



Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org

Celebrating our 134th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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-- *A Blessed New Year to you and yours* --

January 2016



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!

Like a year ago this month, this January issue of Camp 15's newsletter, *The Hartranft Herald* is draped in black in memory of a late **Real Son!** This time it is Brother Charlie Brock of Kentucky. National General Order December 2015 outlined Brother Charlie's service to our Order, with the request to drape all badges and newsletters into mid-January 2016! Since 2009 we have lost 11 of our **Real Sons**. Only 5 of these highly regarded Brothers live on! For more data review:

<http://suvcw.org/kids/CWkids.pdf>

Happy New Year Hartranft Camp!

Next Camp meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 17, 2016**, in room 222 upper level of Museum building. Wow brothers and Sisters, nearly 18 years of Hartranft Herald's on file at our Camp website www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org

January weather; please dress accordingly to be warm and safe as you travel to meeting.



12-28-15

Dear Dave,

Please extend my
 Thanks to Camp 15
 for my Christmas
 lunch. It's always
 a pleasure to get
 together with Camp 15.
 Happy New Year to all.

M. J. Bannan

Brothers, here is a list of our Camp officers for 2016, elected by Camp or appointed by Brother Jeff:

Commander	Jeffery Smith 15-16
Senior Vice Commander	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 15-16
Junior Vice Commander	Logan Swanger 15-16
Secretary	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09
Treasurer	David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-16
Council	Tony Kline-16-18
Council	Scott Debo 15-17
Council	Tom Bowman, 15-17
Patriotic Instructor	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
GAR Historian	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
Guide	Tom Bowman, 11-16
Guard	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16
Color Bearer	Kelly W. Betz 07-16
Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16
GAR Highway Officer	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16
Graves Registration	Logan Swanger 14-16
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Logan Swanger 14-16
ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-16
Camp Counselor	Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08

EXTRA - EXTRA

[71st WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration](#) [January 2016](#)
the World War II Federation and Fort Indiantown Gap Presents the 70th 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.wwiha.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.suvcwHarrisburgPA.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 ½ mile to ramp on left for Route 22 East! You also may follow Route 22 East directly from Harrisburg area. Restaurant is about ½ 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 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th 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 and/or the Gap.

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2016 – 4th notice posted in your newsletter.

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2016 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along to current Camp Sunday meeting - check preferred!

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

The *First written notice* of outstanding dues has been prepared and emailed or snail-mail to you. If you have paid for 2016 we kindly thank you to allow us to save postage by not mailing follow up notices.

If you received the first written notice and had already paid your due, it was a cross-over problem between the treasurer and secretary. We'll try better in the future not to pester you!

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by Camp Chaplain, 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 PA Dept Secretary; Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr and Floyd Demmy with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan! Include PCinC Brad Schall's son Braden hospitalized with heart attack!

Father,

God bless all my friends and loved ones in whatever it is that You know they may be needing this day!

And may their life be full of your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with you. Amen.

The Hartranft Herald asks its readers:

What was it you learned in school besides your ABCs?

O T T F F S S E N T?

Hint: It's not a continent!

Write to *Hartranft Herald* editorial staff at DoubleD@Demmy.cc

It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But, he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle it in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "couldn't be done," and you'll do it.

----- **Edgar Albert Guest**

Edgar Albert Guest was born in Britain but grew up and spent most of his life in the U.S.A.

He was a product of "small town" America and the values!

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

"FAREWELL CIVIL WAR NEWS"

In 1989 Peter and Kathryn Jorgensen issued the first copy of the Civil War News, dated April 1989, after Peter passed away, Kathryn continued to publish the news till January 2016. She has decided to retire and I believe it is well deserved, after these many years of dedication to the Civil War community.

I along with many other will miss all the information, book reviews, upcoming events all over the country, preservation news, pictures of the many events by many different people, the editorials, even the ads.

Feb. 12, 1809 Abraham Lincoln is born in Kentucky

Feb. 11, 1861 Bids farewell to Springfield neighbors

Feb 22, 1861 President Elect Lincoln on his inaugural journey stops in Philadelphia Pa. where he raises a 34 star American flag at Independence Hall, which includes Kansas admitted Jan 22, 1861. He came to Harrisburg, Pa. and met with Governor Andrew Curtin. He spoke to the Legislature, than went to the Jones House for a banquet. Because of rumors of an attempt on his life he

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[Awarding winning newsletter -- Marshall A. Hope award presented to Hartranft Camp 2010-2011](#)

was quietly placed on a one car train and sent to Washington D. C. over night. (There are various accounts of how this transpired).

NOTE Even over a 150 years or more there are still books being published on Abraham Lincoln. In the last issue of the Civil War News is "First Book about Lincoln's Immigrant Relationships" also "National Policies from Lincoln to Present". There is also a continuing flow of books and articles about the before during and after the Civil War years. Original material and artifacts are still being found.

Feb 22, George Washington's Birthday

For those interested, the Gettysburg Military National Park has a winter speakers program listed on weekends. The National Civil War Museum has speakers list on Saturdays and a FREE DAY on March 13, 2016.

FEB 7, 2016 FREE Civil War dance class 2:00-4:00 Middletown, Pa

for directions and more
info CWDFMessages@CivilWarDance.org

Heard on Radio this a.m.

Oh Ohio
The winds howl at 60 miles an hour
Feels like 5° around
I can never leave Ohio
My feet are frozen into the ground!

Don't take life too seriously . . . no one gets out alive.

You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.

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: 3rd Sunday January thru May and then September, and October and 2nd Sunday in December, Camp 15s annual holiday banquet.

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

Saturday January 30 2016 Battle of Bulge reenactment of 1944 actions! last Saturday of January 2016 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA.

Saturday February 13 annual department of Pennsylvania Lincoln Luncheon at Sunbury – see details later in this issue of your Hartranft Herald.

Saturday February 13 – Community Free Day at National Civil War Museum – see flyer later in this issue.

Sunday February 21 Camp meeting

Sunday March 20 Camp meeting

More later!

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 125th 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

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

2016 Pennsylvania Lincoln Luncheon event

The Brothers and Sisters of Gen. J.P.S Gobin Camp 503 and Auxiliary 503 cordially invite you to attend the 2016 Pennsylvania Department Lincoln Luncheon on Saturday, February 13 at 1:00 PM at the historic Edison Hotel in Sunbury. The Edison Hotel is located at 401 Market St, Sunbury PA

The speaker after the luncheon will be noted Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide and historian Sue Boardman who will present her program entitled "Lincoln: A Marble Man in Granite and Bronze" which studies Lincoln monumentation at Gettysburg and elsewhere.

The Luncheon meal will be served family style and consist of an appetizer of waffles with chicken gravy and cranberry salad (an Edison tradition for decades!) followed by a dinner of roast beef, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, filling, hot lettuce with bacon dressing, vegetable and dessert. Coffee, tea and water are included.

For those needing hotel accommodations, a list of local hotels is provided on the separate sheet provided. The Edison Hotel consists primarily of apartments with very little overnight accommodation.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6!!! Please make checks payable to Gobin Camp# 503, SUVCW Questions? Contact Greg Kline at 717- 571-6877 or email at gregsuvchw@yahoo.com

.....PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL.....

Yes, I would like to make a reservation for the 2016 Lincoln Luncheon on Saturday, February 13 at the Edison Hotel in Sunbury!

Please reserve _____ seats for the Luncheon at \$25 per seat.

Please mail checks to James Hartley, SUVCW Camp# 503, 312 N. Broad St, Selinsgrove PA 17870

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Department Order # 7 Series 2015-2016

(To be read in camps and retained in Camp records)

Effective December 31st, 2015, the Theo. Pfeiffer Camp #60 of New Oxford, PA has elected to surrender their Camp Charter. The remaining membership of the Camp has requested Honorable Discharge from the Order rather than transfer to another Camp. With regret, the Department Commander accepts the surrender of the charter.

The Theo. Pfeiffer Camp #60 is hereby directed to hand over to the Department any and all Camp property including the Camp Charter to the Department Commander or the Department Secretary. All Camp funds are to be handed over to the Department Treasurer. These actions are to be done within 30 days of the closure of the Camp.

The Department expresses its gratitude to the brothers of Camp #60 for their many years of devoted service to the SUVCW and to the memory of the G.A.R.

So ordered this 5th day of January, 2016.

Douglas P. McMillin, PDC, commanding,
Pennsylvania Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

:
Rob Koenigsberg
Pennsylvania Department
Secretary/ Treasurer