



Hartranft Herald

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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org

Celebrating our 130th Year



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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 & Brothers, & Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

~~~ More Holiday Photos ~~~

[Forthcoming Camp meeting](#) is Sunday, **January 15, 2012**, at 2pm at National Civil War Museum, Reservoir Park, Harrisburg.

Note our regular meeting room will be otherwise occupied January and February. We will meet in the Education Gallery for these 2 monthly camp meetings – as you arrive and walk thru gift shop, bear to your left and cross over the Rotunda floor to the Education Gallery double-doors. See camp schedule of events later in this and every issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.

The Cooper's Battery January presentation has been postponed; potential rescheduled date may be March business meeting and better weather than Mother Nature may provide in January.

[Brothers, it has been fourteen years that Camp 15 has revitalized](#); congratulations on your efforts and accomplishments to keep green in our minds the sacrifices of our forefathers!

#### [No camp meeting minutes](#)

Most recent minutes were published in November issue of *Hartranft Herald*.

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

by Dave Klinepeter

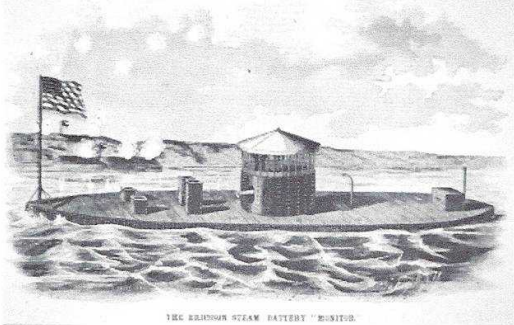
In the December issue of the newsletter I made mention of the book "*They Were Marching On Christmas Day*" by Kevin Rawlings. On a visit to the National Civil War Museum's gift shop I saw it has been reprinted for the 150 anniversary of the Civil War and is in stock (\$29.99) I highly recommend this book.

On Feb 16th 2012 I have been invited to be the guest speaker, portraying Governor Andrew Curtin, at the Hershey Civil War Roundtable, which meets at Country Meadows in Hershey, time is 7:30 pm on the 2nd floor of the main building.

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*150TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL --- THE U.S.S. MONITOR LAUNCHED JANUARY 30TH 1862*

The USS Monitor was the first ironclad warship, commissioned by the United States Navy during the Civil War! Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles created a board of three naval officers to review designs for an ironclad. Among the three ships accepted was the Monitor, designed by Swedish born



Engineer and inventor John Ericsson. It was described as a "cheese box on a raft", consisting of a heavy round revolving iron gun turret on the deck, it housed two 11 inch Dahlgren cannon, side by side. The hull was completely under water. It was built in Brooklyn, N.Y., launched on January 30, 1862 and commissioned on February 25, 1862. On March 8, 1862 the C.S.S. Virginia (former Merrimac risen and outfitted with steel plates) attacked the Union blockade in Hampton Roads, VA. She destroyed the Cumberland and Congress, the Minnesota ran aground while attempting to engage the Virginia and it remained grounded. The Virginia was unable to attack the Minnesota before dark. That night the U.S.S. Monitor arrived. The next morning

the Virginia returned to finish off the Minnesota, BUT, the Monitor moved out to stop her. The ironclads fought at close range for about four hours, neither one sinking or seriously damaging the other. Tactically the battle between the two ships was a draw. This event changed naval warfare for ever; wooden ships were not able to defend themselves against ironclads. While the design of the Monitor was suited for river combat her low waterline and heavy turret was unseaworthy in rough waters. It floundered during a heavy storm, swamped by high waves while under tow and sank on December 31, 1862 off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Sixteen of the 62 crewmen were lost at sea.

In 1973 the wreck of the Monitor was located on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean. The site was designated as the first U.S. marine sanctuary. In 1986 the Monitor was designated a National Historic Landmark. In 1998 the ship's propeller was raised and in the following years numerous artifact have been recovered, including the steam engine, the revolving gun turret, cannon, anchor, and some personal effects of the crew. These are being conserved and are on display at the Mariners" Museum of Newport News, Va. For further reading, research, references or external links on the U.S.S. Monitor go to Wikipedia on the internet. --- DJK

[Additional Photos of Camp annual holiday gathering in December 2011](#) are displayed on following pages.



FROM LEFT, MARY JO LONG, JUDY AND HOWARD WOLFE, SCOTT AND KIM TEETERS, MARGARET SHUTTLESWORTH, ELLEN HIGGINS AND MARY JANE BANNAN.



BACK, STANDING IS DAVE KLINEPETER TALKING WITH ANNETTE AND LARRY KEENER-FARLEY. AND KAREN ZELLERS AND ILSA SMITH.



FROM LEFT GENE MASCIOLI, TONY AND DOT KLINE, JOHN DEPPEN, GREG KLINE, TOM BOWMAN, AND DIANE AND SCOTT DEBO



LITTLE MISS SMITH, PROUD MEMBER OF DUVCW WITH PLEASED DAD JEFF SMITH



JOE LONG PLAYING HIDE THE BADGE – DO YOU WANTA SEE THAT MANUVER AGAIN!



DEPARTMENTAL CHAPLAIN SCOTT TEETERS AND WIFE KIM FOLLOWING PDP MARY JANE BANNAN ON TOUR OF BALL ROOM.



BROTHER JOHN DEPPEN EXPRESSING HIS FEELINGS AFTER TWO TERMS AS CAMP COMMANDER. THANK YOU JOHN FOR CARING FOR YOUR FLOCK AND CONTINUING THE GOOD DEEDS OF YOUR FELLOW PAST

### CAMP COMMANDERS!



BROTHER JEFF SMITH, RIGHT, LOOKING ON AS LUCKY BROTHER JOHN McNULTY GIVES HIS NEW CHARMING FRIEND A WARM *DIE UMARMUNG*. [HUG]!

PHOTOS ABOVE PROVIDED BY [HARTRANFT HERALD STAFF](#)

PHOTOS BELOW PROVIDED BY BROTHER DAVE SOSNOWSKI



2011 GROUP PHOTO

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MEMBERS OF CAMP 503 SUNBURY ACCEPTING BEST NEW CAMP AWARD BY PCINC BRAD SCHALL.



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HOWARD WOLFE INSTALLING NEW CAMP COMMANDER STAN ZELLERS. BROTHER SCOTT DEBO, CAMP SVC LOOKS ON.



GREG KLINE, PCC PINNING PAST COMMANDER BADGE UPON OUT-GOING COMMANDER JOHN DEPPEN.



KAREN ZELLERS PINS HUSBAND STAN AS NEW COMMANDER OF GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT CAMP 15.



LEFT, JOHN DEPPEN LISTENING TO HOWARD WOLFE AS HE EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATE TO THE WILLINGNESS OF MEN WHO HAVE COME FORWARD TO FILL THE RANKS OF MEMBERSHIP IN HARTRANFT CAMP 15.



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HOWARD WOLFE INSTALLS 2012 CAMP 15 OFFICERS.

[Camp Dues due](#)

*Don't be uncle scrooge!*



PHOTO BY REKNOWN REENACTOR, DAVE KLINEPETER

Camp Dues for 2012 remain at \$35 including National, Pennsylvania, and camp per capita.

Camp 15 earns no noticeable profit on remitted 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 subscription for National *Banner* magazine!

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 an installment payment during January and another in February 2012.*

2012 Camp Dues are due now!  
Check preferred – made payable to  
Hartranft Camp 15 – SUVCW.

Please bring remittance to 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 manner, you will be required to **reinstate** yourself including a \$10 National late fee for full reinstatement, anytime, during 2012!  
Total reinstatement is \$45.00 for entire year!

### ***RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!***

Camp 15 is looking for new enlistments in 2012 to join our ranks.

The Camp is considering setting up an enlistment table at the Semi-Annual Gettysburg Civil War Show, which features over 500 tables of authentic Civil War Artifacts sold by dealers. There is typically a Spring show and a Fall show. The attendees to this show tend to be "True Blue" (or perhaps there are a few Rebs in the crowd) Civil War buffs, so this may be very fertile ground for enlistment to the Union ranks.

The show is at the "All Star Event Center" at 2638 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA.

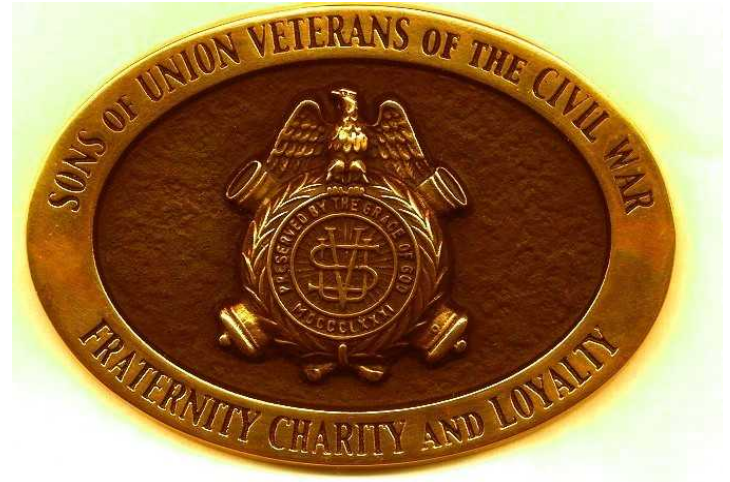
The next show will be held on January 28 and January 29, and there will be a show this coming November, so if you are interested in volunteering as an enlistment officer, please contact Brother Jeffery Smith. You may contact Jeffery at (717) 796-5633 (office) or at home (717) 691-3697.

You may also E-mail him at [Jjsmith@PMSLIC.com](mailto:Jjsmith@PMSLIC.com). More details will be furnished at this month's camp meeting on January 15.

For Sale by Hartranft Camp 15

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

**Brass Belt Buckle**



***Lifetime Guarantee Fits up to 1-3/4 inch Belt***

***Shipped Priority Mail***

\$26 + \$4 shipping for each buckle

Make check or money order payable to

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

**Send order and \$30 payment to**

***Larry C. Sheibley-Beasom***

523 South Fourth Street

Newport, PA 17074-1316

[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.sucwHarrisburgPA.org](http://www.sucwHarrisburgPA.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.

Also, 'CAP' organization will man a café in one of the old WWII mess halls near the action.

[Brothers and sisters and collectors to](#)

[Camp Schedule of events for 2012](#)

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are

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held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

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

Advance to Education Gallery for business meeting.  
**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! Advance to Education Gallery for business meeting. Brother Tony Kline, a veteran of the US Coast Guard may be our keynote speaker.

**February 11 2012** Annual Pennsylvania Lincoln lunch hosted by Mount Union Camp 502.

See announcement inside this issue.

**Sunday, March 18, 2012** camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

**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**



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 Arry 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**

National Civil War Museum Page Events

Civil War Dance Class

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Jan 15, 2012 - 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

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

Partners are encouraged but not required. Attendees should wear modern comfortable clothing and shoes. Period attire is not recommended because of limited space. The classes are a great family activity. Classes are free, but reservations are required. Email [CivilWarDance@verizon.net](mailto:CivilWarDance@verizon.net).

Exhibit Opening Reception: 1862

Jan 18, 2012 - 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM Join us to celebrate the opening of our Sesquicentennial exhibit, 1862.

"1862": A New Exhibit\_Jan 19 2012 onward

"1862" is the second exhibit of a series of commemorative exhibits for the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

The Hershey Company Community Free Day

Feb 18, 2012 - 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

FREE admission to Museum galleries for all visitors, courtesy of The Hershey Company!

Civil War Dance Class

Feb 19, 2012 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Visitors will learn popular formation dances of the 1860's! Partners are encouraged but not required. Attendees should wear modern comfortable clothing and shoes. Period attire is not recommended because of limited space. The classes are a great family activity. Classes are free, but reservations are required. Email [CivilWarDance@verizon.net](mailto:CivilWarDance@verizon.net).

Please note: regular Museum admission will be charged for those who wish to visit the galleries.

Civil War Dance Class

Mar 04, 2012 - 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

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

Partners are encouraged but not required. Attendees should wear modern comfortable clothing and shoes. Period attire is not recommended because of limited space. The classes are a great family activity. Classes are free, but reservations are required. Email [CivilWarDance@verizon.net](mailto:CivilWarDance@verizon.net).

Please note: regular Museum admission will be charged for those who wish to visit the galleries.

Book Discussion with Mr. Ted Alexander

Mar 14, 2012 - 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM  
Please join Ted Alexander, chief historian for Antietam National Battlefield for a discussion on *The Battle of Antietam: the Bloodiest Day* by Ted Alexander.

In Their Footsteps: Feeding the Army

Apr 21 - May 05, 2012 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for the third installment of curator Brett Kelley's fundraising and educational initiative and an experience of a lifetime!

The National Civil War Museum  
One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

(p) 717-260-1861 or 866-258-4729

(f) 717-260-9599

(w) The National Civil War Museum (e) General Information Email a specific department:

**Curatorial:** Brett Kelley

**Educational Information:** Trini Nye

**Sales & Marketing/Special Events/Banquet Rentals:**

Trini Nye

**Development/PR/Membership/Bricks:** Lynn Smolizer

## ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT LINCOLN LUNCHEON

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865  
Lincoln Day Luncheon  
February 11, 2012  
Sponsored by Mt Union Church Camp # 502, SUVCW & ASUVCW  
Rockwood, Somerset County, PA  
Where: Somerset American Legion, Post 0181  
162 W. Main Street, Somerset, PA  
15501  
814-445-4250

Directions: From Exit 110 of the PA Turnpike: Head straight toward N. Center Ave. (PA 601), turn right onto N Center Ave and drive 0.7 miles to center of Somerset. Turn right onto W. Main St, and go 440 ft. The Legion is on the right, across the street from Somerset Trust Company. Parking is available at Somerset Trust. There is some limited handicapped parking behind Rexall Drug, from the lot accessed from N Edgewood Ave. You can walk in the front door on Main Street straight to the elevator or catch the elevator from the N Edgewood parking lot.. The Legion is on the second floor.

11:00 AM- 12:00 PM Social Hour Buffet Luncheon at 12:00

Noon Entertainment & door prizes following lunch

REGISTRATION

FORM

Name **Guest**

Address

City **State Zip**

Phone **Email**

Check # -----                      ----- people @ \$25. each = \$-----

Name of Camp or Tent and # ----- Please print and complete form and mail with check by Jan. 21, 2012. Make check payable to "Camp # 502 SUVCW"

Mail to Gary L Fike, 8C3 Mountain Villas Drive, Champion, PA 15622 Phone 814-352-8575 email [glf14@zoominternet.net](mailto:glf14@zoominternet.net)

Accommodations: There are a number of motels near to the Turnpike Exit

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| <p>Days Inn Somerset \$<br/> (814) 445-9200<br/> 220 Waterworks Rd<br/> Somerset, PA 15501</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p>Knights Inn Somerset \$<br/> Phone: 814-445-8933<br/> Fax: 814-443-9745<br/> 147 Gateway Road<br/> Somerset, PA 15501</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Hampton Inn \$\$<br/> (814) 445-9161<br/> 324 Laurel Crest Rd<br/> Somerset, PA 15501</p>                                                                                                                                      | <p>Comfort Inn \$\$ Phone:<br/> (814) 445-9611<br/> Fax: (814) 445-5815<br/> 202 Harmon Street<br/> Somerset, PA, 15501</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><u>Hidden Valley Resort</u> \$\$<br/> <a href="http://www.hiddenvalleyresort.com/">http://www.hiddenvalleyresort.com/</a> One<br/> Craighead Drive<br/> P.O. Box 4420<br/> Hidden Valley, PA 15502<br/> 814-443-8000</p>       | <p><u>Seven Springs Mountain Resort</u> \$\$\$<br/> <a href="http://www.7springs.com/">http://www.7springs.com/</a><br/> 777 Waterwheel Dr<br/> Seven Springs, PA 15622<br/> 800-452-2223<br/> (They serve a nice Sunday Brunch!)</p>                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>The Georgian Inn of Somerset \$\$\$<br/> <a href="http://www.thegeorgianinnofsomerset.com/">http://www.thegeorgianinnofsomerset.com/</a> (814) 443-<br/> 1043<br/> 800 Georgian Place Dr<br/> Somerset, PA 15501 (B&amp;B)</p> | <p>Or on your own<br/> Somerset County Chamber of Commerce<br/> <a href="http://www.somersetcountychamber.com/">http://www.somersetcountychamber.com/</a><br/> 601 North Center Avenue<br/> Somerset, Pa 15501<br/> Phone: (814) 445-6431<br/> Fax: (814) 443-4313<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:info@somersetcountychamber.com">info@somersetcountychamber.com</a></p> |

Places you might want to visit during your stay:

#### Flight 93 National Memorial

GPS: 6424 Lincoln Highway, Stoystown, PA 15563

From SOMERSET: from Exit #110 of the PA Turnpike (Interstate 70/76), follow signs for Rte. 281 north. Take Rte 281 north 1.7 miles to US 219 north. Travel 8.7 miles north on US 219 to the Stoystown/Jennerstown/US 30 exit; turn right on US 30 east. Travel 8.5 miles on US 30 east. Turn right into the new park entrance. The new entrance will be marked with official National Park Service signs.