



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

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Camp Picnic

July 2008

Picnic Time with Camp 15 of the Capital City of Harrisburg

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 and Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

[In this issue of your Hartranft Herald](#)

- Camp birthdays for July.
- Camp 15 annual picnic news.
- Our Patriotic Instructor Report.
- Auxiliary 7 Member Obituary.
- Free Family Day at National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park.

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

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| Lee Walters | Mechanicsburg, PA |
| Lynn Kyle, Sr. | Linden, PA |
| D. Michael Klinepeter | Colonial Park, PA |
| Nathaniel Hall | Galena, OH |
| Bruce Baker | Millersburg, PA |
| Bill Kuhn, Jr. | Hershey, 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.

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[Picnic Time for Camp 15 by Hartranft Herald Sunday, July 20, 2008](#)

Brothers and Sisters too of Camp 15 and auxiliary 7 please come out and join us for this summer event. Families and children are more than welcomed; in fact we demand you accompany your Camp 15 member! Fairly new pavilion! Newly established playground, new parking lot, sidewalk and fresh restrooms in air-conditioned building near picnic pavilion!

If you normally cannot attend a general business meeting of Camp 15, now is the time for you to come out and join with us at our annual picnic, break bread, and fellowship with us in an informal setting! If the heat gets to anyone of us, there is a fine air-conditioned church building next door to the picnic pavilion. We expect to take 5 new members into our fraternity on this day. The ceremony will be

held indoors, in air-conditioning, following the meal and any quick business discussion.

Later, upon request, a tour of the church will be conducted for any one interested in that subject.

Picnic to be held on Sunday, July 20 from noon til around 4 pm. Look for **American Flag** along Valley Road in Colonial Park, Lower Paxton Township.

We'll begin meal at about 1 pm. Please bring a dish or drinks to share, Camp will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and condiments etc. Please bring your own table coverings and/or place settings! Lawn chairs! And/or cushions for picnic table sitting. Charcoal grills available on site for our cook(s).

The *Hartranft Herald* will not only recycle your used soda cans, but will dispose of trash and burnt offerings after the gathering at CrossPoint United Methodist Church, 430 Colonial Road, Colonial Park, Lower Paxton Township – use Valley Road entrance to pavilion area. You may use the north side main entrance at Colonial Road turn onto Crums Mill Road and drive around the church facility to the pavilion on the southern side of the campus or use the southern entrance along Valley Road.

Driving Directions begin here:

From Enola, Dauphin, Upper Dauphin, Perry County, Routes 11-15 from Sunbury Areas, travel towards I-81 North; take I-81 to exit 69.



See next photo: Upon entering the Exit ramp use middle lane. [Left and right lanes for left and right turns onto Progress Avenue]. Middle lane at **exit 69** will take you *directly across* Progress Avenue *onto Valley Road*. Immediately you will approach traffic signal for Cracker Barrel; continue straight ahead on Valley Road. Within one mile, you will enter Lower Paxton Township and go thru underpass of I-83 – see underpass in next photo.



Immediately on your left will be rows of apartment buildings. Just beyond the apartments and trees, will be the church grounds on your left. Slip into the left lane; LOOK for American Flag on left side of road. Turn left into campus driveway at Flag.



If you come to the traffic signal at Valley Road at Colonial Road, you just passed the church campus. Turn left at Colonial Road, go one block to next traffic signal, turn left onto Crums Mill Road, immediately turn left into the northern side of church campus and turn left to go around building to the southern side of campus to the pavilion. Caution two-way driveways on campus!

As needed, Drivers may call *Hartranft Herald* at 512 5226 for picnic location.

From Camp Hill & West Shore areas along with Steelton-Highspire, Middletown, South Harrisburg areas, use I-83 North to exit 50.

Depart I-83 at exit 50 A - Colonial Park. See next image:



Exit 50 A ramp approaching Route 22 East, shows Colonial Road sign displayed below:



Exit 50 ramp curves to the right! (X) **Bear to right at The Colonial Road exit** displayed below (see Colonial Diner behind [colonial road green sign]). Once into the colonial road exit ramp, (X) **Hook to your left to cross over Route 22** displayed on left portion of this photo. Be careful of immediate traffic signal to cross over Route 22. Upon crossing over Route 22, (Jonestown Road in Colonial Park), you will be on Colonial Road traveling north.



Looking north, follow Colonial Road thru traffic signal at Mall!

Another block on Colonial Road, please get into left lane as you will approach next traffic signal at Valley Road. See traffic signal in left portion of this photo below: (Blue, Peters Mountain in background)!



Slip into **middle lane to turn left at Valley Road**. Church campus immediately on rightside of Valley Road. Photo below is from 2007 before new construction of multiple parking lots that are now in this grassy area displayed below; but the building is still there and it is highly air-conditioned for a ceremony to take new members into our capital city Camp:



X On Valley Road, turn Right at American Flag. On Campus, park at pavilion on your left. Enjoy the playground. Drivers, as needed, call *Hartranft Herald* at 512 5226.

[From Linglestown Road Route 39 take Colonial Road to Valley Road and turn right on Valley.](#) At American Flag turn right again into church campus.

From Indiantown Gap area I-81 South, take exit 69 at Progress Avenue:



Take exit 69 ramp around to Progress Avenue. **Bear right and turn right** at traffic signal onto South Progress Avenue, see below:



Immediately get into **far left lane** and travel under I-81. Get prepared to turn left on Valley:



Far left lane on Progress Avenue South

Upon coming out of underpass in previous photo, prepare to **Turn left** on Valley Road.



Turn left on Valley Road. (I-81 North right lane) Immediately you will approach traffic signal for Cracker Barrel; continue straight ahead on Valley Road. Within one mile, you will enter Lower Paxton Township and go thru underpass of I-83 – see photo below:



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Pavilion and playground area looks like this:



[Picnic attendance incentive!](#)

For a nominal outlay, to be announced at picnic, a similar old GAR item, as displayed below, will be available via a prospect opportunity, a token t i c k e t for your outlay:

SAMPLE DISPLAYED HERE!



~ ~ ~ GAR Lapel Button ~ ~ ~

COMMANDER, HERE'S THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING!

*MUST BE PRESENT FOR T O K E N DRAWING
SHORTLY AFTER MEAL TIME.*

[Auxiliary 7 Member Deceased](#)

At our Friday morning Memorial Service, during 2008 Pennsylvania Encampment at Ligonier, the *Hartranft Herald* learned of the following death of one of our sisters to Camp 15:

Martha S. Gilbert – died March 25, 2008.

Martha Susanna (Hess) Gilbert, 99, formerly of Camp Hill, died March 25, 2008 at 8:10 a.m., in Berks County Home-Berks Heim, Reading.

She was the widow of Harry D. Gilbert, Jr., who died March, 1988. Born November 26, 1908 in Sunbury, PA, she was a daughter of the late David Grove and Dora Leona (Geiger) Hess. Martha was employed by the William Jones Agency as a clerk for 30 years.

[MARTHA'S LATE HUSBAND, HARRY WAS A MEMBER OF CAMP 15 (SEE CAMP ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK PAGE 25) WHILE MARTHA WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF AUXILIARY #7 TO CAMP 15 OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA].

Surviving are a son, Harry D. III, husband of Joy S. (Daniels) Gilbert of Rimrock, AZ; and a daughter, Marcie J. (Gilbert), wife of the late Robert L. Ramsey of Enola, PA. In addition there are two sisters, Gladys (Hess) Young of Magnolia, TX and Romayne (Hess) Jones of Mechanicsburg, PA. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, 34 great-great grandchildren and one great-great-great granddaughter. She was predeceased by a son, Charles H. Gilbert, a granddaughter, Linda S. Gilbert, a grandson, Barry J. Gilbert, and two great-great grandchildren. Martha was predeceased by four sisters, Katherine (Hess) Larson, Mary (Hess) Smeltzer, Edna (Hess) Woomer, Marion (Hess) Odenkirk; and a brother, David Hess.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m., in Shiremanstown United Methodist Church, 125 E. Main Street, Shiremanstown, PA 17011. A viewing will be held an hour prior to the service in the church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shiremanstown United Methodist Church at the above address.

Walter R. Christ Funeral Home, Inc., Laureldale, is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.christfuneralhome.com www.pennlive.com/obits.

Published in the Patriot-News on 3/27/2008.

Move America Forward is providing to our troops in care packages (per their request) for them to hand out to the children of Iraq and Afghanistan - as a means of diplomacy to strengthen bonds between the people of these war-torn nations and the United States.

For more info, go to:
<http://www.thecampaignstore.com/store/default.asp?parentid=409>

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[National Civil War Museum Free Day](#)

**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.

11:30am: Lecture by Don Devine: Jane: A Flight to Freedom (Book signing: 12pm-3pm)

12pm: Lecture by Joe Becton on "African American soldiers in the Civil War"

12:30pm: Lecture by Matthew Dodd: Songs & Stories of the Civil War

1:30pm: Lecture by Donald Scott Sr.: Camp William Penn (Book signing: 2pm-4pm)

Other Activities:

Rock climbing, face painting, dunking tank, "First Shots" slingshot

*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 or Email: Lynn Smolizer

Living History: Saturday, July 26 2008,

Sunday, July 27, 2008, 12pm-5pm

**Living History: Saturday, August 9, 2008,
Sunday, August 10, 2008.**

**Living History: Saturday, August 16, 2008
Sunday, August 17, 2008**

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

On the evening of Friday May 16th I went to the Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable meeting. The main speaker that evening was Major General Winfield Scott Hancock (aka John Deppen, SVC of Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW). I do not recall if this is the 2nd or 3rd time I have heard his talk, but, I will go again! I was transported back into the presence of General Hancock: The booming voice, the humor, the pacing, the knowledge, the attitude of a high ranking officer, the type officer that commands respect!

While reading a back issue of the VFW magazine I came across an article that reminded me of Albert Woolson. He was the last UNION veteran of the Civil War who died on August 2, 1956. The article stated that there is one American Doughboy from World War I still living. Frank Buckles, age 107 lives in Charles Town W. Va. He actually served in France. On Feb 7, 2008, Harry Landis died at 108 years in Sun City, Fla. There are quite a few of us World War II veterans around yet, but are dying off about 1000 a day according to the American Legion magazine. Editor's Note: just visit Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and see how fast the most recent new sections are filling up!

By the time you read this issue of the *Hartranft Herald*, Governor Curtin aka (ME) will be back from the 145th Battle of Gettysburg. I will be there Sat and Sun to help my Sutler son, Mike, and inter-act with the public. I understand there are to be over 13,000 troops, 100 cannon and 500 horses involved.

According to records Federal Artillery gunners fired 32,781 rounds at the Battle of Gettysburg. During the three days battle of Gettysburg an estimated 566 tons of ammunition were expended, amounting to about 24 pounds for every casualty on both sides. Union troops at Gettysburg captured 31 Confederate battle flags. In a counterattack on the second day at Gettysburg the 1st Minnesota lost 82 percent of its 262 men, the

highest loss in a single action of any Union regiment in the war. At Gettysburg over a third of the Army of the Potomac was composed of Pennsylvania men, including their commander Major General George Meade.

July 13, 1863 The Draft Riots--As a result of the first drawing of names for the draft in New York, resentment that has been growing toward the Federal Enrollment Act of March 3rd boils over into a violent four day riot. A mob of over 50,000 people looted and killed and burned numerous buildings. At length, Federal troops just back from Gettysburg are called in to quell the mob, leaving over 1000 dead and wounded. --- DJK

[Commander's Report:](#) Greetings Brother's! I hope that you are all having a wonderful summer and enjoy the Independence Day Weekend. I would like to extend many thanks and congratulations on behalf of Camp 15 to Past Department Commander Lee Walters on the completion of his term as Department Commander of Pennsylvania. We are proud of you, Lee, and we thank you for your distinguished service.

I would like to remind all of our Brothers of our Camp Picnic on Sunday July 20 from Noon to 4:00 at the Cross Point Church at Colonial Park. I will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs, buns, etc and ask that each Brother bring a covered dish or some sort of goodies to share. I encourage you to bring your families for a day of fun at our new picnic facility. Please send me an email at gregsuvcw@earthlink.net to let me know that you will be attending and how many people will be in your group so that I can plan the burgers and dogs accordingly.

Although, with the Pennsylvania Department Encampment being held in Ligonier, this was a big month for the PA Department, June is a relatively inactive month for Camp 15 so my remarks for this month will be short. I thought that instead of a lengthy Commander's report, I would share an experience that I had a few weeks ago during my lunch break that proves that history can be found anywhere you look in Pennsylvania if you keep your eyes open. I decided to

use my lunch break to take a walk in the old Carlisle Ashland cemetery that I had passed by in my car on numerous occasions and see what Civil War era graves I could investigate. Within 5 minutes, the sight of a GAR grave marker led me to a long, flat stone which read "Commodore John B. Marchand, United States Navy". I wrote down the name and other info in order to do a little bit of research on the computer that night and see what I might find on Commodore Marchand. I was pleasantly surprised to find a great deal of information which I intend to share as an article for an upcoming issue of the Hartranft Herald. Let me just say for now, that Commodore Marchand was among the ship commanders serving under Admiral Farragut at the famous Battle of Mobile Bay, at which Farragut uttered the immortal command "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" Keep your eyes open when walking or driving throughout our great state; history is everywhere!

See you at the picnic!! In F, C & L, Greg

Below is the 1932 badge for representatives attending the '32 GAR Encampment in Harrisburg, PA.



Camp Officers and other authors, The Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, and photos to be published in our monthly Hartranft *Herald*, is the first Friday of each month.

2008 Camp schedule of events - - - please update your calendar accordingly.

Camp 15's Calendar of Events for 2008

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| July 12 – Saturday | Family Free Day at National Civil War Museum |
| July - Sunday 20th | Annual Camp Picnic – noon to 4 pm – begin eating about 1 pm CrossPoint Church 430 Colonial Road, Lower Paxton Township, Use Valley Road Entrance just off I-81 exit 69 for Cracker Barrel. Tour of building upon request! Original building was located at jct of I-83 and Rte 22. It was removed to make way for the cloverleaf junction! |
| August 7 – 10 | Annual National Encampment (convention) – Peabody, Boston. |
| August – Saturday TBA | Visit ancestral flag display Harrisburg. |
| September – Sunday 21 st | General Camp Meeting |
| October – Sunday 19 th | General Camp Meeting |
| November | No general meeting – Camp to participate in Remembrance Day |
| November – Saturday 22 nd | Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg |
| December 7 th – Sunday | Annual Camp Holiday Dinner – Pearl Harbor Day 1941 Doc Holliday's Restaurant – New Cumberland, PA |

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.

Be Proud Wear The Badge



Looking Ahead into August 2008:

The Photo gallery issue for August:

- Photos, as they become available, of recent Camp activities, such as 2008 Pennsylvania State encampment at Ligonier, PA.
- More photos of Camp 15 in Memorial Day parade at Gettysburg, PA.
- Additional photos of Camp visiting 2008 re-enactment of Battle of Bulge at Fort Indiantown.
- See *Hartranft Herald* special feature on “Commemorative Bricks” at National Civil War Museum sponsored by members and friends of Camp 15, and associates of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members. Applications were inserted in Camp 15’s 125th Anniversary history book.
- 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!
Ladies welcome too!
- National Convention encampment August 7th at Peabody Boston.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Contact *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc

--- End of July 2008 Hartranft Herald ---

