can be reached at 570-457-8438.*

_____	_____
(Name)	(Menu Selection)
_____	_____
(Name)	(Menu Selection)

*If you would like to stay overnight, room rates at the Clarion Hotel are \$75.00 plus tax. If registering, please tell the hotel that you will be attending the luncheon on April 12, 2008. The hotel phone number is 570-344-9811.*

*Note: The Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Pennsylvania will hold a meeting at the Clarion Hotel on April 12, 2008, at 12:00 P.M.*

*We hope to see you at the meeting and luncheon.*

**\*\*\* e-z on e-z off turnpike exit to Clarion Hotel \*\*\***  
**About 12 miles from turnpike exit**