



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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Happy Mother's Day to mom's everywhere!

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

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxilliary 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!

SUVCW Camp 15 Minutes - Sunday, 20 April 08

Pennsylvania Room
National Civil War Museum

By PCC Larry C. Sheibley,
secretary



The weekend began with sunny 83° on Saturday, but by Sunday, the temp dropped 20°, with showers; some members drove to

and from the meeting in heavy downpour

Officers Present:

Greg Kline; John Deppen; Larry Sheibley;
David Demmy, Sr.; Dave Klinepeter; Frank
Haley; Gene Mascioli (part-time)

Officers Absent:

Stan Zeller; Kelly Betz; Don Prye;

Members Present:

Dave Demmy, Jr.; Floyd Demmy; Russ
Kratzer; Larry Nace; Bill Kuhn; Lee Walters

Commander Kline called the meeting to order at 1410 hours using our marble gavel stone, the only pre-1999 relic belonging to Camp #15. The March minutes were read and approved; and, Treasurer Demmy, Sr., reported \$1490 in the treasury after the

payment of \$1080 for state and national dues for 45 paying members.

A membership application was received from Rev. Thomas Gene Bruner, Jr., of Berrysburg, PA, and was approved by unanimous vote. Welcome to Camp #15!

Our Commander reported that at least three members will compose the Camp #15 delegation at the Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade. Brother Deppen will make a flier to distribute at the event.

The SUVCW Annual Report is completed. One member was dropped because of non-payment of dues, giving us 51 members as of April 1. Camp #15 has 4 associate, 3 junior, 3 lifetime, and 3 dual members. Junior members pay no dues; while Life members pay a nominal amount to cover per capita fee.

After reporting on copyright procedures, Commander Kline was given approval to apply for the copyrights to our 125th Anniversary Booklet. The on-line cost is \$35 and the registry lasts for 75 years. Camp brothers named several people and places who should receive a free copy of the booklet. Thus far, 30 brothers and 2 sisters have requested booklets.

A delegation will be attending the Hartranft Memorial Services at the Norristown Cemetery in May.

The camp is planning to have a recruitment table at the Mifflinburg Buggy Days on 7 June.

Brother Deppen stated that this newsletter, The Hartranft Herald, is worthy of an award from the Commander-in-Chief. THE CAMP HOPES HE READS THIS PARAGRAPH AND TAKES THE HINT. It is recommended that any one desiring to nominate the *Hartranft Herald* for a Commander-in-Chief award, please address your personal correspondence to the Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Klinepeter made a motion, which was seconded, to purchase full-page ads in the two summer Encampment Booklets in recognition of our two Camp #15 brothers: Lee Walters, PA Department Commander, and Charles Kuhn, National Commander-in-Chief.

The Everett Free Library of Bedford County is accepting donations to save an 1862 tree planted by a Union soldier. Please contact Brother Deppen for more details.

Patriotic Instructor Klinepeter spoke of his visit to the first-day opening of the new Gettysburg Visitors Center. Dressed as Governor Curtin, Brother Klinepeter is present for most historical Civil War events in the area. He is Camp #15's Grand Ambassador.

Brother Mascioli offered hand-outs about this new center and about HACC Gettysburg Campus Civil War courses.

The Commander closed the meeting at 1538 hours.

Respectfully submitted with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Larry Sheibley, PCC, Camp #15 Secretary

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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, our next Camp meeting is this **Sunday, May 18** and on **Saturday May 24** is our annual Decoration Day remembrance of placing flags upon veteran graves at historic Harrisburg Cemetery for [Memorial Day](#).

The month of May has arrived and warm weather is upon us. Thoughts now begin to turn to picnics, outdoor activities with friends and family, maybe a baseball game or a round of golf. It is also the most sacred month for our Order, with Memorial Day fast approaching.



I would like to urge each and every one of our Brothers to heed General Logan's order and find some way to honor our veterans and our heritage over Memorial Day weekend.

I am pleased to report that Camp 15 will be doing its duty over this hallowed weekend.

Along with our annual trip to the Harrisburg cemetery to decorate graves, we will be sending a small delegation to the Norristown cemetery, by invitation of the Montgomery County Historical Society, to represent Camp 15 and lay a wreath at General Hartranft's grave. We will also be representing Camp 15 in the annual Memorial Day parade in Gettysburg. We have 3 members planning to attend as well as a few members of Cooper's Battery B (SOON TO BE MEMBERS) who will be joining us. If anyone else is able to be there, please contact me. Brother Deppen has designed a flier for the public that we will be distributing that day, so even if you choose not to march in the parade, you can participate by handing out our fliers outlining the origin of Memorial Day.



For those who are unable to attend any of the Camp 15 events for Memorial Day, there are many other opportunities to honor the memories of those who sacrificed so much. You can put on your SUVVCW badge and attend your hometown's Memorial Day function. Send

a card or gift package to a man or woman currently serving overseas. Or just shake a veteran's hand and say "Thank You" I wish you all a very happy Memorial Day weekend and hope that it is both fun filled and memorable.

Yours in F, C & L, Greg



Dear Friends,

Ray Hoover is a 97-year-old veteran of World War II who lives in Astro Village. Ray earned the Silver Star and the Purple Heart during his service, narrowly escaping death when a troop ship he was on struck a mine and sank, taking with it more than 400 of Ray's comrades in the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion.

Ray does amazingly well for a man of his advanced years. He gets help from a few family members, but a great source of strength and support for Ray comes from his fellow veterans. George Oyster, a combat-wounded Korean War veteran, takes Ray for haircuts and other trips (in addition to surviving his war wound, George is the survivor of five heart attacks). Carson Schrawder, a veteran of the 4th Infantry Division who was wounded in WWII and survived a serious back injury in a car accident, recently scheduled an appointment to have Ray's hearing checked - Ray's hearing has been failing for years, and is nearly gone. Carson's own hearing is poor as well.

Please pray for these old soldiers as they enter their twilight years. It is an honor to know these men. Thank you, John Deppen, SVC.

“I want to thank Larry and all who were involved in putting together the history of Camp 15 in book form. I appreciate all of the hard work to complete this task”. --- Gene Mascioli, PCC.

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

- David Demmy, Sr. - Colonial Park, PA
- Donald Fry - Linglestown, PA
- Josemaria Heil - Camp Hill, PA
- Larry Keener-Farley - Camp Hill, PA
- Ralph McLean - Harrisburg, PA
- Larry Nace - Sunbury, PA
- Larry Fry - Wanship, UT

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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[Camp 15's 125th Anniversary History Book](#)

At end of April, we issued 41 history books to personnel who submitted their postcard requesting a book or otherwise, notifying the Camp of their desire for the book.

Thirty-two books were issued to Camp members, 5 to Auxiliary #7 of Camp 15 and 5, so far, to other sources such as the National Commander-in-Chief. Upon copywriting the book, a variety of libraries and the state archive office will be issued a book also. Of the 41 issued to date, 15 were mailed at \$2.66 each plus \$2.00 for the bubble-wrap packaging. Again with the use of discount coupons and credits at our local office supply outlet, 100 books were printed at \$7.30 each. Those mailed cost nearly \$12 to produce and mail.



History of Camp #15: 1882 - 2008
One Hundred Twenty-Five Years
of
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Camp 15 members and the ladies of the auxiliary #7 are fully entitled to one free book. If you have not asked for your copy, submit your postcard issued to all personnel during the month of March, **or** contact Camp for your free copy. Anyone desiring additional books; eg: grandchildren, local library, the cost was set at \$10.00 each. Enjoy. New members contact Camp or *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc or write to *Hartranft Herald* address on cover page of this issue. "An Excellent project" – Brother Ralph McLean.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN
by Dave Klinepeter

The other day I drove past several homes that had blue flag flowers in full bloom. This caused me to think back to Memorial Days, in the 1940s and 1950s. After the morning parade and services at the Harrisburg Cemetery we would go to Reservoir Park for lunch. In the afternoon Hartranft Camp 15 SUV, the Fife and Drum Corp would be joined by the Middletown SVR and than go to a parade in Paxtang, Pa. (suburb of Harrisburg). There we joined with other groups and numerous school children, carrying flowers, mostly blue flags and peonies. Near the end of the services, at the Soldiers Plot in the cemetery, the children would place flowers on the Veterans graves, than a salute was fired and taps sounded. This past January, I drove past the Paxtang cemetery (located along South Progress Avenue) and it was covered with snow. Much to my surprise, the American flags were still there, and



the large flag was up the pole in the Soldiers Plot. For many years the flags stayed on the graves till replaced the following May. There were also bronze GAR markers on the graves. The rotary power mower was invented, and after some of them hit the bronze markers, the markers were removed, mostly in large cemeteries. The little flags were taken off the graves right after Memorial Day. A number of years ago Veteran organizations raised a big fuss and the state put through a law stating the flags had to remain on the graves till after the 4th of July.

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH SATURDAY MAY 30th 1914, BOYS OF '61 ONCE MORE PAY TRIBUTE TO COMRADE DEAD (Several excerpts from a long article):

"Throughout the city, state and nation today the Boys of 61 are observing memorial services for their comrades who have passed beyond and now sleep, each under his blanket of turf. No reveille was needed to start the day for them. Most were up and about at sunup; and early this morning headquarters of the three GAR posts presented a scene that, save for the informality might have gone a back to enlistment day in the sixties. Yet the old warriors still kept up, if less tensely, the military order, system and dispatch that they had learned when the observance of such things meant life or death, a battle lost or won. In the morning the GAR post conducted exercises in the various cemeteries as announced, Hartranft Post 58 going to Paxtang, Simmons Post 116 to East Harrisburg and Stevens (colored) Post 520 to Lincoln. At 1 O'clock the three GAR Posts marched to their position in the line of march with the N.G.P. and the Veterans of a younger generation, the Spanish American War, the Sons of Veterans and the City Grays. On arriving at the Harrisburg Cemetery assembly was sounded by Miss Irene Wagner (for a number of years a woman blew the bugle at special events for the GAR boys. After Miss Wagner came Mrs. Roy Mickle). After the services at the Soldiers Plot the salute to the dead was by the guard of Post 58 and the Sons of Veterans, followed by taps. Then flowers were strewed on the graves. Thousands of peonies from the city nursery were among the floral tribute".

To see other information and pictures about Memorial Day, Harrisburg GAR Posts and Camp 15 go to the camp web site, <http://www.geocities.com/hartranft15/index.html>



And check on back issues of the Hartranft Herald, look under April and May issues. I will bring some reprints of old Memorial Day newspapers items to our meeting this week.

-- DJK

REMEMBER THOSE IN UNIFORM
AND THANK A VETERAN FOR THEIR SERVICE.

On May 27, 1865, *Harper's Weekly* featured a cartoon about the capture of Jefferson Davis at the end of the Civil War.



Jefferson Davis as an Unprotected Female!

Artist: unknown

"He is one of those rare types of humanity born to control destiny, or to accept, without murmur, annihilation as the natural consequence of failure."--*N. Y. Daily News, May 15, 1865.*

Jefferson Davis, the former president of the Confederacy, was captured by Union troops on May 10, 1865. This unsigned *Harper's Weekly* cartoon reflects the widespread rumor that Davis had tried to escape by

dressing as a woman. The artist pictures him in a hoop skirt and bonnet, carrying a hatbox labeled "C. S." for "Confederate States." The image is intended to contradict the stoic description of Davis conveyed by the quotation from the *New York Daily News*, a major voice of the Peace Democrats ("Copperheads").

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee, the commander of Confederate forces, surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the Union forces, at Appomattox, Virginia. Davis believed that a guerrilla war could still be fought, but Lee and General Joseph Johnston rejected the strategy as futile. Davis's wife, Varina, and children had already left the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, on March 27, and the Confederate president set out on the evening of April 10 to join them in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Davis party continued southward toward Florida, where they hoped to catch a boat for Texas. Once there, Davis would direct the continued fighting of the Confederate troops under General Kirby Smith. (Later, on June 2, 1865, Smith's Trans-Mississippi Department was the last Confederate force to surrender).

At the break of dawn on May 10, the Davis encampment outside Irwinville, Georgia, was awakened by gunfire. Union cavalry troops were seen approaching in the distance, and a pleading Varina Davis finally convinced her husband to escape while he still could. Inside the darkened tent, Jefferson Davis put on what he probably thought was his overcoat and departed for a nearby swamp. He had accidentally donned his wife's raglan (a cloak-like overcoat). Mrs. Davis threw her shawl over his head to obscure his identity, and then sent her female servant with a bucket to walk with her husband as if they were fetching water.

The Union soldiers probably thought at first that the two figures were both women, but then a corporal noticed the spurs on Davis's boots. The corporal rode over to the two, and pointed his gun at Davis, asking his identity. The Confederate president considered lunging at the federal officer and making a break for it, but his wife ran to her husband and threw her arms around him. The soldiers soon realized whom they had captured, and the Davis party was escorted to Macon, Georgia, the headquarters of General James Wilson, the Union commander of the region.

From Macon, Jefferson Davis was transported to Fort Monroe in Virginia. The arresting officers had not reported anything unusual, but gossip soon spread among soldiers not on the scene that Davis had been wearing women's clothing when he escaped. By May 13, the rumor had reached the ears of Edwin Stanton, the

Secretary of War. He obtained "eyewitness" accounts from men who wanted part of the \$100,000 reward money offered for Davis's capture, and passed word of the incident along to the Union press. Stanton recognized that the story, which threw suspicion on Davis's masculinity and bravery by depicting him as a cross-dressing coward, was an excellent opportunity to humiliate Davis and thus undermine any attempt to portray him as a hero or martyr.

On May 23, to gain more credence for the story, a U.S. army officer ordered Mrs. Davis to hand over her raglan and she innocently complied. When he returned the next day for her shawl, she was suspicious of his motive but forced to surrender the garment. Davis himself had already heard whispered remarks about his womanly flight, and both he and his wife soon saw the newspaper articles and cartoons.

When Stanton viewed the clothing, though, he knew it would not be helpful for propaganda purposes. Mrs. Davis's raglan was not only nearly identical to her husband's, but was similar to the standard raincoat worn by Union soldiers. The shawl, too, was not unlike that worn by many men of the period, including the late President Abraham Lincoln, to keep warm in the poorly heated buildings of the day. Stanton therefore had the garments placed in a War Department safe, where they remained for decades.

The War Secretary slightly altered his account of Davis's capture by stating that the former Confederate president tried to flee while wearing a woman's coat and shawl, but not a dress. The Northern press, however, continued to depict Davis in hoop skirt, petticoat, and other clearly feminine articles of clothing. Davis was mortified by the false accounts, and it added to his depression during his two-year incarceration.

Davis was finally released on bail in May 1867. He published his memoirs in 1881, *The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government*, still upholding the virtue of the Confederate "lost cause." In October 1978, Congress and President Jimmy Carter posthumously restored Davis's American citizenship.

Source: Robert C. Kennedy for HarpWeek

[A child's sincere Originality](#)

What, you ask, is 'Butt Dust?' Read on and you'll discover the joy in a child's sincere originality. No adults in this!!

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any

more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember, you must look in the back of your panties. Mine *say* five to six.'

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. 'I love you so much that, when you die, I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a *child-proof* cap, and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked, 'How does *it know it's me?*'

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said. 'It *makes my teeth cough.*'

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked, 'How much do I cost?'

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that was hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad, 'Why is he *whispering in her mouth?*'

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried. When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, 'I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and *flee* out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked, 'What happened to the *flea?*'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather-wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget ... This particular Sunday sermon ... 'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are *but dust* ...' He would have continued but, at that moment, my very obedient daughter, who was listening, leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill, little, four-year-old-girl voice, 'Mom, what is *butt dust?*'

{no/} Sending an Angel to watch over you!

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Persian Gulf Veterans Bonus Program Applications Available

[Veterans of the Persian Gulf War](#) of 1990-91 are now eligible for a bonus from the state of up to \$75 per month served.

The Pennsylvania State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs this week presented checks to the first three recipients of the bonus program, two to the veterans themselves and one to the family of a veteran killed in action. In addition to the time of service bonus, families of veterans killed in action are eligible for a \$5,000 survivors bonus.

A one-time benefit of up to \$5,000 may be awarded if the service member was declared a prisoner of war at any time during the period of qualifying service, which is Aug. 2, 1990, to Aug. 31, 1991.

For more information or to apply for the bonus, visit [www. RonMarsico.com](http://www.RonMarsico.com).

[The Hartranft Herald](#)

Your monthly news, the *Hartranft Herald* is published monthly whether the Camp has a scheduled meeting, outside activity, or a field trip. All members having an e-mail address have access to the Internet! It is expected, by Camp 15, that all members, associates, and junior members, with access to the Internet, that they enjoy their monthly newsletter by going to Camp 15's website: <http://www.geocities.com/hartranft15/index.html> to read, download, and/or printout the news, schedule of events, and photos therein. Best bet to read the news online is to scroll to the bottom of page 1 of the issue of the *Hartranft Herald* and select the [Click to View/Print entire newsletter as a single PDF document](#). THIS ACTION WILL OPEN THE NEWS IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR YOUR REVIEW OR PRINTING.

Each *Hartranft Herald* is prepared as a MicroSoft Word Document and thru a special

program, each page, becomes a webpage at the Camp website. Note: Photos and imagines may appear smaller or distorted. Click on any photo and it will be displayed in a larger format. Freely copy whatever you desire!

Each month, each individual with an e-mail address is issued an e-mail **announcement** that the current month's newsletter has been uploaded to the Camp's website and they may now access the **current issue** of the *Hartranft Herald*. All other personnel and most of Camp 15's auxiliary #7 ladies are mailed a hard-copy of the news. Approximately 40 newsletters are mailed each month, along with extras produced for staff at National Civil War Museum. The approximate cost to produce, print and mail 40 copies is about \$75 after any discounts, WHICH IS NEARLY \$2.00 EACH:

Twin ink cartridges \$ 58.60

First class postage 16.40 and by the time you read this, the US postal rate, STILL THE BEST DEAL IN AMERICA, will have increased for 2008.

The Camp needs to sell 4-5 license plates or 3 belt buckles each month to meet the expense of generating the monthly *Hartranft Herald*; otherwise, our operating cash will decline until

In F, C, and L., David W. Demmy, Sr., Camp Treasurer.

Later this summer, we will prepare a feature on membership fees and a potential nominal increase in future fees/dues as needed. Stay tuned to a message from your Camp Council, Treasurer and Camp Officers.

[Two Wolves](#)

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside all people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, egret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority,

and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

[For Mother's Day](#) Source: unknown.

Women have strengths that amaze men. They carry children, they carry hardships, they carry burdens but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

Women wait by the phone for a "safe at home call" from a friend after a late night drive home. Women have special qualities about them. They volunteer for good causes. They are pink ladies in hospitals, they bring food to shut-ins. They are childcare workers, executives, attorneys, stay-at-home moms, biker babes and your neighbors. They wear suits, jeans, and they wear uniforms.

They fight for what they believe in. They stand up for in-justice! They are in the front row at PTA meetings. They vote for the person that will do the best job for family issues. They walk and talk the extra mile to get their children in the right schools and for getting their family the right healthcare. They write to the editor, their congressmen and to the "powers that be" for things that make for a better life. They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.

They stick an "I love you" note in their children's lunch box. They do without new shoes so their children can have them. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally.

Women are honest, loyal, and forgiving. They are smart in knowing that knowledge is power, but they still know how to use their softer side to make a point. Women want to be the best for their family, their friends, and themselves. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. They are happy when they hear about a birth or a new marriage. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. A woman's touch can cure any ailment. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart. She can make a romantic evening unforgettable.

Women come in all sizes, in all colors and shapes. They live in homes, apartments and cabins. They drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin! Women do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. And all they want back is a hug, a smile and for you to do the same to people you come in contact with. Women have a lot to say and a lot to give. Love One Today – Happy Mother's Day

[Notes from our National Civil War Museum](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

This schedule is subject to change. Please contact

The National Civil War Museum for fees, details and updates.
Telephone: 717.260.1861 Toll Free: 866.258.4729

2008 Upcoming Events:

A Temporary Exhibition: Now to - 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.

Medal of Honor Ceremony: Saturday, May 17, 2008, 10:00am



The Museum will be accepting the donation of 2 Medals of Honor into its permanent collections!

Location: Under the flagpole

(backup location: lecture gallery)

No reservations required.

Lecture: Saturday, June 7, 2008, 1:30pm



Meet our Educator - James Brennan

Lecture on the 75th Reunion of

Gettysburg - Free with your paid admission to the

Museum. No Reservations required.

Members Only Artifact Storage & Archive Tour: Friday, June 13, 2008, 1:30pm



Meet our Curator - Brett Kelley

An Outstanding Private Archive

Tour - **FREE TO MEMBERS!**

Reservations required.

Call 717-260-1861, ext 1108
or Email: Lynn Smolizer

Book Club: Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 7pm-9pm

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

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

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
or Email: Lynn Smolizer

Stay tuned for data on Museum bus trip to Fredericksburg, VA in spring of '09.

Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, 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](#)

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 – Saturday 14 th ?	No general meeting; Predicting road trip to Hartranft gravesite!
June 19-21	Annual Pennsylvania State Department Encampment (convention) at Ligonier.
July - Saturday 20 th	Annual Camp Picnic – 11 am to 4 pm – begin eating about 1 pm CrossPoint Church 430 Colonial Road Lower Paxton Township just off I-81 exit 69 for Cracker Barrel. Use Valley Road! 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) – 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 – 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.

"If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, 10 angels swearing I was right would make no difference." -- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

Be Proud Wear The Badge



Looking Ahead into June 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!

Ladies welcome too!

"Academic excellence alone will not win you friends. You must be considerate to others and never be mean or sarcastic." - Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi, commander of the Japanese garrison on Iwo Jima, to his daughter Takako, January 18, 1945.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Contact *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc

--- End of May 2008 Hartranft Herald ---



FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE: MAY 2008

The National Civil War Museum®

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

As members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, you are cordially invited to become a member of The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

As a member of the Allied Order of the GAR, the SUVCW, you may become a basic member of the largest museum to portray both sides of the conflict from an unbiased viewpoint at a discounted introductory rate of \$20 per year! Discount not available on Museum website!

Indicate the name and number of your Camp for your discount membership.
Use this form only for discount membership.
Please print all data. Be sure to include your email address so that you can keep well informed.

All basic members enjoy*:

- ✓ Free admission to the Museum
- ✓ 10% discount Museum Shop purchases
- ✓ \$10 off memorial brick purchases
- ✓ Museum pen
- ✓ Subscription to the quarterly newsletter
- ✓ Advance notice to programs and special events
- ✓ Complimentary admission to scheduled member-only archive tours

Well worth the membership fee!

Call 717-260-1861, ext 1108, or E-mail ismolizer@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org, at the National Civil War Museum for more information regarding this membership opportunity.

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Two thirds of the David W. Demmy, Sr., family will depart Harrisburg on May 17th to participate in an annual mission trip. For 2008 the trail leads to Greensburg, Kansas, home of the severe May 2007 tornado! Perhaps you saw the recent Discovery Channel special on the eco-Greening of rebuilding Greensburg to be more independent of past utilities and to rebuild to with-stand a great hurricane or tornado! The hour special will be repeated again in mid-June.

The Demmy's will not be with you at the May 18th meeting nor Camp 15's cemetery activities for Memorial Day. Please take photos to share in a future *Hartranft Herald*. We will be driving to Greensburg to enable us to take a multiple of tools along to handle nearly any job.

Please keep us in your prayers to enable us to have a safe and healthy week helping others to rebuild their lives in Greensburg.

God bless you and yours – David, Marilyn, and Dave Jr.

Looking forward to future road trip to Norristown and our annual Camp picnic. Perhaps we can conduct an outdoor installation of new members! As needed, the ceremony can readily be conducted in air-conditioning too. By picnic time in July, we should have 5-7 new members, since January, standing in line to be inducted into Camp 15.