



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 125th Anniversary in 2008



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--- 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!

[News Corner](#)

Camp 15's next general meeting is scheduled for 2 pm, **Sunday, January 20, 2008** at the National Civil War Museum. Please mark your social calendar, update outlook, or at least give Camp 15's schedule to your wife to keep track of Camp 15 activities for you to participate!

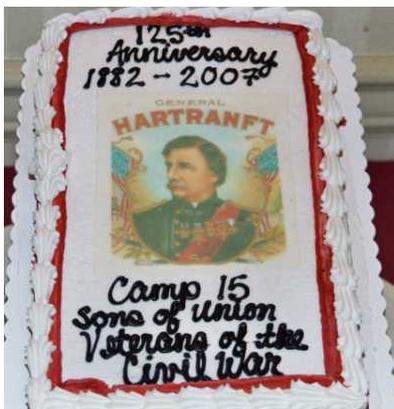
At this meeting, we plan to conduct the ceremony of installation of officers for 2008 and induction of new members into our continuing-to-grow Camp – Jon Demmy and Dave Demmy, Jr., grandsons of Brother Floyd Demmy. This year, Hartranft Camp is celebrating its 125th anniversary 1882 – 2008.

[Camp 15 History Booklet](#)

A booklet on the history of Camp 15 of Harrisburg has been an on going project since Larry C. Sheibley, PCC, was Commander! Several brothers have assisted Brother Larry in this endeavor and the *Hartranft Herald* is happy and proud to announce to you, our readers, that the booklet is expected to be published and available, at a very near forthcoming Camp meeting. Particulars on publishing will be discussed at January meet.

[Hartranft Herald Readers](#)

Another year has past with joy and sadness too! Camp 15 has completed another successful year with 12 issues of our newsletter, updates and upgrades to our Camp website – field trips, paid tribute to fallen veterans on Memorial Day and we have broken bread together in fellowship! We are beginning our 10th year of revitalization from several decades of inactivity meetings. We will be providing the oath of membership to our 49th and 50th members next week at our



monthly January meeting and perhaps by our March monthly meeting, if not sooner, our Camp history book will be available for your reading enjoyment. 1882 – 2008.

[Our Camp Officers for 2008](#)

- Camp Commander--Greg Kline**
- Senior Vice-Commander--John Deppen**
- Junior Vice-Commander--Stan Zellers**
- Secretary-- Larry Sheibley, PCC**
- Patriotic Instructor-- Dave Klinepeter, PCC**
- Chaplain-- David Demmy, Sr.**
- Historian-- Dave Klinepeter, PCC**
- Color Bearer-- Kelly Betz**
- Guard-- P. Eugene Mascioli II, PCC**
- Guide-- Frank Haley**
- Camp Council#1-- Frank Haley**
- Camp Council#2-- Don Prye, PCC**
- Camp Council#3-- Gene Mascioli, PCC**
- Graves Registration Officer-- John Deppen**
- Eagle Scout Coordinator-- Don Prye, PCC**

[Camp 15 offers our Christian sympathy to brother Dave Sosnowski](#) upon the recent death of his wife Debbie Sosnowski. Her obituary is available upon request to Hartranft Herald. As usual, our Camp secretary and the chaplain send bereavement message to the family.

[Photos from the Past](#)

Our National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website offers you the opportunity to post your Civil War ancestor(s) photo (and story) on our National website:

The [Photos from the Past](#) web page was initiated by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, then National Webmaster, in February 1998, as a means for the members of the SUVCW and other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the general public to honor and preserve the memory of the men who preserved the Union 1861 - 1865. Since then, the popularity of the page and the number of veterans listed has continued to grow.

Anyone who has photographs of their Civil War ancestor either during the Civil War or after, or photographs relating to the post Civil War veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, is welcomed to electronically submit them along with accompanying identification to the [Backup National SUVCW Webmaster](#) for inclusion on that page.

Important Notice: Large graphics (photograph) bitmap (bmp) files (100,000 bytes and larger) CANNOT BE ACCEPTED as they monopolize the recipient's email program in terms of downloading. If you have a large bmp file, you will need to obtain access to a graphics program and first reduce the size of the file and then save (convert) it to a JPG.File or gif format before sending. Your graphics file that you submit should not be any larger than 30,000 bytes.

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The above photograph shows my daughter Molly and I laying wreaths and flags on the graves of Civil War veterans in Northumberland's Riverview

Cemetery on Friday, December 7, 2007 as part of the Wreaths for Warriors effort. A side note - the red, white, and blue shawl Molly is wearing was handmade for her by the wife of a Vietnam veteran I know.

John Deppen
Office of Professional Support Services

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

Gene Mascioli – Steelton, 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..... for 2008.

[PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#)

by Dave Klinepeter

Politics is in the air everywhere these days. It was also a problem many years ago.

Quoting from the History of the Grand Army of the Republic published in 1889.

“Notwithstanding the unusual political excitement which prevails throughout the country, and the well-known fact that our ranks are full of active, earnest supporters of the men and measures of the several political parties, not a single violation of Art[icle] 6, chapter 5, of our Rules and Regulations, has been brought to my attention. Our Order is composed of thoughtful, patriotic men, each anxious to discharge the full measure of his duties as a citizen, according to his best judgment as to what his duty is. Fidelity to convictions begets respect for the like personal quality in others. The loyalty of comrades to the noble objects and sacred mission of our fraternity need not be and is not affected or its usefulness impaired by honest differences of opinion upon questions of governmental policy.

The use of the design of our badge for a cheap political campaign device has justly occasioned

much indignation among the comrades in all sections. While unable by legal process, to prevent this attempt to degrade our non-partisan medal of honor, we can, and should by resolution, protest most earnestly and emphatically against it. No comrade who respects his fraternal vow, and no citizen other than a comrade, who respects himself, would wear this base imitation; but it seems that the action of this Encampment is necessary to quicken that sense of propriety inherent in all true Americans which appears for the time to have been comatose in a few ill advised and inconsiderate persons”. -- From the address of the Commander-in-Chief, John P. Rea, in 1888 at Columbus, Ohio.

Dates of interest

January 14, 1864 General William T. Sherman began his scorched earth march through the south. He would not allow any newspaper journalists to accompany the army.

February 1, 1862 American writer Julia Ward Howe's patriotic song "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was published in the Atlantic Monthly.

February 2, 1863 American author Samuel Clemens used the Pseudonym "Mark Twain" for the first time.

February 3, 1865 Informal peace talks at Hampton Roads, Virginia, between President Lincoln and Confederate representatives failed. Lincoln insisted on reunion of the nation and emancipation of slaves, the Confederates wanted independence.

--- DJK.

[Brothers and Sisters in Distress](#)

From Brother Frank Haley, Camp Guide, who is undergoing treatments again for the ailment he endured last year: "I still get tired after the Chemo treatments. Usually don't feel like doing much. Will be going to the hospital tomorrow, Friday, January 11, for another Chemo treatment. Not looking forward to it. Don't know how many I'll have to take yet. Will be in touch. Take care"! Frank.

Brothers and Sisters, if you or your family has a situation or need for prayers, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* for prayers and to have

your (need) shared by the Camp in prayer for you and yours.

■ the *Hartranft Herald* staff.

[A fellow American Donation](#)
by John Deppen, SVC

Dear Veterans & Friends,

Civil War artist Mort Kunstler is donating at cost 31 laser-printed gi clee reproductions of his work on canvas to decorate the first floor of Vaccarro Hall, formerly known as Building 38, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. According to a report in The Civil War News, Kunstler will provide another 30 for the second floor and possibly more for a second building.

Vaccarro Hall serves as the headquarters of the Warrior Transition Brigade, made up of nearly 250 wounded soldiers and more than 40 staff who care for them. The building was recently renovated and renamed in honor of Corporal Diangelo Vaccarro of New York, who was killed after he was awarded two Silver Stars and was wounded twice as a combat medic in Iraq.

In making his donation, Kunstler said, "I'm not a warmonger, and I'm not in favor of the Iraq War, but I certainly think these guys should be cheered up in any way possible."

The report stated that Kunstler was one of three "well-known military artists" who were contacted for donations of patriotic-themed paintings. Kunstler was the only one who responded.

For more information on Kunstler and his art, visit www.mortkunstler.com.

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[Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War likes to eat!](#)

A Lincoln Luncheon will be hosted by Joel Searfoss Camp 273 on Saturday, February 9, 2008 starting at noon at Best Western Lehigh

Valley establishment at 300 Gateway Dr., Bethlehem, PA.

Route 22 North on Route 512, turn right into Gateway Dr.

Cost \$26.00 per person made payable to Joel Searfoss Camp 273 SUVCW. Send \$26 for each person in your party to

Kimber Smith, PCC
424 N. Main Street
Allentown, PA 18104

Include number of persons attending, amount enclosed, your name and address and phone/e-mail too.

attending _____

Total payment enclosed _____

Name/address _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Submit your attendance desire to Brother Kim now!

The Historical Society of Montgomery County

Headquarters

Research Library/Exhibition Gallery/Offices
1654 DeKalb Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Montgomery Cemetery

Gatehouse and Burial Grounds
Hartranft Avenue
West Norriton Township



October 11, 2007

General John F. Hartranft Camp 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
David W. Demmy, Sr.
881 Sunny Hill Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17111-4690

Dear Sons Camp 15,

Greetings from The Historical Society of Montgomery County, PA! As you are aware, the Historical Society of Montgomery County owns and maintains Montgomery Cemetery in Norristown, Pennsylvania. The namesake of your camp, John F. Hartranft is buried in this Cemetery. In **2008, we will be holding services on Saturday, May 24th** in observance of Memorial Day. We would like to invite a member of your camp to be present at the services and involved with a wreath laying at the gravesite. The ceremonies for the day begin at 11:00 am. We will be honoring several Generals and other veterans throughout the ceremonies, but we felt it most fitting to invite you to be a part of the honoring of Hartranft.

We realize that with busy schedules this may be hard to accommodate, but we would like to work with you if you are interested in honoring Hartranft that weekend. We are getting an early start in our event planning to ensure a wonderful and fitting tribute to our veterans. I would love to speak with you further about the day or answer any questions you may have. I know Memorial Day seems far off, but we are very excited about the upcoming year's activities and are eager to have as many interested individuals as possible be a part of the day. Thank you for your time and best wishes

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Harris
Executive Director
610-272-0297
michelleh@hsmcpa.org

Annual **Appomattox Luncheon** invitation – **RSVP by March 20th** - 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.

Reservation data for 2008 Pennsylvania Encampment instructions

Pennsylvania Department Encampment Committee

Brothers and Sisters,

You are cordially invited to attend the 2008 Department Encampment / Convention of the Allied Orders, which includes the Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons and the Daughters of Union Veterans. The Encampment / Convention will be held -



June 19, 20, and 21, 2008

at the

**Ramada Inn Historic Ligonier
216 West Loyal Hanna Street
Ligonier, PA 15658**

(walking distance to over sixty (60) specialty shops and Fort Ligonier)

Room rates are:

One queen bed (\$89.00 plus tax); two double beds (\$94.00 plus tax)

Check-in time: 4:00 P.M.

Reservations are to be made under

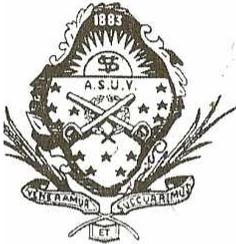
“Grand Army of the Republic”

Please contact the Ramada Inn directly at 724-238-9545.

Internet address: www.ramadainnligonier.com

(Please call by May 25, 2008 to reserve your room within the block.)

Meeting facilities are located on the Lobby Level of the hotel.



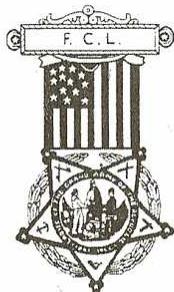
Driving directions are as follows:

From points South - PA Turnpike to Exit 9 (Donegal). Follow Route 711 to Ligonier (12 miles).

From points North and North East - Route 80 to Route 220 to Route 99 to Route 30; or Route 80 to Route 220 to Route 99, to Route 22 to Route 219 to Route 30 W.

From points West - PA Turnpike to Exit 9 (Donegal). Follow Route 711 to Ligonier (12 miles), or Route 30 from Greensburg.

From points East - PA Turnpike to Exit 9 (Donegal). Follow Route 711 to Ligonier (12 miles).



--- another reminder forthcoming ---

Advertisement instructions for your encampment book & Luncheon Selection Requirements

We need and would greatly appreciate your support for our upcoming Encampment by your purchase of an ad or a memorial. Please use the information below to order, and send a check made out to **Joseph Long, Jr., Encampment Committee, 505 Marcy Street, Duryea, PA 18642.**

Deadline for receipt of ad/ads is May 22, 2008. Rates are as follows:

Full Page,	\$45.00	1/8 Page	\$10.00
Half Page	\$25.00	Name & Title	\$3.00
1/4 Page	\$15.00	Name	\$2.00

If you will not be attending the Encampment, but would like an Encampment booklet sent to you, please indicate: Yes _____ No _____

Please be advised that the hotel has suggested we have a buffet luncheon on Friday and Saturday. The hotel has another guest and other events at the same time as the Encampment. The dining room and its staff can only accommodate a certain amount of space and patrons at lunch time; therefore, by agreeing to a buffet would insure us getting back to our afternoon meetings on time. Prior to the Encampment, we will need to know the number of persons who will use the buffet on the above-mentioned days. Kindly let us know at the same time you advise us of your joint banquet reservations. Your prompt response to these requests will be greatly appreciated, and will insure that the Site Committee has ample time to do a good job.

Lunch buffet on Friday – Wrap and Soup, \$10.00 per person;
Lunch buffet on Saturday – Sandwich and Soup, \$10.00 per person.
(coffee, tea, soda is included, and is to be paid in advance)
Lunch buffets start at 11:30 A.M.

Friday _____	Name _____
Friday _____	Name _____
Saturday _____	Name _____
Saturday _____	Name _____

Banquet:

Stuffed Pork Chop (\$24.00) _____	Carved Breast of Turkey (\$24.00) _____
Name _____	Name _____
Name _____	Name _____

All reservations are to be sent to **Joseph Long, Jr., 505 Marcy Street, Duryea, PA 18643** with checks made payable to **Encampment Committee**. The final date for reservations to be received is **June 3, 2008**.

The Encampment Committee will strive to provide an enjoyable Encampment for everyone. We look forward to seeing you in June.

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

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

January – Sunday 20 th	General Camp Meeting – installation of officers – review 2008 Report to small ballroom, upper level of the Civil War Museum.
January – Saturday 26 th	WWII re-enactment at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA. Refer to December <i>Hartranft Herald</i> for data and driving directions.
February – Sunday 17 th	General Camp Meeting – unveiling of our history booklet
March – Sunday 16 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
April – Sunday 20 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
May – Sunday 18 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
May – Saturday 24 th Annual Memorial Day	Old Decoration Day at Harrisburg Cemetery at 13 th & 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 st	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
October – Sunday 19 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
November	No general meeting – Camp to participate in Remembrance Day
November – Saturday 22 nd	Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg
December 7 th	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 February 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

FOR THOSE OF YOU WARMING DOWN SOUTH OR SKIING UP NORTH THIS IS



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