

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 134th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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~~~~ Happy Birthday Abe Lincoln ~~~~ **February 2017** ~~~~

**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!

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| <p>2017 Hartranft Camp 15<br/>Officers and Staff</p>  | <p>Commander . . . . . Jeffery Smith 15-17<br/>         Senior Vice Commander . . . . Logan Swanger 15-17<br/>         Junior Vice Commander . . . . . Vernon Stout 2017<br/>         Secretary . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09<br/>         Treasurer . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-17<br/>         Council . . . . . Anthony Kline-16-18<br/>         Council . . . . . Scott Debo 15-17<br/>         Council . . . . . Vacant 2017<br/>         Patriotic Instructor . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/>         Chaplain . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16<br/>         Counselor . . . . . Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08<br/>         GAR Historian . . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/>         Graves Registration . . . . . Logan Swanger 14-17<br/>         Guide . . . . . Devin DePamphilis 2017<br/>         Color Bearer . . . . . Kevin Williams 2017<br/>         Guard . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17<br/>         Longevity Brother . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/>         Eagle Scout Coordinator . . . . vacant<br/>         Signal Webmaster . . . . . Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005<br/>         ROTC Coordinator . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17<br/>         GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16</p> |
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Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month. The Marshall A. Hope author award was bestowed upon *Hartranft Herald* for excellence of a camp newsletter by Brad Schall, Commander in Chief, 2010-2011. PA: [www.PASuvcw.org](http://www.PASuvcw.org) National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

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**Forthcoming monthly meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Nat'l Civil War Building high atop Reservoir Park @ Harrisburg

**Brothers and Sisters in Distress**

By Camp Chaplain, David Demmy. Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith; Mrs. Robert Manning; PCinC; Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Marilyn Demmy, and Tony Kline.

PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane, PCinC Andy Johnson; and the family of Charlie Kuhn Jr, and Logan Swanger Family; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan!

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**Camp 15 Dues time – year 2017**

**4th published notice**

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2017 Camp 15 dues of **\$35.00** along to next Camp meeting.

National **Life Member's dues** still **\$9.00**

Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to **'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'**.

Or mail your check to

David W. Demmy, Sr.,

881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

National Life Members pay small remittance to Camp and department of Pennsylvania for operation expenses. Life Members are exempt from annual National Per Capita amount of \$23.00 for 2017. Dual

Members, pay National Per capita for each Camp they make application to. The Application fee is not required with 1<sup>st</sup> dual membership application nor subsequent membership as a dual Brother in additional camps across our great patriotic organization.

Tom Bowman, long time Camp guard and member of Camp council resigned end of business for 2016. We thank Brother Tom for his many years of dedication and service to Hartranft Camp in Harrisburg greater region.

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN**

By Dave Klinepeter

In the November 2016 issue of the newsletter I showed the original orders appointing Louis Wagner temporary commander of the Department of Pennsylvania for the GAR. In the December 2016 issue of the newsletter was a list of the National Encampments starting in November 20, 1866 at Indianapolis, IN and ending at Indianapolis, In September 1, 1949. In this issue of the newsletter is a list of the Department of Pennsylvania Encampments, dating from January 16, 1867 to June 23, 1938. Note that in the early years they held two Encampments each year till June 1896. In June they went to one Encampment that was held in June. In the early semi-annual meeting the "Boys in Blue" went to Gettysburg many times. Harrisburg hosted the Department Encampments numerous times over the years.

**Camp sticker available**



## On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted mostly on the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum [NCWM]!

February 18<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Lincoln Luncheon at Carlisle. Cancelled!

### February

Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> Free Community Day at National Civil War Museum

February Camp Meeting **Sunday 19th**

### March

Camp meeting scheduled for **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** guest speaker, Brother Dick Simpson.

National Council Meeting, of SUVCW, near Columbus, OH, Saturday March 25, 2017

### April

Camp meeting scheduled for **APRIL 9th**  
*Note change of date due to Easter weekend during the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of April.*

### May

Camp meeting scheduled for **May 21<sup>st</sup> and**  
Camp celebrates Memorial Day on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** with breakfast and then the placing of flags upon veteran's graves at historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

### June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2017 during June 16-17. Pennsylvania Department **Encampment June 23-24-25** at Cranberry Township north of Pittsburgh.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto: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 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](mailto: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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## Quartermaster QM – Store

Visit Brother Danny's new and familiar items at

<http://www.suvcw-qm.org/>

New certificates –life members too, take a look!

Camp Items available to you and yours

**SUVCW Belt buckle**

**Solid Brass**

**SUVCW BELT BUCKLE**



\$30.00 (\$26 + \$4 S&H each) - Lifetime Guarantee

Fits up to 1 - 3/4 inch Belt - Shipped Priority Mail

Make check or money order payable to:

**Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15**

Send order and payment to:

Scott Debo

144 Race St.

Sunbury, PA 17801

Support this worthwhile fund-raising project by

Camp 15. Buckle makes a great Father's Day;

Graduation Day; and anytime gifts.

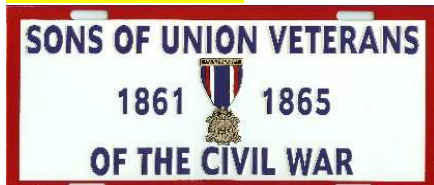
Purchase a brass belt buckle for your grandkids too!

These Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War belt buckles are sold *exclusively* nationwide by Camp 15 of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Please place your order today for your SUVCW belt buckles!

**SUVCW License Plate**

**Auto License Plate**



Aluminum - Full Color SUVCW Badge. Blue Lettering on White Background with Red Border – *very patriotic* – looks great on every vehicle!

Send check or money order for \$15 (includes S&H) payable to:

**Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15**

Mail to

Greg Kline

205 N. 40th St. Apt. 203

Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271

**ROTC Committee** – PA Department SUVCW

At the last Encampment it was recommended to initiate a Department ROTC Committee to help serve our Camps with information about participation in our high schools and colleges that have ROTC programs. Each year these ROTC units have an annual Awards Ceremony near the end of the school year and SUVCW can present a certificate and medallion to a deserving cadet who is nominated by their Unit Commander. A number of other fraternal and patriotic organizations also present at these ceremonies.

Currently there are 62 high schools and 17 colleges/universities across the state, including at least 1 in Harrisburg area, that have active ROTC programs. So, we do have an opportunity to make our presence known to these schools.

If you have an interest in serving on the ROTC Committee or wish to discuss further please contact me:

Bob Wrigley, PCC

Mt Union Church Camp #502

Rockwood, Pa

[rwrigley@frontiernet.net](mailto:rwrigley@frontiernet.net)

717-725-2513 cell

Speaker at March Camp Meeting

Our speaker for March 19, 2017 Camp 15 meeting is Dick Simpson. Dick and his wife Deborah, spend their summers on Willoughby Lake in Westmore, Vermont. Dick's family has lived in the area for six generations. He is the Historian for the Town of Westmore where he lectures on local history. From November to April they live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dick has been touring Civil War battlefields since Junior High School, mostly following the 3rd and 15th Vermont Regiments in which his relatives fought and died. He has six Civil War slide programs that he gives throughout the Northeast. With over 150 lectures, he has raised over \$10,000 dollars for battlefield preservation through donations and his Civil War book raffles.



Brother Dick is also a civilian Civil War reenactor portraying Frederick Holbrook, the Civil War governor of Vermont.

He is an active member of dozens of Civil War organizations in Vermont, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, including the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Gen.

Geo H Thomas Camp 19, Lancaster.

Dick's discuss in **March** with us will be about:

"The Forgotten Battle of Franklin Tennessee"

The battle of Franklin Tennessee began on November 30, 1864 when a 20,000 strong Confederate force under General John Bell Hood cornered the Federal Army of General John Schofield at Franklin, Tennessee. Late that afternoon, 100 regiments of the South's best soldiers, numbering 20,000 men, began a spectacular assault along a two-mile front. What occurred in the next five hours was one of the great tragedies of the American Civil War. There were more Confederate soldiers advancing that day than in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg and there were more Confederate losses than at almost every one-day battle of the Civil War. Before it was over a record six Confederate generals would lose their lives.

Yet there is no National Cemetery and no National Battlefield Park at Franklin. Instead, almost all of the 1864 trench line of that battle has become suburban neighborhoods and small businesses. Great strides have been made to save parts of this battlefield since Dick began this lecture

in 2003. Slides of what Franklin looks like today will be part of this program.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In January 1862 Fredrick Douglass visited Governor Andrew Curtin at the capital in Harrisburg, Pa. His intent was to have the Governor to organize colored troops to fight in the Civil War. Governor Curtin refused, one reason, the Federal Government was not accepting them. In January 1863, after much pleading with Secretary of War Stanton, Massachusetts Governor Andrews received permission to organize a Black Volunteer Regiment, with white officers. In Harrisburg, Pa.

Thomas Morris Chester was instrumental in recruiting men from central Pa. area. In June 1863 over 135 recruits went to Massachusetts to join the 55th Mass Regiment of colored troops. It is mentioned that the Chester family paid the train fare for the men from Pa.

The same month Governor Curtin received permission to organize colored troops in Pa. In September 1863 Camp Penn was opened near Philadelphia, Pa. Over 8,600 colored troops from Pa and 189,00 nationally served in the Army from 1863 to 1865. Many also served in the Navy. Eighteen distinguished themselves and were awarded the Medal of Honor. Following the War of the Rebellion, many joined the Grand Army of the Republic.

Harrisburg, Pa. had David Stevens GAR Post 520. For those interested there is much material to be researched.

Dates to remember

Late February 1864 Andersonville Prison was first opened.

March 3, 1863 the first U S Draft was signed into law for men from ages 18 to 45. djk ....

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE ENCAMPMENTS

| ENCAMPMENT<br>NUMBER | DATES<br>HELD           | LOCATION OF<br>ENCAMPMENT |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1ST                  | JAN. 16, 1867           | PHILADELPHIA, PA.         |
| 2ND                  | JUL. 17, 1867           | PHILADELPHIA, PA.         |
| 3RD                  | JAN. 29, 1868           | PHILADELPHIA, PA.         |
| 4TH                  | JUL. 8, 1868            | POTTSVILLE, PA.           |
| 5TH                  | JAN. 13, 1869           | WEST CHESTER, PA.         |
| 6TH                  | JUL. 14, 1869           | ALTOONA, PA.              |
| 7TH                  | JAN. 26, 1870           | PITTSBURGH, PA.           |
| 8TH                  | JUL. 20, 1870           | WILKES-BARRE, PA.         |
| 9TH                  | JAN. 25, 1871           | ALLENTOWN, PA.            |
| 10TH                 | JUL. 26, 1871           | ERIE, PA.                 |
| 11TH                 | JAN. 24, 1872           | PHILADELPHIA, PA.         |
| 12TH                 | JUL. 2, 1872            | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 13TH                 | JAN. 22, 1873           | HARRISBURG, PA.           |
| 14TH                 | JUL. 23, 1873           | WILLIAMSPORT, PA.         |
| 15TH                 | JAN. 28, 1874           | LANCASTER, PA.            |
| 16TH                 | JUL. 22, 1874           | BETHLEHEM, PA.            |
| 17TH                 | JAN. 27, 1875           | CHESTER, PA.              |
| 18TH                 | JUL. 21, 1875           | CORRY, PA.                |
| 19TH                 | JAN. 26 & 27, 1876      | PITTSBURGH, PA.           |
| 20TH                 | JUN. 30 to JUL. 3, 1876 | PHILADELPHIA, PA.         |
| 21ST                 | JAN. 24 & 25, 1877      | WILKES-BARRE, PA.         |
| 22ND                 | AUG. 8, 1877            | LEWISBURG, PA.            |
| 23RD                 | JAN. 30 & 31, 1878      | LEBANON, PA.              |
| 24TH                 | JUL. 24, 1878           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 25TH                 | JAN. 29 & 30, 1879      | HARRISBURG, PA.           |
| 26TH                 | JUL. 30, 1879           | ERIE, PA.                 |
| 27TH                 | JAN. 28 & 29, 1880      | READING, PA.              |
| 28TH                 | JUL. 21, 1880           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 29TH                 | JAN. 19 & 20, 1881      | PITTSBURGH, PA.           |
| 30TH                 | JUL. 27, 1881           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 31ST                 | JAN. 25, 1882           | WILLIAMSPORT, PA.         |
| 32ND                 | JUL. 26, 1882           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 33RD                 | JAN. 31, 1883           | WILKES-BARRE, PA.         |
| 34TH                 | AUG. 29, 1883           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 35TH                 | FEB. 6 & 7, 1884        | LANCASTER, PA.            |
| 36TH                 | AUG. 16 & 17, 1884      | DELLEFONTE, PA.           |
| 37TH                 | FEB. 10 to 12, 1885     | HARRISBURG, PA.           |
| 38TH                 | AUG. 8 to 14, 1885      | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 39TH                 | FEB. 9 & 10, 1886       | SCRANTON, PA.             |
| 40TH                 | JUL. 6 & 7, 1886        | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 41ST                 | FEB. 8 & 9, 1887        | HARRISBURG, PA.           |
| 42ND                 | JUL. 11, 1887           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 43RD                 | FEB. 14 & 15, 1888      | ALLENTOWN, PA.            |
| 44TH                 | JUL. 4, 1888            | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 45TH                 | FEB. 12 & 13, 1889      | ERIE, PA.                 |
| 46TH                 | SEPT. 10, 1889          | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 47TH                 | FEB. 11, 1890           | SHANOKIN, PA.             |
| 48TH                 | SEPT. 2, 1890           | GETTYSBURG, PA.           |
| 49TH                 | FEB. 24 & 25, 1891      | ALTOONA, PA.              |
| 50TH                 | JUL. 13, 1891           | WILLIAMSPORT, PA.         |

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| ENCAMPMENT #       | DATES                   | LOCATION          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 51ST               | FEB. 24 & 25, 1892      | PITTSBURGH, PA.   |
| 52ND               | JULY 5, 1892            | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 53RD               | FEB. 28 to MAR. 1, 1893 | LEBANON, PA.      |
| 54TH               | JULY 18, 1893           | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 55TH               | MARCH 1 & 2, 1894       | PHILA., PA.       |
| 56TH               | JUNE 30 to JULY 6, 1894 | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 57TH               | FEB. 27 & 28, 1895      | WILLIAMSPORT, PA. |
| 58TH               | JUNE 3 & 4, 1896        | CHAMBERSBURG, PA. |
| 59TH (31ST ANNUAL) | JUNE 3 & 4, 1897        | JOHNSTOWN, PA.    |
| 32ND               | JUNE 8 & 9, 1898        | OIL CITY, PA.     |
| 33RD               | JUNE 7 & 8, 1899        | WILKES-BARRE, PA. |
| 34TH               | JUNE 6 & 7, 1900        | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 35TH               | JUNE 5 & 6, 1901        | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 36TH               | JUNE 4 & 5, 1902        | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 37TH               | JUNE 3 & 4, 1903        | ALLENTOWN, PA.    |
| 38TH               | JUNE 8 & 9, 1904        | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 39TH               | JUNE 7 & 8, 1905        | READING, PA.      |
| 40TH               | JUNE 6 & 7, 1906        | ALTOONA, PA.      |
| 41TH               | JUNE 5 & 6, 1907        | EASTON, PA.       |
| 42ND               | JUNE 3 & 4, 1908        | ERIE, PA.         |
| 43RD               | JUNE 9 & 10, 1909       | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 44TH               | JUNE 8 & 9, 1910        | HARRISBURG, PA.   |
| 45TH               | JUNE 7 & 8, 1911        | SCRANTON, PA.     |
| 46TH               | JUNE 5 & 6, 1912        | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 47TH               | JUNE 27 & 28, 1913      | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 48TH               | JUNE 11 & 12, 1914      | INDIANA, PA.      |
| 49TH               | JUNE 9 & 10, 1915       | EASTON, PA.       |
| 50TH               | JUNE 8 & 9, 1916        | HARRISBURG, PA.   |
| 51ST               | JUNE 21 & 22, 1917      | JOHNSTOWN, PA.    |
| 52ND               | JUNE 12 & 13, 1918      | DANVILLE, PA.     |
| 53RD               | JUNE 11 & 12, 1919      | LANCASTER, PA.    |
| 54TH               | JUNE 9 & 10, 1920       | INDIANA, PA.      |
| 55TH               | JUNE 8 & 9, 1921        | ALLENTOWN, PA.    |
| 56TH               | JUNE 7 & 8, 1922        | ALTOONA, PA.      |
| 57TH               | JUNE 13 & 14, 1923      | GREENSBURG, PA.   |
| 58TH               | JUNE 11 & 12, 1924      | WILKES-BARRE, PA. |
| 59TH               | JUNE 17 & 18, 1925      | OIL CITY, PA.     |
| 60TH               | JUNE 9 & 10, 1926       | BETHLEHAM, PA.    |
| 61ST               | JUNE 15 & 16, 1927      | UNIONTOWN, PA.    |
| 62ND               | JUNE 13 & 14, 1928      | SCRANTON, PA.     |
| 63RD               | JUNE 19 & 20, 1929      | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 64TH               | JUNE 11 & 12, 1930      | NEW CASTLE, PA.   |
| 65TH               | JUNE 9 & 10, 1931       | LANCASTER, PA.    |
| 66TH               | JUNE 22 & 23, 1932      | HARRISBURG, PA.   |
| 67TH               | JUNE 13 & 14, 1933      | PITTSBURGH, PA.   |
| 68TH               | JUNE 19 & 20, 1934      | READING, PA.      |
| 69TH               | JUNE 19 & 20, 1935      | GETTYSBURG, PA.   |
| 70TH               | JUNE 24 & 25, 1936      | WILLIAMSPORT, PA. |
| 71ST               | JUNE 16 & 17, 1937      | YORK, PA.         |
| 72ND               | JUNE 22 & 23, 1938      | WASHINGTON, PA.   |

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Another reminder of the loss of our Brother Charlie Kuhn:

[A venerable moment in history for Hartranft Camp!](#)

**The Pennsylvania Line-up – leaders from General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg:**

From East Berlin, PA



Charles Kuhn,  
Commander-in-Chief

From Mechanicsburg, PA



Lee Walters, Penna. Dept. Commander  
and National Executive Director

From Mifflintown, PA



Donnie Prye, Camp Commander  
Capital City of Harrisburg, PA.

During August, at the National Encampment in St. Louis, our Brother Charlie Kuhn was duly elected to the position of Commander-in-Chief for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Charlie hails from the Gettysburg area and has worked his way through the ranks of brotherhood in our Order, having served in nearly every office available to him on his way to becoming our National leader and Commander-in-Chief. Above, Charlie exhibits the two-finger, World War II 'V' for Victory symbol. Well done faithful servant of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Camp 15 wishes you well in your endeavors to further the good of this Order and we sincerely invite you and yours to Camp 15's annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9th.



Cover page conceived by Hartranft Camp Patriotic Instructor – David J. Klinepeter, PCC, and WWII Navy Veteran.

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A **venerable** moment indeed as Charlie would have said, displaying the V for Victory sign in his image above! Image above is reprint from our September 2007, Camp newsletter, the *Hartranft Herald*, Vol 9, No. 9., Cover page.

Strange not one reader in '07 mentioned all 3 Brothers above are sporting civil war beards!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. *Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey*; it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

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## Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

### Pennsylvania Department Project

The Local Host Committee of the 2017 Pennsylvania Department Encampment is seeking your assistance. In the tradition of the Grand Army of the Republic, the committee is seeking donations of items to be presented on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department Encampment to the Veterans at the Butler County Area VA Hospital. These donations are not to be confused with the annual charitable donations presented by the Allied Orders at the Campfire. Today's Veterans Health Administration (VHA) originated during the Civil War as the first federal hospitals ever established for the nation's volunteer forces. On March 3, 1865, a month before the Civil War ended, President Abraham Lincoln authorized the first-ever national soldiers' and sailors' asylum to provide medical and convalescent care for discharged members of the Union Army and Navy volunteer forces. The national homes were often called "soldiers' homes" or "military homes." Initially only soldiers and sailors who served with the Union forces—including U.S. Colored Troops—were eligible for admittance. VA Butler Healthcare is located in the heart of Butler County and convenient to community support services for Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio-area Veterans. They have been attending to Veterans' total care since 1947 and are the health care choice for over 18,000 Veterans. Just as American citizens have for centuries supported our sick, wounded veterans; the Pennsylvania Department of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic is once again taking the lead in organizing a grass roots effort among our membership to help our nation's heroes. All Camps, Auxiliaries, Tents, Circles and Corps are encouraged to ask their members to participate by collecting the donations from their area. It is our hope that the items can then be transported to the Department Encampment by an attendee. This would be a wonderful opportunity for those not able to the encampment, to participate in the event. We wish to convey that these are to be individual donations and not made by the Camps, Auxiliaries, Tents, Circles and Corps themselves. The Camps, Auxiliaries, Tents, Circles and Corps may coordinate the donations offered by their members. To better meet the needs of these Veterans, below is a list of approved items that may be donated. Only those items noted below and/or items approved by the VA will be accepted.

#### DONATED ITEMS:

**COMFORT ITEMS:** body wash, chap-stick, lotion, body spray, deodorant, denture adhesive/paste and cleaner, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash (alcohol free), shaving cream/gel, double edge razors or high quality razors, nail files, nail clippers, blankets, laundry detergent (regular and hypoallergenic), fabric softener (liquid and dryer sheets), nail polish and nail polish remover, cotton balls and q-tips, aftershave (alcohol free), nail sticks, feminine hygiene products.

**STATIONARY:** notepads, notecards (blank), notebooks, envelopes, pens, pencils, postage stamps, calendars, day-minders, portfolios, assorted note cards (ie: sympathy, birthday anniversary, holidays, etc.), monthly planners / organizers 2017 / 2018.

**NEW CLOTHING / SHOE ITEMS (NOTE: unless otherwise specified, preferred clothing sizes are M, L, XL, XXL):** white v-neck undershirts, diabetic socks, T-shirts, sweat pants, zippered sweatshirts, jeans, jackets / coats, hats (not ballcaps), scarves, gloves, sweat suits, women's bras, shorts, short sleeve shirts, slippers / sandals, robes, pajamas.

**RECREATIONAL NEEDS:** phone cards, fishing gear (poles, bait, tackle, hooks, line, split shots etc.), golf gear (drivers, pitching wedges, balls, 3 ½ " tees, golf bags), gardening supplies (plants, fertilizer, sprinklers), billiard sticks and chalk, charcoal for cookouts.

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**MISCELLANEOUS:** canteen books, handkerchiefs, individually wrapped bags of candy, individual bags of chips, DVDs, bathroom scales, bath and dish towels, GPS units for DAV vans, music CDs, coloring books and crayons, clothes hangers, alarm clocks, radios, eyeglass cases, umbrellas.

**HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM:** small flashlights, plastic cooking / eating utensils, Purell hand sanitizer (alcohol free), plastic rain ponchos, flushable wipes, gift cards, bath tissue, hand /feet warmer packets, power / granola bars, sewing kits, tea bags, first aid kits, instant coffee packets, hand towels and wash cloths, sports water bottles with lids, back packs, insulated coffee mugs with lids, hot chocolate, creamer and sugar packets, manual can openers, bar soap, and gift cards to local retail stores.

**ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:** books, used clothing, medical equipment and supplies, magazines older than 6 months from the current date, Reader Digest or National Geographic magazines, lap robes, furniture, and household items (i.e. dinnerware, comforters, sheets, home decorations, etc.)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Monetary gifts: Checks or Money Orders are to be made payable to: VA Butler Healthcare and a note / letter should be included with the donation. The local host committee of the 2017 Pennsylvania Department Encampment asks each Brother and Sister of the Allied Orders to assist in this project. Let's make the Pennsylvania Department proud by making this Veteran Project a rousing success. Join us in thanking our Nation's sick and wounded Veterans by our deeds and not just our words. The American people responded with assistance when our ancestors were sick or wounded, now it's our turn to help our nation's defenders.

Your donations may be brought to Camp meeting to be consolidated

Recruiting cards available

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| <b>Gen. John F. Hartranft</b>                                            |  |
| Camp # 15                                                                |  |
| Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War                                  |  |
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You never know who you may run into!

Camp 15 recruiting cards available for your ease of sharing the good news of camp15 to friends and family and strangers too!



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT - ENCAMPMENT/CONVENTION

**June 22-25, 2017 - Pittsburgh Marriot North**

100 Cranberry Woods Drive  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling 724-772-3700

*Reservations are to be made under:*

*“Allied Orders, Grand Army of the Republic”*

Group rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax

**Deadline for the group rate is June 1, 2017**

Each night’s stay includes buffet breakfast, 2 per room  
Extra breakfast over the 2 per room are available for a fee

Breakfast is available from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

More hotel information can be found at

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pitno-pittsburgh-marriott-north/>

Your stay includes: Complimentary wireless internet access,  
fitness center, business center, indoor swimming pool,  
in room mini fridge, free parking, on-site restaurant

**Banquet**

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic - Department of Pennsylvania  
Encampment/Convention June 22-25, 2017

Saturday Night, June 24, 2017

Complimentary Cocktail Reception in the Atrium Lounge

Social time and fellowship – Cash Bar available 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday Night Banquet in the Cranberry III Room June 24, 2017 – 6:00 PM

Meal includes: Salad, bread, entrée, potatoes, vegetable, dessert, ice tea and coffee

Price \$35.00 per person

Chicken Breast stuffed with Herbed Bread Stuffing & Gravy # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Flatiron Sirloin Steak with Gravy # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Baked English Haddock Fillet with Lemon Butter # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Pasta Entrée # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon Buffet** Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24, 2017

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Lunch includes: soup, rolls, roast beef, turkey, ham, cheese, garnishes, coleslaw, dessert and drink

Price \$15.00 per person

Friday Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to “*Department of Pennsylvania - SUVCW*” and mail check and this order form to:  
Richard Orr, PCinC, 310 McGregor Drive, Verona, PA 15147

**Deadline** for Banquet & Lunch reservations is **June 1, 2017**. Children’s meals are available upon request.  
Special meals and dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Name and organization of person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal tickets can be picked up at registration

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## Encampment Program Booklet

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 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865  
 Woman's Relief Corps

**Please support the 2017 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention by  
 purchasing an AD in the Encampment Program Booklet**

Your support helps to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a wonderful experience for all to enjoy. Suggestions for your AD can be to honor your ancestor, honor a Department or National Officer, or best wishes to a friend or fellow Allied Order member. An order for an AD with a check, payable to "PA SUVCW" and artwork are to be sent to:

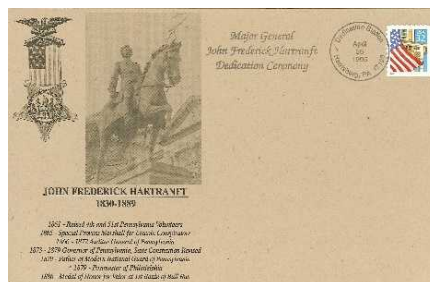
Ellen Higgins  
 1731 Shore Road Unit 42  
 Seaville, NJ 08230-1383

[SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com](mailto:SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com)

### Deadline for submission is May 20, 2017

AD orders can be sent by USPS mail or email (preferred method). If emailing please send in word doc (please no pdf's) and photos or artwork in jpg format. If you would like a booklet sent to you in the mail, after the Encampment, please include \$2.00 for shipping.. **Cost of AD's**

Full Page - \$40.00  
 Half Page - \$25.00  
 Quarter Page - \$15.00  
 Eight Page - \$10.00  
 Patron – one line - \$5.00



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Tours  
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**Thursday June 22, 2017** - Mario Lemieux – UPMC Sports Complex -- Free

This is the site of the Pittsburgh Penguins practice facility and part of the UPMC Sports Medicine program. Located across route PA 228 transportation is on your own. We will meet in the lobby of the hotel and go as a group.

**Friday June 23, 2017** –*Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, A. P. Davis mausoleum, Allegheny Arsenal Memorial, Gen Alexander Hays grave.*

Leave hotel approximately 10:00 AM by bus to tour Soldiers and Sailors 11 – 1 (hopefully, we will be able to see the regimental flags in the collection as well as other items not normally available for public viewing). **Lunch** at the Church Works Brewery (cost *not included* in tour price), wreath laying at A P Davis, Allegheny Arsenal and Gen. Hays sites in Allegheny Cemetery. Cost \$35.00

**Saturday June 24, 2017** – Captain Thomas Espy Post GAR meeting room.

Located in the Carnegie Library, Carnegie, PA. Direction are available to the library. Room is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Transportation on your own. No cost.

Lemieux – UPMC Sports Complex Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Names

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Make checks for the Friday tour payable to Pennsylvania Dept. SUVCW and send to:  
Richard Orr PCinC  
310 McGregor Dr  
Verona, PA 15147