



# Hartranft Herald

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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> Year



@ Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp#15 Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War



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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!

~~~ Annual Photo Issue ~~~

Historically camp 15 does not meet for a general business meeting during the month of December. Instead we gather to break bread together and fellowship for the holidays, share notes from the year 2011 and install our camp officers for forthcoming year. Enjoy photos thru-



out this issue.

#### [On site Salute to Veterans](#)

CC JOHN DEPPEN WITH MRS. PENNSYLVANIA INTERNATIONAL 2011, DAWN HICKS OF HANOVER, AT THE SALUTE TO VETERANS AT THE SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MALL IN SELINSGROVE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011. PHOTO PROVIDED BY BROTHER JOHN. See John at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/pacivilwar150/sets/72157628016716955/>.



#### [Tis the season to reflect by Dave Klinepeter](#)

Every year at this time I pull out a book and read from it. The title is "**We Were Marching On Christmas Day**", a History and Chronicle of Christmas during the Civil War, by Kevin Rawlings. I believe it has been reprinted. I was watching Kevin Rawlings the other evening on OWN *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, wearing a Thomas Nast Santa Claus Civil War outfit. He gave a very good talk about trying times then. As I look back on my own time in military service, do things really change? A different period in history, but, some came home, some not, others had a good meal, some went to church, others entertained buddies, wrote home, marched and drilled, even fought and died. We need to pray and support all in the military, and extend the hand of kindness to others, especially those in need. Merry Christmas and a better New Year! -- DJK

#### [Camp 15's January 2012 monthly meeting](#)

Camp 15's January 15, 2012 general meeting will be at National Civil War Museum. During the meeting, weather permitting, Cooper's Battery will provide a live firing expo along with their indoor presentation. Dress appropriately for the meeting and then the out-of-doors session.

#### [Camp 15's life time Patriotic Instructor shares:](#)

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PHOTO OF OUR BELOVED GAR INSTRUCTOR, DAVE PRESENTING LICENSE TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DON PALMER.



GETTYSBURG BLUES ON THE MARCH!

Remembrance Day 2011 – Gettysburg, PA.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BROTHER ⬆ DON PALMER AND STAFF MEMBERS



JOHN DEPPEN ⬆ CAMP COMMANDER. AKA GENERAL JOHN HANCOCK!



MEMBERS OF COOPER'S BATTERY AND/OR CAMP 503.



FROM LEFT, JAMES GETTY PORTRAYING ABE LINCOLN. DAVE KLINEPETER AS WAR GOVENOR ANDREW CURTIN BARELY SHOWN BEHIND DRIVER JOE AND ROCKET THE HORSE.

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Brother ⬆ John Martin with Bucktails on the go!



DP Ann McMillin ⬆ AND OTHER LADIES MARCHING IN GETTYSBURG BREEZE.

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN**

By Dave Klinepeter

First I would like to thank everyone for their comments, prayers and cards on the passing of my wife, Gloria Klinepeter, on Nov 7th 2011.

She was gentle, soft spoken, a good listener, and hard worker and liked most people. Over the years she touched many lives, doing her part to make a better world. She is now at peace and will always remain my Angel.

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I did manage to ride in the Remembrance Day parade with President Lincoln and also review the troops with National Commander-in-chief Donald Palmer and his daughter. I attended the Banquet in the evening and presented the National Commander in chief with a Sons of Union Veterans license plate, compliments of

Hartranft Camp 15. We have been doing this for a number of years. Had chance to chat with Joe Long after the banquet! He is doing quite well, using a walker for now but was due to receive his new leg in the near future. I decided to stay for the SUV Civil War Ball. They had a large turnout and all profits from it are presented to the Gettysburg National Park. The Victorian Dance Ensemble, under the guidance of Brother Larry Keener Farley, guided the dancers. I went into a side room where the different Ladies Organizations were chancing off items to raise money. They were celebrating Mary Jane Brannon's birthday so I managed to have a slice of chocolate peanut butter cake, baked by Mary Jo Long. Because of the lateness of the hour decided to stay over at the hotel. Next morning went to the GAR Hall for pancake breakfast, a good money making idea for them. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the weekend.

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A FEW DATES

**1860 Dec 20**---South Carolina, first state to secede when it officially ratifies an article of secession. Followed a few weeks late by six other states, which formed the Confederate States of America!

**1862 Dec 13**--- Battle of Fredericksburg, Va, heavy losses to the Union Army under General Burnside.

**1862 Dec 30**--- The U.S.S. Monitor sinks in a storm off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina

**1864 Dec 10**--- General Sherman completes his march to the sea when he arrives in Savannah, GA.

**1865 Dec. 18** --- The 13th Amendment is formally adopted into the U. S. Constitution, ensuring the end of slavery.

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**Camp 15's annual Christmas Holiday gathering**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to him with psalms. Psalm 95:2.





gift table 01



gift table 02



PDC Joe Long, visiting from Camp 8 inviting all Brothers and sisters to join him and Mary Jo at 2012 Pennsylvania Encampment in Greensburg PA.



PDC John McNulty holding the table center piece he won at his lucky table. The civil war wooden scene for each table was crafted by camp 15 webmaster Dave Demmy, Jr.



David W. Demmy, Sr. displaying to the audience the National Marshall Hope best camp newsletter Award bestowed to camp 15 by Immediate Past CinC Brad Schall of California.



David W. Demmy, Sr. on behalf of immediate Past CinC, Brad Schall, presents Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award to members of Sunbury Gobin Camp

More photos next month!

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YOUNG SKYELUR FESTA, OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP #71515, WAS IN CONTACT WITH DAVID W. DEMMY, SR. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT NATIONAL SUVCW HEADQUARTERS IN HARRISBURG AND WITH HARTRANFT COMMANDER JOHN DEPPEN, TO ASSIST HER WITH HER SENIOR GIRL SCOUT PROJECT. HERE SHE IS SHOWN WITH HER GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD DEDICATION CEREMONY AT MONTGOMERY CEMETERY. SKYELUR IS FLANKED BY MICHAEL PETER (LEFT) COMMANDER, SUVCW BAKER-FISHER CAMP #101, HATBORO, PA. WAYNE BLATTNER (RIGHT) JEROME GENNARI, CAMP #90, SPRING CITY, PA.



NEW PLAQUE DENOTING THE GAR ZOOK POST #11 BURIAL PLOT IN MONTGOMERY CEMETERY. MISS SKYELUR WELL DESIRES HER AWARD FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT SHE EXPENDED IN RESEARCHING THE PROJECT AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE PLAQUE ABOVE.

[John Frederick Hartranft \(1830-1889\)](#) — Born in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 16, 1830. A Republican, he served in the Union Army

during the Civil War; was Pennsylvania state auditor general, 1866-72; then Governor of Pennsylvania, 1873-79; and candidate for Republican nomination for President, 1876. He received the Medal of Honor in 1886 for action at Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861. The General died October 17, 1889. His Interment is at Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, PA. The General, of course, is our Camp's namesake!

[Brothers, time to reenlist!](#)

If you enjoyed your monthly *Hartranft Herald*, field trip to Frederic Maryland, Memorial Day activities, Camp picnic fellowship, Department encampment, National encampment, Remembrance Day, then Brothers it is time to renew your commit to your ancestor or to a veteran of the Civil War.

[Camp Dues](#)

As previously announced, dues for 2012 remain at \$35 including National, Pennsylvania, and camp per capita.

Camp 15 earns no noticeable profit from our dues!

88% is forwarded to Pennsylvania Department and National organization in per capita dues to operate those entities and to provide the *Battle Cry of Freedom* and quarterly *Banner* magazine to you!

Our fund raisers and other nominal remittances keep Camp 15 'in the black'!

Camp Life Member's dues continue at \$9.00.

*If you experience a hardship in paying your 2012 dues, you may make 2 installment payments during January and February 2012.*

2012 Camp Dues are due now!

Check preferred – made payable to  
Hartranft Camp 15 – SUVCW.

Please bring remittance to December holiday  
party, the January meeting or post your dues  
into the mail at:

David W. Demmy  
881 Sunny Hill Lane  
Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690  
[DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

If you neglect to pay in-full in a timely mode,  
you will be required to reinstate including a  
\$10 National late fee for full reinstatement  
anytime during 2012.

[67<sup>th</sup> WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History  
Commemoration January 2012](#)

the World War II Federation and Fort  
Indiantown Gap Presents the  
67<sup>th</sup> WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History  
Commemoration  
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA

**Saturday, January 28th, 2012**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
I-81 Indiantown Gap exit 85b

More data at <http://www.wwiifederation.org/>

This is not a camp function, but you are truly invited  
if interested in this subject.

See camp photos among past *Hartranft Herald*s at  
[www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org](http://www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org)

*The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is  
coming in 95 days, 9 hours, 51 Minutes, and 58  
Seconds*

Prior to event on Saturday January 28, camp  
members and friends gather at Farmer's Wife  
Restaurant at Ono, Pennsylvania, just a few  
miles east of the Gap on Route 22 East.

We gather about 8 a.m. and then convoy to  
GAP parking area.

GAP reenactment is free.

Buffet breakfast available or you may order  
from large menu – pay as you go.

Dress warm in layers, the GAP can be mighty  
cold in January.

Readers, did you notice any one out-of-step in the photos provided in this issue?

[Camp officers and staff for 2012](#)

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Commander               | Stan L. Zellers 12-13        |
| Senior Vice Commander   | Scott Debo 10-13             |
| Junior Vice Commander   | Jeff Smith 11-13             |
| Secretary               | Larry C. Sheibley, PCC 05-11 |
| Treasurer               | David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-15    |
| Patriotic Instructor    | Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 65   |
| GAR Historian           | Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 65   |
| Council                 | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 10-12  |
| Council                 | Lee F. Walters, PDC 11-13    |
| Guide                   | Jeff Smith 11-13             |
| Guard                   | Tom Bowman, 11-12            |
| Color Bearer            | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-12  |
| Chaplain                | Kelly W. Betz 07-12          |
| GAR Highway Officer     | David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-15    |
| Graves Registration     | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-15  |
| Eagle Scout Coordinator | John E. Deppen 08-15         |
| ROTC Coordinator        | Donald Fry 11-13             |
| Past Dept Commander     | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-15  |
| Pennsylvania Commander  | Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08    |
|                         | Howard Wolfe, PCC 10-11      |

[Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7 and friends in distress](#)

Our Christian sympathy to Brother Jeff Smith  
on the lost of his father in Indiana and to  
Brother Larry Sheibley on the recent death of  
his uncle!

Also, Mr. K. Mrs. D. Mr. F; and Mr. M, others  
that are dealing with lost, pain and suffering  
and recuperation!

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
Psalm 30:2.

[Camp Schedule of events for 2012](#)



Come out to a meeting and join us!  
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 Civil War,
- ❑ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- ❑ Auxiliary to the 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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!

**GENERAL JOHN F HARTRANFT, CAMP 15  
HARRISBURG, PA,**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 11, 1882  
IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY

As always, camp 15 extends a hearty thank you to auxiliary 7 and camp Brothers who

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

**Sunday, January 15, 2012** camp meeting.

Presentation by **Cooper's Battery B!**

*Weather permitting the Battery will conduct live firing on National Civil War Museum grounds.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012, NEXT REENACTMENT OF THE WWII BATTLE OF THE BULGE AT FT. INDIANTOWN GAP I-81 EXIT 85B!**

**Sunday, February 19, 2012** camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

**February 2012** Annual Pennsylvania Lincoln lunch hosted by Mount Union Camp 502.

Data TBA! Visit [www.pasuvcw.org](http://www.pasuvcw.org)

**Sunday, March 18, 2012** camp meeting at National Civil War Museum! Brother Tony Kline, a veteran of the US Coast Guard will be our keynote speaker.

**Sunday April 15, 2012** camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

**Weekend of April 13-15** - Annual Lincoln Ceremony at Lincoln Tomb, Springfield Illinois and National Council of Administration meeting!

**Saturday April 21, 2012** Pennsylvania Appomattox Luncheon, 1 pm Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, PA!

Potential spring field trip to camp 8's GAR and civil war museum in Scranton!

**Sunday May 20, 2012** camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

**Saturday May 26, 2012,** Camp Memorial Day activities at variety of cemeteries!

**May 28, 2011** Camp participates in central Pennsylvania parades!

**June 2012** - 132d annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – June 22, 23, 24 at Four Points by Sheraton at Greensburg, PA!

**Be Proud Wear the Badge**

share stamps, paper, used ink cartridges and  
volunteer for camp and National projects and  
on going works!

An excerpt from Victorian Dance Ensemble news! The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Civil War Ball effort.

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# National Civil War Ball

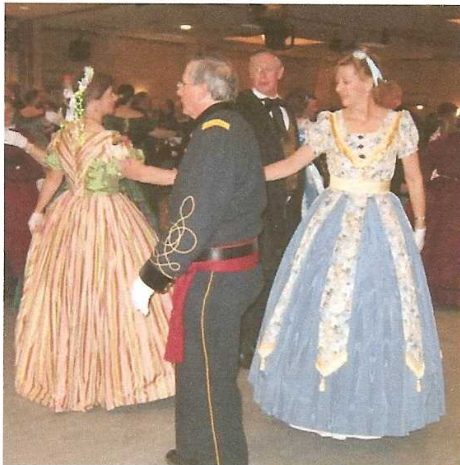
Over three hundred and fifty guests danced the night away at the 18th Annual National Civil War Ball, the official ball of Remembrance Day, in Gettysburg on November 19. Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans, the event raised over \$4,000 for preservation and maintenance at the Gettysburg National Military Park. The ball is the oldest, biggest and best dance on Remembrance Day. Its primary purpose is to have fun with friends, but it has also become a major Civil War preservation fundraiser. While other balls that evening just put money into promoters' pockets, this ball has raised more than \$64,000 for the Park.

The Philadelphia Brigade Band, under the direction of Richard Cummines, provided the music ranging from lively reels to romantic waltzes. The Victorian Dance Ensemble demonstrated and taught the dances throughout the evening and assisted any couples having difficulties. Larry Keener-Farley served as dance master, assisted by Rebecca Kesler and Jeffrey Trace.

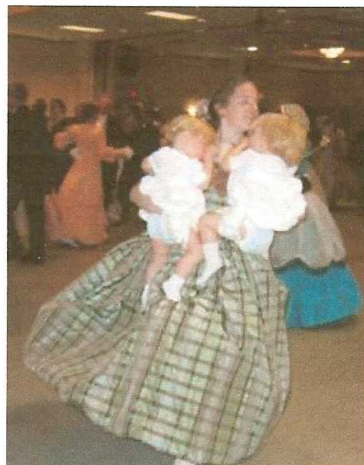
Guests literally came from around the country to attend the ball. Members of Civil War hereditary groups, both Union and Confederate, military and civilian reenactors as well as supporters of Civil War preservation joined in the festivities. Our dancers included Sue & Tyrone Cornbower, Georgette Fedunie, Keith Foote, Oceana & Stan Goodwin, Patricia Groft, Phyllis & Craig Hershock, Nichole & Bill Hertzog, Didi & Rick Hornberger, Annette & Larry Keener-Farley, Rebecca & John Kesler, Dave Klinepeter, Marcia & David Martin, Keri Nace, Michele & Steve Pacini, Gary & Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Lynne & Jeff Trace.



*SUV Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer and his wife, Kimberly, led the Grand March. He was joined by Anne Jaster, National President of the Auxiliary of the SUV, accompanied by David Sosnowski; they were followed by U.S. Maj. Gen. John Reynolds and C.S. Lt. Gen. Richard Ewell.*



*Left: Guests performing a perfect right hand star during the Spanish Waltz.*



*Right: Jennifer Dangel and her twins whirl around the dance floor during the Fireman's Polka. Shortly afterwards, the year and a half old girls retired with grandpa for a well-earned rest.*

Marshall Hope Award bestowed to Hartranft Camp Harrisburg for outstanding camp newsletter.

# SONS OF UNION VETERANS



## \* OF THE CIVIL WAR \*

*To All Who Shall See These Presents --- Greetings:*

Let it be known on the Thirteenth day of August in the year Two Thousand Eleven at the One hundred Thirtieth National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Reston, Virginia

**the Newsletter of the Maj. Gen.  
John F. Gartrant Camp #15  
Department of Pennsylvania  
was awarded the  
Marshall Hope Award  
for the Year's Best  
Camp Newsletter.**

*D. Brad Schall*

Commander-in-Chief