



Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. 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!



Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.
 Know the line has held, your job is done.
 Rest easy, sleep well.
 Others have taken up where you fell, the
 line has held.
 Peace, peace, and farewell..

notes from the year ending and install our camp officers for forthcoming year. Enjoy photos thru-out this issue.

[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!

[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

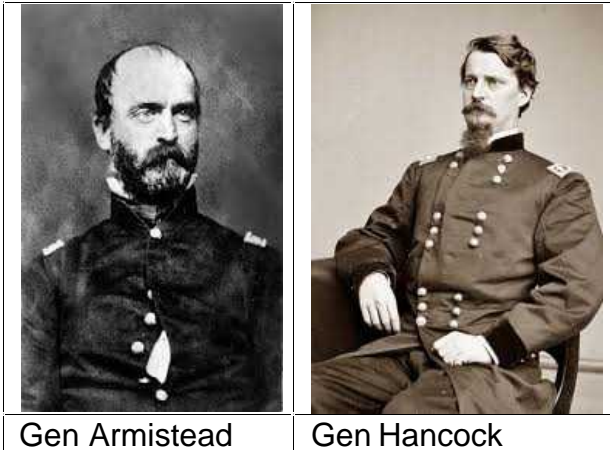
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[Camp 15's January 2014 monthly meeting](#)

Camp 15's January 19, 2014 general meeting will be at National Civil War Museum WEATHER PERMITTING. From your fellow Brothers, your safety is always foremost!

Keynote speaker for January 2014 meeting: "... Old and Dear Friends:" The True Relationship between Union General Winfield Hancock and Confederate General Lewis Armistead.



Gen Armistead

Gen Hancock

Join historian, author, and CEO of the National Civil War Museum, Wayne Motts as he explores the friendship between these two men who fought on opposite sides during the Civil War. Highlighted in the novel *Killer Angels* and the major motion picture *Gettysburg* released in 1993, the friendship between these two men more than any other has come to define the schism between regular army officers who later fought in blue and gray. Learn what is known about this famous connection and see how it differs from what has been put in print and on the big screen.

Wayne E. Motts is the CEO of the National Civil War Museum and has been a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park for over 25 years. He is the author of *Trust In God and Fear Nothing: Lewis A. Armistead, CSA*.

[Remembrance Day 2013](#)



Young brother McMillan on a windy day!



Commander in Chief and Staff r to l.



Parade staff.

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Abe Lincoln & Governor Curtin transportation.



Mrs. Todd Campbell PDP.



Riding, Brothers James Getty and David J Klinepeter! Robert Sulgar Jr. on guard!



Sisters of Kittanning.



Diane Mellor Nat'l President of Auxilary.



Who's that lady!

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

This November was a big month for the Civil War interested public. Starting on Sunday December 17th there were numerous events around Gettysburg. Monday evening December 18th I went to the original train station, they were welcoming President Lincoln, than paraded to the David Wills house, after that the Washington City Band (same one that played in the movie Lincoln) gave a concert there. On November 19 was the 150 Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Large crowds were expected so I managed to get a motel for Friday, right at the end of the cemetery, this way I walked in the main gate (several hours early, of course). There were thousands of chair set up. The program was to be main streamed live to the Majestic Theater and several other places for the overflow crowd. The weather was overcast, in the forties, a chill wind from the north, not the worse conditions I have endured in the past. It was estimated 7 to 8 thousand people attended, normally we have 2 to 3 thousand each year. The program was about one and a half hours. There were a number of special guests and speakers. Abraham Lincoln (James Getty) delivered the Gettysburg Address, as he has done many, many times in the past. Supreme Court Justice Scalea than swore in 16 new citizens. It was a humbling experience for me to be there.

Saturday December 23 was a big day for The Sons of Union Veteran, the Sons of Veterans Reserves and the Allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Several of the groups had meetings in the morning than over to the Albert Woolson Monument for 11am there was a larger crowd than usual.

Numerous organizations placed wreaths in memory of the "Boys in Blue" Albert Woolson



I was bad, but I'm still hungry!



Future Department Commander saluting!



Next month, your Hartranft Herald will feature photos and story about the November 23, 2013, *rededication* of the Cooper's monument at Gettysburg. First of its kind!

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was the last Union Veteran, and the last Grand Army of the Republic member to die (August 1956) the monument was dedicated in Sept 1956. I was the color bearer, holding the American flag at the original dedication. The big parade started at 1pm. I had the honor again of riding with President Lincoln, also reviewing the troops. This was the biggest parade yet both from spectators and marchers. It was good to see so many men wearing the Sons of Union Veterans membership badges. A well done for all who took part, especially the ladies and children. Next on the program was the banquet. The attendance was a bit light, maybe because of the new location. In the evening was the big Civil War Ball. This was the biggest we have ever had. There were over 400 people attended. The Victorian Dance Ensemble under the direction of Larry Keener-Farley (PCC of Camp 15) had their hands full keeping everything going smoothly. Many people mentioned their enjoyment and are interested in returning next year. Each year, all profits from the Ball is presented to the National Park at Gettysburg.

To top off the weekend, on Sunday morning December 24th the SUV Camp in Gettysburg has a pancake breakfast at the GAR Hall. Each year I stop there, they always have a good crowd of hungry people. David J Klinepeter

[Hartranft Camp Annual Holiday Activity](#)

“I was glad I could attend the excellent banquet. I really enjoyed getting to know more of the membership by sitting with people I did not know well” --- newly elected Camp Junior Vice commander, Logan Swanger.

“Great banquet except for snow” --- Gene Mascioli, PCC.

“It appears all enjoyed the good food and fellowship too” --- Hartranft staff; and now enjoy the photos of the event:



TABLE CENTER PIECES HAND-MADE BY DAVE DEMMY, JR.



DIANE AND SCOTT DEBO.



GREG KLINE AND TOM BOWMAN.

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ISLA AND HENNY SMITH.



LARRY AND CATHY NACE.



JEFF SMITH AND DAUGHTER ISLA (DUVCW).



LARRY SHEIBLEY-BEASOM AND GENE MASIOLI.



FLOYD AND GRET DEMMY.



AUBREE DEMMY FUTURE MEMBER DUVCW!

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MARGARET SHUTTLESWORTH & MARY JANE BANNAN



ELECTED CAMP OFFICERS BEING INSTALLED FOR 2014.



SCOTT AND KIM TEETERS.



UPON WINNING A ROUND OF BINGO, DAVE DEMMY AND LARRY SHEIBLY-BEASOM AND CATHY NACE REVIEWING PRIZE ITEMS ON DISPLAY TABLE!



MELISSA, AUBREE AND JON DEMMY.



AUBREE ENJOYING DESSERT!

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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 unless otherwise, indicated!

Sunday January 19, 2014 Camp Meeting
Keynote Speaker will be our camp Brother Wayne Motts, CEO of the National Civil War Museum.

Saturday, February 1, 2014, next reenactment of the WWII Battle of the Bulge at Ft. Indiantown Gap: I-81 exit 85b.

Saturday February 15, 2014 Community FREE day at National Civil War Museum.

Sunday February 16, 2014, Camp Meeting.

Sunday March 16, 2014, Camp Meeting.

Saturday March 29, 2014 Camp Road Trip to Changing of Guard at Unknown Soldier Tomb and WWII Memorial, Washington DC.

Sunday April 13, 2014, Camp Meeting - note change of date; the usual 3rd weekend meeting time is Easter Weekend; therefore change!

Sunday May 18, 2014, Camp Meeting

Saturday May 24, 2014 – Traditional day for Hartranft Camp to pay tribute to veterans at historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Preceding the placing of flags at the cemetery, we gather for breakfast at 730-8:00.

Be Proud Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and join us!

The 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 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!

General John F Hartranft, Camp 15 Harrisburg, PA, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

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EXTRA - EXTRA
69th WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration February 2014
the World War II Federation
and
Fort Indiantown Gap
Presents the 69th WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA

Saturday, February 1st, 2014

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM I-81 North
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 Heralds at www.suvchwHarrisburgPA.org

The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is coming in less than 65 days, 9 hours, 44 Minutes, and 58 Seconds

Prior to this Saturday event, 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.

I-81 85A for Route 934 to Annville; only go ½ to 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.

Public Battle

There will be a Public Battle Re-enacted by Allied and Axis Living Historians at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm in Area 12. The Public Battle will be a narrated. The narration will include the differences and similarities between an Allied and an Axis Company of Soldiers.

Displays

There will be small admin buildings open for public viewing from 11:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Barracks will NOT be open for viewing . Please only go into the buildings that have a sign on the outside that indicate that they are open for public viewing.

German Field Hospital

The first surgery at 11:15 am will be a bowel resection and the second surgery at 2:15 pm is an chest cavity exploration for possible removal of ribs.

WWII Flea Market

There will be an extensive flea market open to the public Saturday from 11:00AM to 2:30PM