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*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 132nd Year in Harrisburg



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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!

[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!

EXTRA - EXTRA

[70th WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration](#) [January 2015](#)
the World War II Federation and Fort Indiantown Gap Presents the 70th WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA.

Saturday, January 31st, 2015

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.suvcwharrisburgpa.org

The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is coming in less than 45 days, 3 hours, 42 Minutes, and 38 Seconds

Prior to this Saturday event, camp members and friends gather at Farmer's Wife Restaurant at Ono, PA, just a few miles east of the Gap on Route 22 East.
From I-81 exit 85A for Route 934 toward Annville; only go ½ mile to ramp on left for Route 22 East! You also may follow Route 22 East directly from Harrisburg area. Restaurant

is about ½ mile from route 934 junction on route 22 east. Traffic light at restaurant entrance.

We gather about 8 a.m. at the restaurant 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.



Left, Brother Floyd Demmy, one of several of Camp 15's WWII veterans! He is a combat veteran of the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, Patton's Third Army!

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

WWII Flea Market

There will be an extensive flea market open to the public Saturday from 11:00AM to 2:30PM. We see you at Ono or the Gap.

Treasurers Report by David Demmy

Checking account: \$600 earmarked for balance due on holiday catering; presently \$400 earmarked for 2015 dues to PA Dept of SUVCW; and \$1,000 cushion to avoid banking charges.

Available funds intended for expenditures is \$600.

Annual Hartranft Holiday Event 2014

The weather was better than a year ago when it snowed all day and we had to bring the holiday event to an earlier closing for safer traveling.

Nearly 3 dozen of us from central Pennsylvania and as far away as New Jersey attended the '14 event for an outstanding meal, good fellowship good fun and installation of your Hartranft camp 15 officers for New Year! Again this year, containers were available for take-home goodies. Hope to see you next year.

Variety of photos in no special order



Ann, Ellen and Mary Jane.



Keener-Farleys, Teeters & Swangers



Prize table items



Chaplain Scott Teeters



Hartranft Charter on display by window



Officers for 2015 installed by PA Commander Doug McMillin.



Fellowshipping



Commander Jeff pinned by wife Henny.



Floyd telling one of his stories to the Smith family Isla, Henny and Jeff.



Traditionally, Brother Dave Klinepeter, PCC, presents 2014 Dept Commander, Doug McMillin, with SUVCW plate.



Brother Dave presents Camp treasurer David Demmy with conventional GAR style SUVCW Canteen for his years of service and good works, not only to Hartranft Camp but our Department and National too.



Dave also presented Greg Kline, PCC with special SUVCW coin for his years of service and good works, not only to Hartranft Camp, but also our Department of Pennsylvania!

Merry Christmas to one and all.

"God bless Us, Every One!" -- Tiny Tim

And God bless the USA.

Remembrance Day 2014



Dave annually presents a SUVCW license plate to the CnC; for '14 it is Tad Campbell.



Brother James Getty as Abe Lincoln at Woolson Monument.



Contingent of SUVCW brothers lining up on Remembrance Day 2014.



Confederation of General Officers Present marker at 5pm outside Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg!

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN
by Dave Klinepeter

REMEMBERANCE DAY NOV 15, 2014. A beautiful day, not too cold, a little windy, but not as bad as some past years. The Albert Woolson Monument service was well attended. All the National Leaders and Pa state leaders of the "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic", the Military Order of Loyal Legion and several organizations placed wreaths there. As far as I know, Mary Jane Bannan and I were at the original dedication of the Monument in 1956. The parade at 1 PM was spectacular, as usual. It was well attended by spectators and troops. Of course I managed a ride with President Lincoln and General Winfield Scott. While reviewing the troops it is encouraging to see so many of the UNION Boys in Blue wearing the badge of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. There was no banquet this year, but they did have the Civil War Ball. The Victorian Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Dance Master Larry Keener-Farley (PCC) led the many dancers to a delightful evening. All profits from these dances, has been presented to the National Military Park at Gettysburg, Pa.

On Sunday morning I caught up with Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell at check out and presented him with the Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW license plate. My good luck was with me, Brother David Demmy Sr was walking by and stopped to take a picture.

NOV 19, 2014 LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS It was very cold and windy (25 degrees). At the behest of a number of my friends, I did not attend the over an hour ceremony at the National Cemetery. I did go to the luncheon held by the Pa Lincoln Fellowship at the Eisenhower. A number of our SUVCW members also belong to the Fellowship.

DEC 13, 2014 I attended Gen. Gobin Camp 503 SUV Sunbury Christmas party. Brother Demmy and his wife, Marilyn, were also in attendance. A number of the members there also hold membership in Hartranft Camp 15. It was another very enjoyable afternoon.

DEC 14 2014 I attended Gen Hartranft Camp 15 Harrisburg Christmas party. The new officers were sworn in by Dept Commander McMillin. Seems I retained the position of Patriotic Instructor/GAR Historian for another year. I also had the privilege of presenting Dept Commander McMillin with our license plate. Brother David Demmy Sr was presented the new SUVCW canteen, it has the membership badge engraved on the front. This was for his long dedication and duty in many ways to Camp 15. At present he serves as Chaplain, Treasurer and newsletter editor, of course that is along with his duties as National Executive Director of the SUVCW. Greg Kline was presented with a special coin that is issued each year. It has Remembrance Day 2014 Gettysburg and a High Water Mark scene on it. Every year Greg sees that Camp 15 has members participate in the big parade in Gettysburg, Pa. He is also busy with numerous activities in Camp 15. The meal was good, everyone seemed to have good time. I was especially happy (won the first Christmas bingo, so had the choice of all the goodies on the table) and I picked the fancy snow man stockings.

--- DJK

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

Next Camp meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 18, 2015**, in room 222 upper level of Museum building.

2015 Battle of Bulge reenactment of 1944 actions!

January 31, 2015 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA.

Annual PA Lincoln Luncheon sponsored by Camp 33, York County, Saturday **February 14th**.

February Camp meeting – **Sunday February 15th**

March Camp Meeting – Sunday March 15th

April 11th Lincoln Tomb ceremonies at Springfield, Illinois.

April Camp meeting - Sunday April 19th.

May Camp meeting – Sunday May 17th.

Hartranft Camp Memorial events:

Saturday May 24, breakfast followed with placing flags upon veterans' gravesites at Historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

No Camp meeting in June, instead we hope you may attend the 2015 annual department of Pennsylvania encampment at Williamsport, PA.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or 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 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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CAPT. EDGAR M. RUHL, CAMP #33, YORK, PA.

The members of **Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl, Camp #33** cordially invite you to attend the 2015 **Pennsylvania Department Lincoln Luncheon on Saturday, February 14th, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Altland House** restaurant located on the square on U.S. Route 30 in **Abbottstown, Pennsylvania**. Abbottstown is located on the Lincoln Highway, U.S. Route 30, midway between York and Gettysburg.

The program speaker for after the luncheon will be Dr. Charles Fennell. Charlie received his doctorate from West Virginia University in Civil War and Reconstruction History and is a professor of history at Harrisburg Area Community College. Charlie is one of the most popular Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guides and is particularly requested for bus tours of the battlefield. Charlie has spoken at many of the Civil War Rountables in south central Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the surrounding states and has also led bus trips to many of the Civil War battlefields in northern Virginia, Maryland, and the Shenandoah Valley. We are sure you will enjoy Charlie's presentation.

For those of you from out of town wishing to make a weekend of this event with a visit to Gettysburg, the Altland House has guest rooms available for a rate of \$75.00 a night. These are second floor bed & breakfast type rooms and the Altland House DOES NOT have an elevator. The cost of the room includes a continental breakfast. If you wish to reserve a room you can contact the Altland House directly at 717-259-9535. Please mention you will be attending the luncheon to get the \$75.00 room rate. Suites are available for \$125.00 per night.

You will also have a choice of two entrees for the lunch.....

Parmesan Crusted Chicken – pan-fired, topped with fresh bruschetta over Angel Hair pasta, with a Caesar Salad.

Caribbean Roasted Pork Loin – topped with pineapple mango salsa, sweet potato hash and sugar snap peas.

If you have special dietary needs or requests please let us know with your reservation.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2015 !!!!!!!!!!! Make checks payable to RUHL CAMP #33.

I would like to make the following reservations for the Pennsylvania Department Lincoln Luncheon, February 14th, 2015 at 1:00 PM.

Parmesan Chicken	\$29.00	No. of reservations _____	Total _____
Caribbean pork	\$29.00	No. of reservations _____	Total _____
GRAND TOTAL			_____

Mail check made out to **RUHL CAMP #33** to : Lincoln Luncheon, 1126 Hanover Road, York, Pa. 17408 by **February 6th, 2015**.