



Hartranft Herald

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Celebrating our 130th Year



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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

~~~ New Year Photo Issue ~~~

This issue of the *Hartranft Herald* is draped in remembrance of our late Brother Norman Houser!

Happy new year to you and yours from camp 15! Brothers we begin another year in remembrance of our ancestors and veterans of the War of the Rebellion!

### [Next Camp Meeting is Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>](#)

**Notice:** Camp 15's January 16, 2011 general meeting will be in the Education Gallery first floor level, to your far left of the National Civil War Museum's fabulous staircase. Our usual meeting room 222 will be otherwise, occupied!

See Camp Events later in this and each edition of the *Hartranft Herald*.

Dear Brothers from Camp Commander:

As we move forward into the momentous years of the Civil War's Sesquicentennial, it is more important than ever that we keep our eyes open for recruiting opportunities. The Civil War will be featured in the news regularly, and will be the focus of considerable public attention. Now is the time for us to reach out near and far to potential new brothers and

associates. The Sesquicentennial is upon us, and will never come again - we ignore this recruiting opportunity at our own peril.

We must broaden our efforts beyond our own immediate circles of family and friends. Every conversation about our Civil War heritage is an open door, through which we might invite a brother to enter our Order. We must all remember that we are ambassadors of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and that if we are to perform our duties to "keep green the memory" of those who wore the blue, we must also work to sustain and improve our organization.



The geographic reach of Camp #15 is considerable. Already one new camp - Camp #503 in Sunbury - is springing to life in no small part due to the inspiration and efforts of

brothers who entered the Order through the *fraternal* outreach of Camp #15. While we take pride in this accomplishment, we must not yield for a moment in our ongoing efforts to continue our growth.

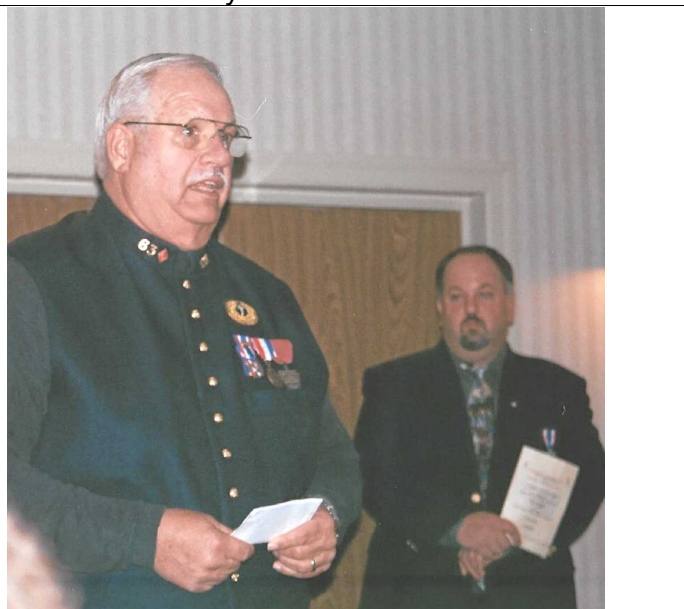
The New Year beckons - let us at the end of this year look back upon it as one of even more remarkable accomplishments and victories. In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
John Deppen, Camp Commander

[More from our 2010 Christmas Party.](#) There were at least two Larry's present, 3 John's and one Jon, along with 4 Dave's and a David – all at one banquet – marvelous!

Photos below by [Hartranft Herald](#) staff:



LEFT, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HOWARD F. WOLFE CONGRATULATES CAMP 15 COMMANDER, JOHN E. DEPPEN ON ANOTHER YEAR AS CAMP LEADER.



LEFT, DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN DAVE ACHESON SETS THE MOOD FOR CAMP 15 ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET.



LEFT, BROTHER FLOYD J DEMMY, COMBAT VETERAN OF WWII RECEIVES HIS 10 YEAR SERVICE PIN FROM PCC LARRY SHEIBLEY, CAMP SECRETARY. GRET DEMMY SMILES ONWARD!



DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND FAMILY FELLOWSHIPING.



GUESTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ENJOY FELLOWSHIP.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, OUR VERY OWN, DAVE KLINEPETER, SHARING SOME OF HIS MANY WORDS OF WISDOM ON GAR, CAMP OR WINTER TIME GREETINGS.



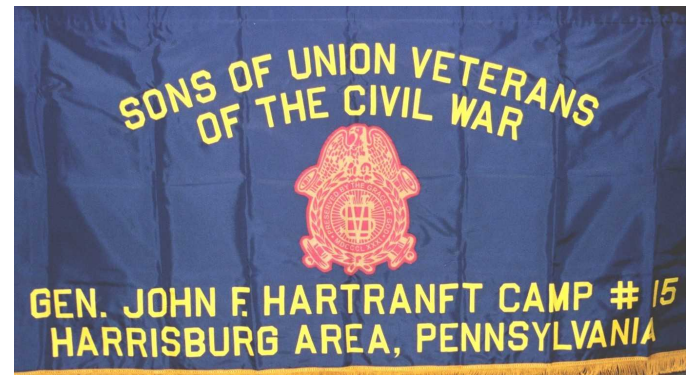
FAMILY AND GUESTS FELLOWSHIPING.



MULTIPLE FAMILIES ENJOYING GOOD FOOD AND CAMARADERIE.



CHECKING OUT GIFT TABLE



CAMP 15'S COLORFUL BANNER

**THIS AND THAT** by Dave Klinepeter



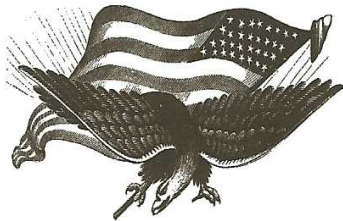
Indiantown Gap military museum will be open on the weekend of the re-enactment of the **Battle of the Bulge on Saturday, January 29, 2011**. At other times the hours are Monday 10am to 4:30 pm and on Fridays the hours are 10 am till 4:30 pm. Other times by special appointment. The phone is 717-861-2402

leave message if not open. It is located in building T-8-57; the curator is Mr. Charles Oellig.

While this reenactment is not a sponsored camp 15 event, you and yours are invited to

view the skirmish at the Gap if you are interested in such history.

Camp members and friends meet for breakfast at the *Farmer's Wife Restaurant, Village of Ono east of the Gap on Route 22* between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday mornin' for buffet breakfast and then *mosey* on over to GAP for the event. Obey strict speed limits and parking areas – otherwise you will be subject to the post police! WWII barracks will have displays of German and Allied troops including an original *wood-fired* German Kitchen on wheels in action making chow for the day for German reenactors. Period uniforms, vehicles and troops galore! Lots of vendor shops have period uniforms, equipment, and civilian items too. If you appear, please dress in layers for the Gap is generally very cold in January.



## Time to Reenlist Boys!

### [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 the memory of any veteran of the Civil War.

### [Camp Dues](#)

As previously announced, dues for 2011 have increased from \$25 to \$35 including National, Pennsylvania, and camp increases.

Camp 15 makes no profit from our dues! 88% is forwarded to Pennsylvania Department and National organization in per capita to operate those entities and to provide the Battle Cry of Freedom and quarterly Banner magazine for our Brothers!

National Life Members, your dues are now \$9.00.

If you experience a hardship in paying your 2011 dues, please contact camp treasurer, [below] for a partial scholarship to assist you. Dues may be paid in installments over period of two months til end of February 2011. Hardship situation will be kept in confidence between Brother and Treasurer!  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

2011 Camp Dues are due now!  
Check preferred – made payable to Hartranft Camp 15 – SUVCW.

Please bring remittance to 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)

### [PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#)

By Dave Klinepeter

Allow me tell you about a unique historical Civil War reenactment that I was involved in, on November 6, 2010 in Harrisburg, Pa. **First a little back ground history.** On May 23 and 24, 1865 in Washington D.C. a GRAND REVIEW of the victorious Union Army was held. For various reasons no colored troops participated. On November 14, 1865 in Harrisburg, Pa there was a Grand Review held for some returning United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.) This was arranged by the Garnet Equal Rights League. Harrisburg resident Thomas Morris Chester had worked as a war correspondent during the war was the chairman.

Story and photographs continued next page.



**November 6, 2010** was reenacting the 145th anniversary of the Grand Review in Harrisburg, Pa. There were a number of other events over several days but I was only involved on the 6th. At 8:30am in the Forum Building was held a Grand Review Blessing and Dedication service, then outside to form up the actual parade. Of course, I was dressed in my Victorian style outfit. It was



there I met Caleb Jackson, portraying Thomas Morris Chester, as Grand Marshal of the parade. (Caleb and I are long time retired postal employees) He explained to me why I had not been officially invited to portray Governor Andrew Curtin, The original Governor Curtin, for some unknown reason, did not participate. I explained to Caleb my not being able to walk in parades but would see him at the end at the capitol steps. He was in the third carriage and happened to have an empty seat, so I accepted the invitation. The parade



made a stop at the capitol steps on THIRD AND WALNUT STREETS where several people spoke and a band played, then on to the Simon Cameron mansion on south Front Street. (The original Colored Troops wanted to pay honor to Cameron because of his early support for Colored Troops while Secretary of the War)



The Simon Cameron portrayer read the original address. They then marched up Front St to State St and up to the Capitol steps and were greeted by Governor Rendell. I was greatly impressed with the parade. In the line of march were ,the Lincoln University Marching Band, the Cheney University Marching Band, the Gettysburg Fife and Drum Corps, a large delegation of Prince Hall Masons, over 100 reenactors from 10 states, direct descendants of U.S.C.Ts, various local high school and college students trained to portray soldiers, some carried banners with the names of Civil War Veterans, there was a hose cart and fire pumper of 1845 vintage, from the Harrisburg Fire Museum, pulled by students, Color Guards from several Veteran organizations, and several student and community groups, plus three carriages of dignitaries. I was delighted to ride along and think the whole parade was well organized, also a very good turn out of people to see it. This all took place in the morning.



SEE SAMPLE OF FULL BANNERS BELOW.



impressed by the many activities (a little something for most anyone, including LITTLE MISS above!) I managed to chat with troopers from numerous states. When I look back on that day it was quite a learning experience. My suggestion to the organizers, do the Grand Review again in a few years.



BANNERS REPRESENTING CIVIL WAR VETERANS



LEFT, DAVE KLINEPETER AND SEATED PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR EDWARD RENDELL

PHOTOS AND STORY BY DJK

**AFTERNOON CHAUTAUQUA & HERITAGE FAIR COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING**

Also attended the Fair at the Keystone Building. There were numerous displays, much information from various organizations and a variety of programs in the rooms. Brother Larry Keener Farley and the Victorian Dance Ensemble were giving dance lessons, in other rooms, Genealogy workshop, Thomas Chester & Friends, storytelling, Black Soldiers in Blue, Rhode Island U S C T Drill Team, Musical & Theatrical Performances, Tribute Choir and numerous other groups. I was

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Brothers, if you own and operate a PC and [Printer](#), and you have no use for your *used printer cartridges*, you may provide them to camp 15 for recycling! Camp will receive a small bonus to recycle them at local office supply store.

### [Camp Schedule of events for 2011](#)

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are held on Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

#### **January 16, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.**

January 29, 2011 reenactment of WWII Battle of Bulge conducted at Fort Indiantown Gap.

February 12, 2011 Saturday annual Lincoln Luncheon at Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA.

February 20, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

March 20, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

April 16, 2011, annual Lincoln Ceremonies at Springfield, IL.

April 17, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

May 15, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

May 28, 2011, Saturday Camp Memorial day activities at variety of cemeteries.

May 30, 2011 Camp participates in Palmyra Area and Sunbury Area Parades.

June 24-25, 2011 Pennsylvania Department Encampment at Scranton, PA.

July 17, 2011, Sunday annual noon camp picnic TBA.

August 12-13 National Encampment at Reston, VA.

September 18, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

October 16, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

November 19, 2011 no camp meeting! We will see you at Lincoln Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg, PA.

Sunday, annual holiday party TBA. Discussion at January 2011 meeting.

**Be Proud Wear The Badge**



**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](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

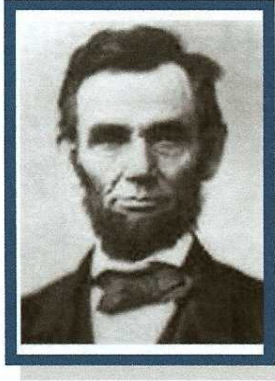
- Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting!

Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

**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

[Annual Lincoln Luncheon](#), February 12, 2011, Please use this form to rsvp

**ANNUAL LINCOLN LUNCHEON  
FEBRUARY 12, 2011  
NOON – 4PM**



All Hear, Please Join the Brothers and Sisters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Pennsylvania Department, as we duly Honor the birth of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, with a Luncheon on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 12 O' Clock Noon at the Eden Resort & Suites Lancaster Hotel, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.



**RSVP**

The luncheon cost is \$30.00 per meal and will include the Deluxe Luncheon Buffet. Please complete the bottom of this form and enclose a check made out to "CAMP 19, SUVCW" for the appropriate amount and send it to:

"Lincoln Luncheon"  
General George H. Thomas, Camp #19,  
c/o John Heine, 751 Emerald Drive,  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**Lincoln Luncheon – February 12, 2011**

Number of Buffet meals: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s)

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City, State, Zip

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Email address for acknowledgement

Please RSVP in advance by February 4, 2011. Tickets will either be mailed or held at the door for "Will Call."



## [National Civil War Museum at Harrisburg - Upcoming Events](#)

[War on the Homefront exhibit](#) - Sep 15 - Mar 13, 2011 - 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

[Civil War Dance Class](#) - Jan 16, 2011 - 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Visitors will learn popular formation dances of the 1860's!

[Exhibit Opening Reception: 1861](#) - Jan 25, 2011 - 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate the opening of a new year-long exhibit for the 150th commemoration of the Civil War.

[1861: A New Exhibit](#) - Jan 26 - Dec 31, 2011 - 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

The National Civil War Museum will open a series of year-long exhibits in recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. In January of each year beginning in 2011 through 2015, each exhibit will highlight the events, battles and people of that particular year 150 years ago.

[Civil War Dance Class](#) - Feb 13, 2011 - 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Visitors will learn popular formation dances of the 1860's!

[10th Anniversary Celebration](#) - Feb 16, 2011 - 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Please join us in celebrating an important milestone - 10 years!

[Community \*\*FREE\*\* Day](#) - Feb 19, 2011 - 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Join us for our annual winter Community Free Day with free admission for all visitors!

[Lincoln Comes to Harrisburg](#) - Feb 22, 2011 - 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

*A National Park Service presentation*

End of January 2011 *Hartranft Herald* from camp 15 of the capital city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.