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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Memorial Day

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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!

Forthcoming Camp Meeting

To be held on Sunday May 15 at NCWM as usual, at 2pm upper level room 222.

SUVCW National Encampment Site Committee, from Brother James T. Crane, PCC, Ohio.

2016 Springfield, IL National Encampment August 10 - 14

Abe Lincoln Host Hotel

2017 Lansing, MI National Encampment August 9 - 13

It will be at the **Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capital**, located very close to the airport, and right around the corner from several restaurants, and other businesses.

2018 Boston, MA National Encampment August 8 - 13

The Encampment will be at the **Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center**, about 25 miles from the airport. There is a Mall within a couple of miles from the hotel with a lot of stores, and restaurants. The hotel will provide

complimentary transportation to and from the Mall. Also, they are putting together a **Tour of the Springfield Armory!**

2019 Branson, MO National Encampment TBA for August 2019.

April Meeting Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA

Sunday April 17, 2016

Officers Present

SVC/Secretary.....Greg Kline
JVC.....Logan Swanger
Pat.Inst./Historian.....David Klinepeter
Council.....Scott Debo
Council.....Thomas Bowman
Council.....Tony Kline
Guide/Guard.....Thomas Bowman

Officers Absent

Commander.....Jeff Smith
Treas./Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr.

Color Bearer.....Kelley Betz

Members Present

Gene Mascioli, Lee Walters, Tony Kline

Guests

Charlotte Walters and Dane DiFebo

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Greg Kline at 2:00 p.m.

The Minutes from the March 20, 2016 meeting were read and Brother Gene Mascioli made a motion to accept, seconded by Dane DiFebo. Motion carried.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. was absent, therefore no Treasurers report was given.

Report of Sick Brothers or a Brother's Family in Distress.

Camp #15 Brothers were saddened to hear of the death of Larry Sheibley-Beasom, a Past Camp Commander and Past Secretary. Three Brothers attended Larry's viewing and gave a brief report.

Orders, Communications and Bills

SVC Greg Kline read notes from several folks expressing condolences regarding Larry Sheibley-Beasom's death!

SVC Greg Kline summarized General Order #14 announcing the appointment of Brother George Shademan as Assistant Quartermaster to handle the ROTC program, General Order #15 announcing the resignation of the National Secretary and Department Order #11 reinstating Captain Howell Camp #48.

Unfinished Business

Mention was made regarding the Derry Township parade invitation. It will be held on Memorial Day, May 30. SVC Greg Kline mentioned that it will interfere with parades in Sunbury, Northumberland and Gettysburg. However, he will send out an announcement in an e-mail message to Camp #15 Brothers asking for any volunteers who might be interested.

Brother Greg Kline has been in touch with Brother Scott Teeters of Scranton Camp #8. It was agreed that Saturday, May 21 will be set aside to visit the

GAR museum in Scranton. There may be other activities planned for that day at the museum and Greg will get more details from Scott and send an announcement out to Camps #15 and #503. During the visit there will be a medal commemorating the replacement of the Cooper's Battery B capstone at Gettysburg. This will be given to Brother Joe Long in appreciation of his many sacrifices he gave to keep Camp #15 alive. The cost will be shared between Camp #15 and #503 and Brother Dave Klinepeter will match the cost.

New Business

Saturday May 28, we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the American Dream Diner for breakfast. From there we will go to the Old Harrisburg City cemetery to decorate veteran's graves. All Brothers are invited to join in the event.

Brother Greg Kline called for volunteers to march with Camp #15 in the Memorial Day parade in Gettysburg on Memorial Day Monday, May 30.

Brother Dave Klinepeter announced that on Memorial Day he and Mrs. Helen Shireman will be visiting the grave of General Hartranft to lay a wreath. He mentioned that on June 17, 18 and 19 there will be *Harrisburg Civil War Days* and reviewed the various activities being planned. The Civil War museum will be free for one day on June 18 and he feels that it would be a good time to set up a recruiting table. June 18 and 19 Cooper's Battery will be camped out behind the museum and will attend the events.

Good of the Order

Brother Greg Kline read Larry Sheibley-Beasom's obituary. Larry passed away Friday, April 8, 2016. He served a term as Camp #15 Commander and 8 years as Camp #15 Secretary. He will be sorely missed by his Camp #15 Brothers and all who knew him.

Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor David Klinepeter discussed various dates and events and he displayed books and photos all relating to President Abraham

Lincoln. He also displayed and talked about his life history. He displayed numerous photos including his baby and childhood pictures, his boys and wife when they were involved in Boy Scouts, Dave at the Renaissance Fair, photos of the Camp #15 Fife and Drum Corp, photos from talks he gave on the GAR and a photo of Dave with Helen Shireman at the grave of General Hartranft.

After the closing ritual ceremony, the meeting ended at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Tony Kline (acting for Secretary Greg Kline)
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15, SUVCW

In remembrance of our Brother Larry:



l to r Greg Kline, Dave Klinepeter and our late Brother Larry Sheibley-Beasom

Tribute to Larry by Greg Kline

Brother Larry was a generous and faithful servant of Camp 15 for many years. He served as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Camp Commander of Camp 15 for 2005. He then served as Camp Secretary from 2006-2012. Throughout these years, Brother Larry was also responsible for our belt buckle sales.

Apart from his service to Camp 15, Brother Larry was best known for his intelligent wit and for being the Marco Polo of Camp 15, meaning that he traveled. And traveled. And traveled. As his

obituary describes, Brother Larry visited all 50 states, all 7 continents and over 140 countries in his lifetime. He has now made his final journey to his heavenly reward after a life of achievement and service of which we, his friends and Brothers of Camp 15, should all be proud.

Commander's Notes by Jeffery Smith

Larry is a tough loss. I still remember him as secretary, and what a fine job he did each meeting. For some reason I remember the last meeting in which he was secretary. That was before he really knew he was sick, but I bet he felt it. He said it was time to pass that office off to someone else. It was not long after that that we heard the news about his illness.

It was a privilege to know him. There are many reasons that I am happy that I joined Camp 15. Honoring our ancestors, having the companionship of our brothers, and least not I had the honor of knowing our very good and honorable Brother Larry Sheibley-Beasom. I will always remember him. May God bless his good soul, and give him eternal rest.

As I am sure many of you are now aware, it is with sad heart that I report the passing of our brother Larry Sheibley-Beason. If you get an opportunity, I encourage you to read Larry's obituary on pennlive.com. I will not reiterate all that was written in his obituary, but suffice it to say that after reading it through, it will become clear that Larry's passing is not only a loss to our camp, but also a loss to the greater community as well. Larry had many talents, energy, and a big heart; all these things combined to define the exceptional person that he was.

I do know that the SUVCW, and Camp 15 was very important to Larry. This past February, 2015, I

saw Larry attending our meeting, seated in the front row, on the right, from this viewer's perspective.

I went over and spoke to him a few minutes, before the meeting began, and told him how pleased I was to see him, and that it was gratifying to see him looking so well. Although he was fighting cancer, Larry looked trim, not emaciated, and he spoke and looked as a person does when they are in fine positive attitude, optimistic about the future. Toward the end of the meeting Larry stood up and addressed the camp. He said he was doing and feeling surprising well, given his prognosis. He said he had already lived past the predictions of his doctors, and he said that it should be a lesson to all, to not always believe exactly what the doctors say, but to realize that God has his own plans on the timing of things.

Larry was right; God does have his own plans. We were all hoping that Larry would continue on with the physical condition and positive demeanor that he demonstrated at the February meeting, but God, the father of us all, knew it was time to bring our dear brother into his presence. May our brother rest in peace and enjoy his eternal reward in heaven with all those dear to him. I am sure Larry will be missed by many people on this earth, for many and various reasons. For myself, I will remember Larry for his service to Camp 15, as a past Camp Commander, and as a conscientious Camp Secretary for many years. I will also remember him for his mild manner and kind ways.

Jeffery J. Smith, Commander, General John F. Hartranft, Camp #15 Pa, SUVCW

Tribute continued:

Tell anyone that you're "going to a viewing tonight" and they react both with sympathy for your loss and *empathy for the unpleasant duty* that you must perform. And well they should, this duty to a loved

one is typically uncomfortable. Not so with the viewing of Brother Larry Sheibley-Beasom!

I attended Brother Larry's viewing with my father (Brother Tony Kline) and dear friend (PCC Scott Debo). As we entered the funeral home, we were greeted by a few of Larry's friends and relatives who offered condolences and we then signed the guest book. We each took a program booklet and from that point on were in the presence of.....Brother Larry! His wit, sense of humor and love of life filled the room! All of these programs include a date of birth; but, who lists a date of conception? Larry Sheibley-Beasom, that's who!

We all know that Larry spent many years as an educator in the West Chester area schools. Placed in Larry's hand was a piece of chalk and by his head was a small chalkboard. On it was written "No Homework Tonight" --- Bittersweet, yes, but really funny! We left and as we drove home, we shared our impressions of the viewing and stories about Larry. His viewing had us talking about him, reminiscing, reflecting.....and laughing! In the end, his viewing was not an unpleasant duty, it was time well spent with a good friend.

Larry's obituary detailed his life as an accomplished scholar and educator, a world traveler and a leader in many civic organizations. What made the greatest impression on me were the comments which were shared with us at the viewing by his cousin and made by a woman who had attended his viewing earlier in the evening. She said that were it not for Larry, "my son wouldn't have graduated from high school". It made me wonder how many others were touched by Larry's life of giving in a similar way. Probably, quite a few. May we all be so fortunate!

Gregory E. Kline, PCC, Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15, Harrisburg
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



If Larry were among us, he would support this action of wearing **RED** every

Friday till they all come home! And we think Larry would have gotten a chuckle out of this ditty:

The wife said, "When I said 'I Do', it did not include cooking and ironing and washing dishes"!

Mother's Day

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. . .

Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten. Or on a plane headed for military "boot camp"!

Hug a mother while you can!

God bless our mothers and God bless America!

Army Heritage Day – Carlisle PA

Saturday and Sunday May 21-22, 2016

Army Heritage Days 2016 to highlight 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

Army Heritage Days (AHD) will take place May 21 and 22, 2016 from 9am to 5pm. AHD is the USAHEC's popular timeline living history event covering Soldier history from the 16th century to the present. See and talk with SUVCW Generals, German, Russian and English living historians. You may even see John Harris in his 3 point hat.

Where: 950 Soldiers Dr, Carlisle PA just off I-81.

More data visit: www.usahec.org

If you want to feel rich, count all your blessings money can't buy!

Memorial Day weekend for Camp 15

On Saturday May 28, camp members and family will be everywhere in the Susquehanna Valley honoring their civil war ancestors and veterans at large. A contingent of camp members will be present at cemeteries and parades this



weekend and Monday the 30th too.

First, Brothers and friends will gather in Harrisburg for breakfast and then mosey over to historic Harrisburg Cemetery, entrance near 13th and State streets. Harrisburg Cemetery, listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, holds local and national history, as well.

Breakfast at **8 a.m.** at American Dream Diner [shown this page] on Herr Street between 18th and 20th streets and then, we'll move onto historic Harrisburg cemetery, cross over 13th at State Street, a mere few blocks from [Diner](#). If the back room is open, we shall use that space due to the number of Brothers enjoying fully cooked breakfast of their choice! *Pay as you go!* Wear good walking shoes or boots for the ruff conditions of the old cemetery.

Queries are invited. DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Blessings to all Brothers who participate in these events to honor America's veterans!



An add on about [Army Heritage Day](#):

Over the past month USAHEC gave little hints through the media that something “big” was planned, and now it is the time to reveal our big surprise! The USAHEC is pleased to announce we are hosting “**The Moving Wall: Vietnam Veterans Memorial**,” at this year’s Army Heritage Days. “The Moving Wall: Vietnam Veterans Memorial,” is a half-scale replica of the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and recognizes the service and sacrifice of the military men and women who served in the Vietnam War. The wall contains 58,272 names!

[150 TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC](#) by David J. Klinepeter

1 The Grand Army of the Republic was founded on April 6, 1866 at Decatur, Illinois by Major Benjamin F. Stephenson, a Surgeon serving with the 14th Illinois Infantry

The society was composed of men who had fought for the UNION during the Civil War, having served sometime between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, and also in possession of an Honorable Discharge. As a society its functions were to honor those who had died in the war, to provide for the widows and orphan children, to promote comradeship among all veterans, and to uphold the constitution and protect the flag at all costs. Its watchwords were Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. They were instrumental in founding orphan’s homes, soldier’s homes, doing relief work, and securing pension legislation for veterans, widows and children. They also erected monuments so future generations would not forget the terrible war that had been fought to preserve the country.

A meeting was held on July 12, 1866 in Springfield, Illinois which was attended by delegates from ten states. A number of resolutions were presented and adopted, thus forming what would officially be known as the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

The first official encampment was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 20, 1866 and General Stephen A. Hurlbut was elected the first Commander-in-Chief by the 288 delegates.

On May 5, 1868, under the leadership of the 2nd Commander-in-Chief General John A. Logan, the famous order # eleven was issued establishing May 30, 1868 as Memorial Day. From then on May 30th was a very special day for those who had worn the BLUE and had fought and died to preserve the country from being split in two.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON D. C. MAY 5, 1868

General Order No.11

The 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defence [sic] of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized. Comrades. as our Regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, “of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion,” What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that

we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic. If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time, let us raise above them the dear old Flag they saved from dishonor, let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observation with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III Department Commanders will use every effort to make this Order effective.

*By Command of John A. Logan,
Commander-in-Chief*

N.P. Chipman,

Adjutant-General

The Grand Army of the Republic floundered in its maiden years under the weight of politics. It contained members of both political parties and they clashed within the ranks at every meeting or veterans gathering, Its membership kept declining until a resolution at the National Encampment in 1869 called for the elimination of any political debate at any National, State or Post function. The resolution was approved but it took almost 10 years before politics was silenced. After that the organization began to grow. The Grand Army welshed an influence far beyond its true power. It was credited with swaying the balance of national power for over fifty years. Up to 1901, with the death of President McKinley, six out of seven presidents had been veterans of the Civil War. As powerful as it was to become it would never count more than thirty two per cent of the Union veterans in their membership. They continued to

grow over the years. In 1892 the Silver Anniversary of the GAR was held in Washington D.C. And over 350,000 people entered the city to see the veterans. Over 80,000 veterans marched in the grand parade over the same route the Army took in 1865. This period of time was the high water mark for the GAR.

The membership was 427,000 with 7,568 Posts in existence. but the deaths were out numbering its gains in members. Each year they continued to decline and by 1948 only 52 Union veterans remained. In 1949 at Indianapolis, Indiana, where they held their first encampment in 1866, the Last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held. Six veterans attended. (Note, I, your Patriotic Instructor was there.)

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Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by Camp Chaplain, David Demmy Please add the following to your daily prayer list:

Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith; Mrs. Robert Manning; 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, and Tony Kline, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan! At press time, Brother Floyd is at new West Shore Hospital pending rehab.

Treasury Report

Camp 15 has paid \$1871 in dues and per capita to the department of Pennsylvania SUVCW for 63 of our 2016 Camp Brothers. We gained 2 and lost 2 Brothers since the 2015 report.

Camp 15 also became a Corporate Sponsor of the coming Civil War Days in Harrisburg as previously indicated in April issue of Camp news at \$200 including donations from our Camp membership.

Funds available for expenditures are: \$ 540.

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!

May Camp meeting – **Sunday May 15th**.

Memorial Day events Saturday May 28th for Camp 15 to honor sites in the historic Harrisburg Cemetery.

breakfast followed with placing flags upon veterans' gravesites at Historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

No Camp meeting in June, instead we hope you may attend the 2016 annual Department of Pennsylvania encampment at Williamsport, PA.

National encampment August 11-14 Springfield IL.

Fall Camp meetings

Sunday September 18th

Sunday October 16th

No meeting in November, please visit Gettysburg for annual SUVCW Remembrance Day events November 19th.

Sunday **December 11th** annual Camp Holiday banquet.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff DoubleD@Demmy.cc.

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!

Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

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[PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN CORNER](#) - Dave Klinepeter

The memory of the Grand Army of the Republic will be a beacon of light unto generations yet to come. Day by day the Heavenly Bugler has sounded the final retreat for comrade after comrade, until none remain of the noble Army of men who wrote with their blood the only complete chart of liberty that was ever written, and who by their eternal vigilance during the years of their civil lives have kept alive the sacred flame of patriotism, courage and sacrifice without which our Republic would have been saved in vain.

Priceless, indeed, is the heritage, which they gave to us. Today as we pay reverent homage to the memory of those comrades who have joined the Grand Army above, the realization comes to us that in the heart of every true American, the Grand Army of the Republic will never die. For the flag they loved and saved in all its beauty and holiness, and the united, United States, will ever be the living symbol of the greatness of their lives.

SO: We will not think of them as dead
 Those comrades brave and true,
 But just passing on to a fairer land
 Our eyes may not yet view,
 But bye and bye, 'twill not be long,
 They'll stand in line again
 And touch elbow soldier like,
 The same as mortal men.
 Ere long we'll meet them one and all
 In that great Grand Review
 And clasp the hand of everyone
 Who ever wore the Blue

photograph compliments of David J. Klinepeter



Sounding taps-Penbrook(East Harrisburg) Cemetary May 1957
 Bugler Vernon Sanders of Fife and Drum Corp & Camp 15

The above were part of the comments of Bessie Cummings, National Chaplain, Women's' Relief Corps to the Grand Army Boys at the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Cleveland, Ohio on Aug. 10-14, 1947.

They seem quite appropriate for our remembering Memorial Day.

Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW for many years was quite busy in the month of May. There were meetings with the War Veterans council to take care of the parade details, we ordered flags, (approximately 2800), extra practice for the Drum Corp and Company G. The Auxiliary to the SUV, Women's' Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR and Daughters of Union Veterans, all helped in many ways. (We who paraded never went Hungry). The week before Memorial Day, flags were put on Civil War and Spanish War Veterans graves (this was at the request of the Spanish War

Vets). We visited 18 different cemeteries in the area. The Sunday before May 30, we marched in the Penbrook-Progress parade to East Harrisburg Cemetery. On Memorial Day morning, the big parade was in Harrisburg, where we marched across State Street Bridge into the Harrisburg cemetery for services. In the afternoon, it was a parade in Paxtang to the Paxtang Cemetery. After that, the Company and Drum Corp split into units, traveled to a number of Cemeteries to fire a salute, and sounded Taps. The Sunday after Memorial Day we paraded in the West Fairview-Enola parade with services in the Enola Cemetery. I will have a number of Memorial Day photos from over the years at our May meeting.

I will also have copies along with me of General Logan's order #11, which set aside the First Memorial Day by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Memorial Day always brings back many memories for me. DJK



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE at West Fairview-Enola Held the Sunday after Memorial Day 6th Inf Field Music Penna Brigade attached to Camp 15 1956

Photograph compliments of David J. Klinepeter

This is a reprint of my report on Memorial Day in the May 2005 issue of the *Hartranft Herald*. For many more pictures and comments on Memorial Day, through the years, go to our Camp 15 website at www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org and review the table of contents for our monthly news and then select any issue, but review the May and June issues for pictures on the subject. At least this year, the official government holiday falls on the original day of May 30th. My first Memorial Day parade was in May 1941 – before World War II began. We have come a long way since that year. On this the 150th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic [GAR] we credit the “Allied Orders” of the GAR for keeping alive the memory of the Boys in Blue of 1861-1865. Let us also remember all the veterans since then that have passed on. DJK