



Hartranft Herald

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 Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Attend 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!

<p>2015 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander Secretary Treasurer Council Council Council Patriotic Instructor GAR Historian Guide Guard Color Bearer Chaplain GAR Highway Officer Graves Registration Eagle Scout Coordinator ROTC Coordinator Past Dept Commander</p>	<p>Jeffery Smith 15-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 15-16 Logan Swanger 15-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09 David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-15 Lee F. Walters, PDC 11-16 Scott Debo 15-16 Tom Bowman, 15-16 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Tom Bowman, 11-15 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-15 Kelly W. Betz 07-15 David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-15 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-15 Logan Swanger 14-15 Logan Swanger 14-15 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-15 Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08</p>
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Camp 15 Autumn Activities

Next Camp meeting is scheduled for Sunday Sept 20, 2015, the usual 3rd Sunday of the month.

October meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 18, 2015. No meeting in November. We hope you will visit with us at the **Remembrance Day events** in Gettysburg the weekend of November 20th and 21st.

Our **December** event is the **2nd Sunday** on December 13, 2015. It is our annual holiday banquet at National Civil War Museum banquet hall. Please plan to attend - at least the dinner portion of the event.



PDC John McNulty, Sister Helen Shireman, and PCC David Klinepeter at Montgomery Cemetery for Memorial Day events.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress by 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;

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Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and
Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of newly elected PA Dept Secretary; and Bill Kuhn Jr; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan.



Helen and Dave at site of our Camp namesake, General John F Hartranft, at Montgomery Cemetery.



Camp 15 Brother and national life member, Russell E Kratzer III with dear friend, Crystal Hess, at Montgomery Cemetery too.

PDC brother Joe Long, Jr, of Camp 8 at Scranton, a wounded, combat veteran of the Vietnam War, shared the following 1959 item with us:

Our Camp condolences to Brother Bill Kuhn Jr.

Brother Bill recently lost his father, William C. "Bill" Kuhn Sr. of Hummelstown. He was also a former Lions Club president and was in charge of its hospital equipment loan program for years. The father left this earth on July 16.

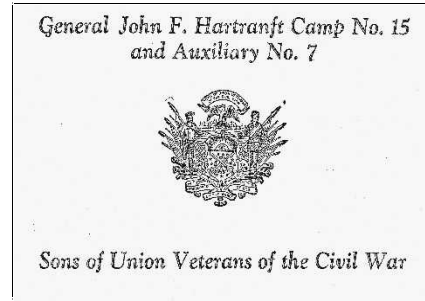
The elder Bill a combat infantryman of WWII war, was a member of the 45th Division's 157th Infantry Regiment, and *walked* all the way across France and part of Germany. He saw a lot of action and earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for valor along with two battle stars. Our Christian sympathy to you Brother Bill.

Columbia Department of SUVCW

By Order PCinC Tad Campbell, the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington are now the Department of Columbia.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.

Out of the Past

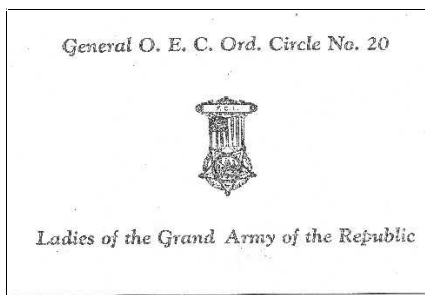


You are cordially invited to attend
A Testimonial Dinner
 in honor of
 MR. EDWIN K. KRAMER
 Pennsylvania Department Commander
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 and
 MRS. ANNA L. MILLER
 Pennsylvania Department President
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 Penn Harris Hotel Ballroom, Harrisburg, Penna.
SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 31, 1959
 6:30 O'Clock Informal

A Testimonial Dinner
 honoring
 Mr. Edwin K. Kramer
 and
 Mrs. Anna L. Miller
 October 31, 1959

Please Reserve _____ Plates at \$4.00 each for
 Name _____
 Address _____

Reservations must be placed not later than October 27, 1959 with
 Mr. John H. Runkle
 814 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.



As always Brother Joe, thank you for sharing oldies but goodies about Camp 15 with us! Keep em coming!

Members of Coopers Battery and the SUVCW too, at New Cumberland, PA, Civil War days.
Photos by our Brother Gene Mascioli, PCC

Gun Fire across the Valley



SUVCW Klinepeter Brothers, with a friend



Veterans trek back to Europe

Brother Floyd J Demmy, a combat veteran of the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, half-track squad, recently participated in a WWII tour of UK and Europe. He had a grand time with 2 other veterans and a group of family and others interested in ETO [European Theater of Operations – WWII Europe]. Their guide was a Michigan retired infantry sergeant of the 82nd Airborne.

Tour was sponsored by *Specialty Tours*; and the Central Pennsylvania WWII Round Table at Hummelstown. They meet 1st Thursday of each month.



The three mature veterans posting and saluting old glory!

EDITOR'S NOTE: FLOYD WAS FEATURED IN THE RECENT *50PLUS SENIORS NEWS*; AND WITH OUR DAVE KLINEPETER, AMONG OTHER VETERANS;

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and IN THE FALL 2015 ISSUE OF THE "B MAGAZINE" DESIGNED FOR BABY BOOMER GENERATION, NEVER TO FORGET THE GREATEST GENERATION!

Also, Floyd is scheduled to be recognized by local ABC27 on October 1st. – their daily salute to a local veteran.

The Confederate Flag Situation

No endorsement; but, for a good read, check out page 31, *Civil War Times*, October 2015 issue.

Mayor's grievance towards National Civil War Museum at Harrisburg

No endorsement; but, for a good read check out 'our view', page C2 • Sunday, July 26, 2015, *Sunday Patriot-News*. Copy available upon request.

Tribute Photos to General Hartranft Norristown Cemetery By our late Brother Ron Shireman!



Shireman's annual trek to Hartranft family site.



Firing over the Hartranft site.



PCC John Deppen who has portrayed General Hancock, for a number of years, points to the General Hancock's resting place.

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Attitude

We can't change the way most people think or what they say, we can only play on the one string we have and that's our attitude!

National Civil War Museum Events

Saturday September 12

Fall Lecture Series: "The 13th Amendment – the Second Step of the Ongoing Journey to Full Citizenship" with Carl Westmoreland

Saturday September 19

Fall Lecture Series: "The War Over the Peace: Reconstruction After the Civil War" with Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan

Saturday September 26

Fall Lecture Series: "Black Confederates Out of the Attic and Into the Mainstream" with Kevin M. Levin

Thursday October 1

2015 Blue and Gray Gala

Happenings at 2015 National Encampment Convention at Richmond, VA

Will be made available in the October issue of your Hartranft Herald.

CENTER OF THE BIBLE

What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? (Answer - Psalms 117) What is the longest chapter in the Bible? (Answer - Psalms 119) Which chapter is in the center of the Bible (Answer - Psalms 118) Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118 Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118. Add these numbers up and you get 1188

What is the center verse in the Bible? (Answer - Psalms 118:8) Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives? The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word! Psalms 118:8 (NKJV) "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?

Before writing this, a prayer was said for you. Got a minute? 60 Seconds for God? All you do is simply say a small prayer for any one person or more! "Father God bless _____ in whatever it is that you know he/she may be needing this day! And may _____ life be full of your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with You. Amen"

Share this with a multitude of other people. Within hours, many will have prayed for you, and you caused a multitude of people to pray to God for other people. Then sit back and watch the power of God work in your life for doing the thing that you know he loves!



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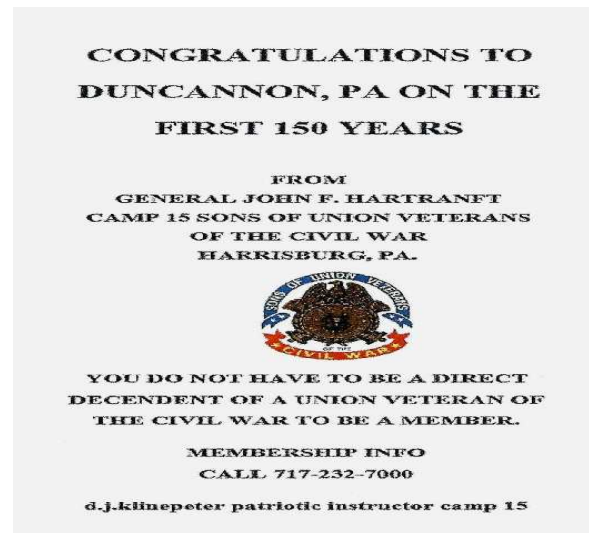
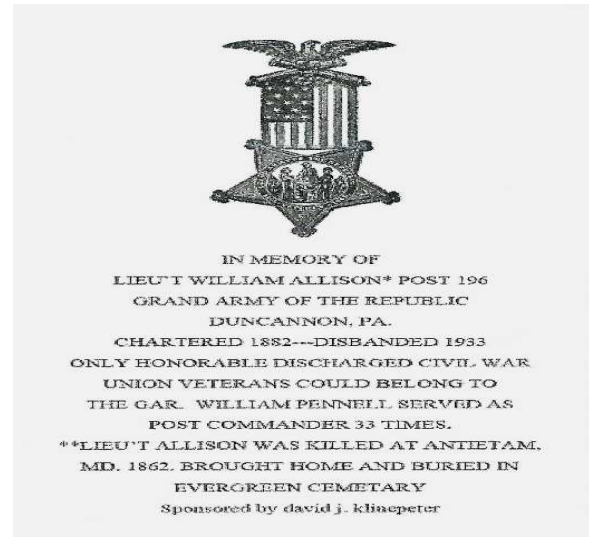
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

Although the 150th anniversary of the Civil War is mostly passed there are still numerous events taking place each week end all over the country. According to the Civil War News, published each month, many have SUVCW members participating. There is also a steady volume of books on the Civil War still being published. Sometimes at events I am able to talk with people with ancestors who fought in the war! I also inform people that they do not have to have had an ancestor in the war to belong to the SUVCW.

On July 25, 2015 I paraded with a soldier of the 149th Pa "Bucktails" at the Newport, Pa 175th anniversary parade. We were very well received with clapping and offers of water bottles. (94 and wool suits) On July 26, 2015 journeyed to Landis Valley State Museum Site for a Civil War recruiting week end. It was a small village setting with dirt road, country store, etc. The people showed quite an interest in the marching, drilling, cannon demonstration, cavalry tactics. This was not a battle type event. August 8-9-10, 2015 was spent in Duncannon, Pa for their 150 anniversary. I was taken around to numerous events, especially the big parade (rode in a carriage with the lady in charge of most of the events) also a special dinner and a Civil War Ball. The dance master was brother Larry Keener Farley PCC of Camp 15. The Duncannon EMS put out a booklet and I placed two ads in it. One is from Camp 15 SUVCW and the other was to inform them they had a GAR Post there for a number of years.

July 28, 2015 was the dedication of the newest Washington D.C. Museum at 437 7th St. It is the Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office. She had opened it in 1861. In 1997 a government carpenter went in a building that was slated for demolition and discovered many boxes of records of missing Civil War soldiers and other small artifacts. This time they did the right thing and saved it.

--- DJK



Lincoln Fellowship event

Garrison Keillor, host and creator of *A Prairie Home Companion*, a weekly radio program heard nationwide on over 600 Public Radio stations will present the Dedication Day keynote address on November 19, 2015, in the Soldiers' National Cemetery, Gettysburg National Military Park. Each year on November 19, since 1938, the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania has commemorated Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and rededicated Soldiers' National Cemetery where Lincoln spoke. In the intervening years this annual event has grown and is now cosponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg College. It is presented outdoors on the historic rostrum located in the cemetery.

For lunch & more info check out:

www.lincolnfellowship.org

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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

Camp 15 does not conduct a business meeting during the long days of summer.

Next Camp 15 business meeting to be held on Sunday, September 20 at Reservoir Park 2

pm.

This will kick off our fall activities.

Pennsylvania department mid-year meeting to be held *on or about* Saturday October 24! -- Another notice will be posted when the meeting is announced for 2015.

Hartranft Camp's annual **holiday** event is scheduled for 2nd Sunday in December, **12/13/15**. Please make plans to enjoy the day with us, your Brothers and Sisters of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7, of Harrisburg area.

Please update your social calendar now.

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 the 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 cousin, a nephew, an uncle, a brother, your father, your grandfather, a neighbor or a friend to a Camp meeting! Bring your in-laws and outlaws too. Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

Established February 11, 1882

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

