

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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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!

<p>2017 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p>  <p>GENERAL HARTRANFT MANUFACTURED BY C. E. BAIN & SONS, HARRISBURG, PA.</p>	<p>Commander Jeffery Smith 15-17 Senior Vice Commander Logan Swanger 15-17 Junior Vice Commander Vernon Stout 2017 Secretary Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09 Treasurer David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-17 Council Anthony Kline-16-18 Council Scott Debo 15-17 Council Vacant 2017 Patriotic Instructor Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Chaplain David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16 Counselor Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08 GAR Historian Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Graves Registration Logan Swanger 14-17 Guide Devin DePamphilis 2017 Color Bearer Kevin Williams 2017 Guard Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17 Longevity Brother Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Eagle Scout Coordinator vacant Signal Webmaster Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005 ROTC Coordinator Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17 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 3rd 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 National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

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[This issue of the Hartranft Herald is draped in remembrance of our late PCinC Brother Charlie Kuhn, Jr., 1957 – 2016.](#) Read more later!

Forthcoming monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15 2017 at Nat'l Civil War Building high atop Reservoir Park @ Harrisburg

Brothers and sisters of camp 15, we have begun our **19th year** since reorganizing from an on-paper-only Camp to an active Camp and then helped establish a spin off Camp in Sunbury! Go ahead applause!

Brothers of Camp 15, from Camp Commander Jeff Smith

First I wish you all a Happy New Year 2017. I hope that 2016 was a good year for all members of Camp 15, and wish that 2017 will be an excellent year as well.

The year 2016 brought some melancholy to us, in that we lost brothers Larry Sheibley and Floyd Demmy. Both Brothers served Camp 15 through the years in various capacities but it was their presence and friendship that meant the most of all. I especially enjoyed Larry's calm and even manner and gentle sense of humor. And who can forget Floyd's many stories and remembrances, especially of his World War II experiences. The SUVCW is an organization derived from a Veterans organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) the VFW of the 19th century if you will. As a combat veteran, Floyd was a living memory and reminder of our founding fathers in the GAR; he, like they, had the values of love of country and a willingness to risk everything for the preservation of our nation so that future generations might benefit from the blessings of freedom and national existence. I know that I like you, will not forget either of these two brothers, and having known them both was both an honor and a privilege. Knowing those brothers, and all of you in

Camp 15 is the very best part of being a member of the SUVCW and Camp 15.

Along with the Melancholy 2016 brought its blessings as well. The camp saw growth with new members, we shared fellowship in our monthly meetings in the spring and autumn, we participated in Civil War related activities such as the Memorial Day activities, the Gettysburg Remembrance Day parade, and the Gettysburg Foundation "Adopt a Position" clean-up on Culps Hill in Gettysburg at the sight of Knapp's Battery in October of 2016. To cap off the year, Camp 15 had its annual Christmas Party in the National Civil War Museum in early December. Delicious food and wonderful fellowship with brothers, sisters, and family of the associated organizations was a wonderful way to send off the waning days of 2016. For those of you who have not attended the annual Christmas parties of Camp 15, I encourage you to do so in 2017.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon, hopefully in our kick off meeting at the National Civil War Museum this coming January. I have attached, for your enjoyment and consideration, a seasonal picture of the Christmas spirit between "Enemies" and Brothers during the war. I think you can see by the picture, which spirit prevailed in the lull, and in the long term of our country's history. May God bless you and all the brothers of Camp 15, and may God continue to bless our most exceptional nation on earth, The United States of America.



*Fellow-ship during the lull;
Fredericksburg VA, December 1862
Happy 2017 to All!!!*

Jeffery J. Smith, Commander

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Camp 15 Dues time – year 2017

3rd 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

Sunday January 15th.

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

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

By Camp Chaplain, David Demmy Please add the
 following to your daily prayer list:

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.

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

EXTRA - EXTRA

71st WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History
 Commemoration January 2017
 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 28, 2017

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM I-81 North
 Indiantown Gap exit 85b

The WWIIHA is pleased to announce that they will be
 taking over the running of the annual Battle of the Bulge
 Commemoration event at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA

The former site

<http://www.wwiifederation.org/> is kaput!

Forthcoming data for 2016 is coming at The
 World War II Historical Association:

<http://www.wwiha.org/new/index.php/events/fig>

This is not a camp function; however, 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! Restaurant

is about ½ mile from route 934 junction on
 route 22 east. Next Traffic light, turn right for
 the restaurant entrance.

You also may follow Route 22 East directly
 from Harrisburg area. 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.

Reflections on the Passing of PC-in-C Charlie Kuhn

December 16, 2016 marked the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief and past Camp 15 Brother Charlie Kuhn, a sad day indeed for the SUVCW. My father, Camp 15 Brother Tony Kline and I were honored to attend Charlie's funeral on Friday, December 23 and I would like to share what we observed and what we learned that day.



Charlie's funeral commenced at Saint James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. The viewing was held for two hours beforehand and reports from other Brothers indicated that it was a constant stream of family and friends for the entire time. My Dad and I estimated between

200 and 300 in attendance for the funeral including 30-40 Members of the SUVCW, representing the Camp, Department and National levels. The local Masonic lodge performed a ritual ceremony and the SUVCW burial ceremony was conducted as part of the funeral by one Past Department Commander and four Past Commanders-in-Chief. He was buried afterward in Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg.

Charlie's funeral and burial were both impressive events and could be compared to a "Funeral of State" for the SUVCW. What was more impressive, however, were the testimonial words that were offered which showed the impact that one man's life can have on others. They were offered by members of the SUVCW, the Boy Scouts, the Masons and other church and civic groups who were touched by the life of this always enthusiastic man of service to others. With 30 or 40 Sons of Union Veterans in the room, I've never heard the

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" sung louder and with more conviction.

The groups which offered testimonials varied in their basic messages but were united by one, that being the need for all to participate in service to the greater good through whatever organization we belong. They were calls to "step up to the plate" in whatever organizations we serve and it was almost as if Charlie himself was speaking the words.

Camp 15, The Pennsylvania Department and the National Order of the SUVCW have lost a terrific friend and mentor. May his light shine in all of us and may we follow his example of service to others to the best of our abilities. That is the tribute to his life that Charlie would appreciate most.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Brother Greg Kline, PCC.

Camp Curtin Historical Society and Civil War Round Table presents:

Sunday, February 26 2017 2pm youthful local author Cooper Wingert and *Slavery & the Underground Railroad in South Central Pennsylvania*.

January and February 2017 Events for The National Civil War Museum

Reconstruction: The Unfinished War Exhibit Opening Reception @ The National Civil War Museum

Jan 18 @ 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

The evening will begin with refreshments, followed by a presentation with Historian Dr. William Blair

"Murders and Outrages: Violence and its Impact in Reconstruction"

Within the records of the Freedmen's Bureau lies a collection of material with the shocking title or "Murders and Outrages." These reports from officers of the bureau include more than 4,500 instances of atrocities—murders, assaults, knifings, sexual assaults, economic coercion, and assassinations of government agents—committed by southern whites against Republicans and black people in the post-Civil War South. Yet until now scholars have not understood the reason these reports were filed or the impact that they had on northern policy against the former Confederates. This compilation of violence proved instrumental in mobilizing Republicans to visit a hard peace upon the South that included replacing all governments in the South with military rule

At the conclusion of the presentation, a tour of the new exhibit *"Reconstruction: The Unfinished War"* with Museum Curator Brett E. Kelley.

Major Marcus Reno: From Harrisburg to Little Bighorn @ The National Civil War Museum
Jan 28 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Join James Hessler as he presents on Major Marcus Reno: From Harrisburg to Little Bighorn
Marcus Reno had a solid, if unspectacular, career in the American Civil War. He is best remembered for his controversial role as the senior subordinate officer under George Armstrong Custer at the 1876 battle of Little Bighorn. Although Reno survived that battle with most of his command, he was forever dogged by rumors of drunkenness, cowardice, and failure to support Custer. Reno was later cashiered on charges of being a peeping tom. Lesser known is the fact that Reno had family ties to the Harrisburg area and the National Civil War Museum holds several personal artifacts. Please attend this presentation on Reno's controversial life and view his belongings.

James Hessler is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. His published works include co-author of "Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg" (2015) with National Civil War Museum CEO Wayne Motts. A lifelong Little Bighorn enthusiast, he is a member of the Little Bighorn Associates and Custer Battlefield Historical Memorial Association.
Entrance to this lecture is included in the purchase of museum admission and is free to NCWM members.

Community Free Day @ The National Civil War Museum

Saturday February 18 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Please join us with friends and family on our community free day to celebrate Black History Month!

10 AM - 4 PM - Period clothing station for children & adults to try on and take selfies

10AM - 4PM - Coloring Activity Station

11AM - Presentation "Victorian Etiquette 101: Ballroom Behavior and Fan Flirtation" with Myra Reichert

12 Noon - Presentation with James Hayney as President Abraham Lincoln

Music provided by the Long Hill String Band.



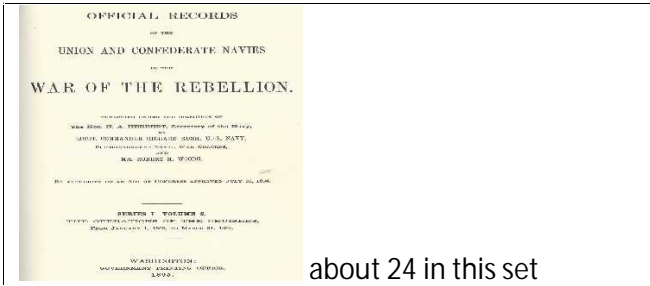


John Frederick Hartranft
1830 - 1889

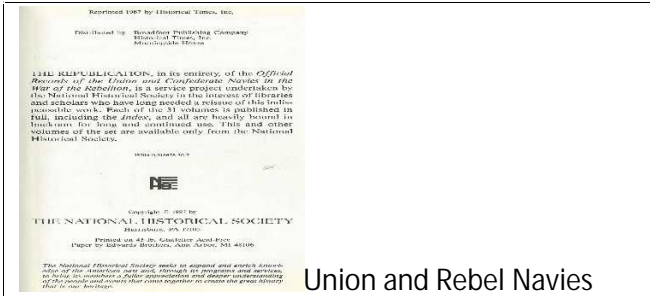
- 1861 - Raised 4th and 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers
- 1865 - Special Provost Marshall for Lincoln Conspirators
- 1866 - 1872 Auditor General of Pennsylvania
- 1873 - 1879 Governor of Pennsylvania, State Constitution Revised
- 1870 - Father of Modern National Guard of Pennsylvania
- 1886 - Medal of Honor for Valor at 1st Battle of Bull Run

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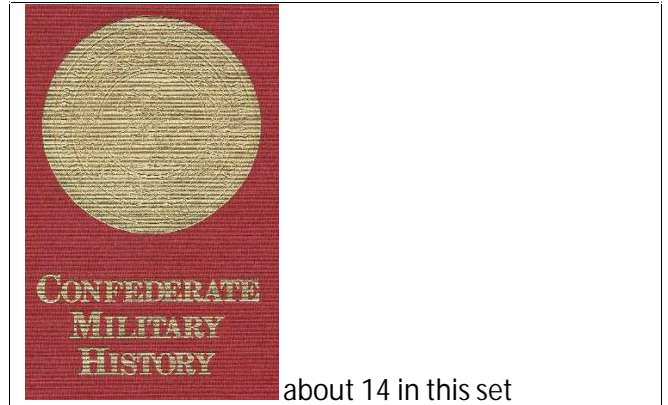
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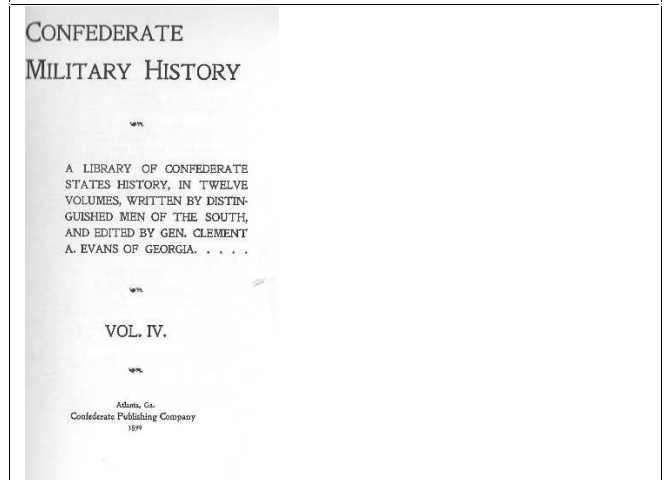
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Union and Rebel Navies



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Photos of Camp 15's 2016 holiday banquet



God Bless America and the SUVCW

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Swanger and Smith families



Gene Mortorff and Tony Kline



Our buddy Dave Klinepeter



2017 Officers being sworn in.

Above photos courtesy of Brother Greg Kline

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN
by Dave Klinepeter

Happy New Year to everyone. My hope is that Camp 15 will grow in membership and activities this year. There will be chances for recruiting days. The National Civil War Museum will have several **free** days; and on June 16-17 will again be *Harrisburg Civil War Days*. We should be one of the sponsors. We need to be involved.

DID YOU KNOW? A few dates for January and February:

January 1, 1863 Emancipation Proclamation! Through his political career, Lincoln was opposed to slavery. Using the broad powers of the Constitution he was able to issue the Emancipation Proclamation to help win the war. The Confederates were using the slaves for production on the home front while the men fought the battles. Once slavery became the central issue, England and France could no longer contemplated aiding the Confederacy. He freed the slaves only in the areas controlled by the Confederacy.

Jan 19, 1807 Robert E. Lee was born! Jan 21 1824 Thomas J. Jackson was born! Jan 20-22, 1863 MUD March Burnside Quagmire!

Feb 1854 Birth of the Republican Party. Prior to that there were two major parties, the Democratic party and the Whig party, both had southern and northern factions. Both were breaking into splinter groups. New parties such as the Peoples party, the "Know Nothing party", the Free Soil party. In Ripon, Wis. the name Republican was decided on as an anti-slavery party. They were for *no expansion* of slavery, strong central government, high tariffs, things the South were not in favor of. In 1860 at their first National Convention they elected Abraham Lincoln for President. He won the election and became the first Republican president.

Feb. 9, 1864 Escape from Libby prison. Union Col. Rose of the 77th Pa was captured in Sept 1863. He and others dug a tunnel for over a month. One morning roll call 109 men were missing. Thirty nine men made it back to the Union lines, two drowned and 48 were captured, including Col Rose. He was exchanged in July and returned to the fight! He retired as a major in 1894.

Feb 12, 1809 Abraham Lincoln birthday. (They are still printing books, today, on his life).

Feb 25, 1862 the U.S.S. Monitor was commissioned. On March 6 she left New York harbor heading south for blockade duty.

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[72nd WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration January 2017](#)

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[Saturday, January 28th, 2017](#)

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

I-81 North Indiantown Gap exit 85b

Camp Brothers meet for breakfast at Farmer’s Wife Restaurant, Ono, PA on route 22 just east of the Gap Road, about 8 a.m.

February

February Camp Meeting Sunday 19th

March

Camp meeting scheduled for 19th

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

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request.

Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff

DoubleD@Demmy.cc

[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]!

January

Next Camp meeting, is scheduled for 3rd Sunday, January 15, 2017 at NCWM bldg. 2pm.

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[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.

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!

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.

2017 Lincoln Luncheon
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

J.P. Brindle Camp #50 and J.P. Brindle Auxiliary #50

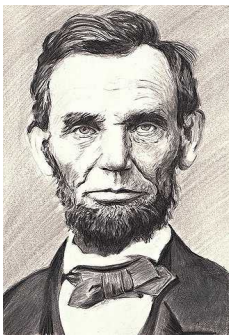
Are Pleased to Invite You to the Annual Lincoln Luncheon. This year's theme will be
"President Lincoln, Admiral-In-Chief"

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at **1 o'clock**, United States Army Heritage Education
Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA

Lunch will be served Buffet-style, and includes:

- Garden Salad w/ Choice of Dressings
- Eye of Round Roast Beef in Brown Sauce
- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Fondant Potatoes Vegetable Medley
- Assorted Rolls & Butter
- Chef's Choice Dessert Table

\$29.00 per person



Featuring as Guest Speaker, Dr Craig L. Symonds,

Professor-Emeritus, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

Dr. Symonds is also the author of several books, including The Civil War at Sea, Lincoln and his Admirals, Decision at Sea: Five Naval Battles that Shaped American History, The Battle of Midway, and several others.

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Dinner also includes admission to the Soldier Experience Gallery, dedicated to the U.S. Army soldiers of all eras. The Research Library and museum will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM. In addition, the Army Heritage Trail will be open from dawn to dusk. Banquet room will open at 12 o'clock noon.

Checks may be made out to: J.P. Brindle Camp #50, SUVCW
And mailed to: Paul W. McMillin, 140 Partridge Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013

Name: _____ Name: _____
Name: _____ Name: _____
Total: _____

All Reservations must be in by **February 1, 2017**.
Continued with Directions on next sheet:


United States Army Heritage Education Center

FROM THE SOUTHWEST: Drive North on Interstate 81 to Exit 48 (York Road). At the bottom of the ramp, turn right. Continue to second stoplight and turn left onto Fairview Street. Proceed to next stoplight and turn right onto Army Heritage Drive. Proceed straight through the next stop light (intersection of Trindle Road and Army Heritage Drive) passing Sheetz. You will cross over Interstate 81. USAHEC is located on the left hand side of the road. If you proceed to the railroad tracks, you have gone too far.

FROM THE NORTHEAST AND NORTH: Go southwest on Interstate 81 to Exit 49. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Trindle Road. At next stoplight, turn left at the light onto Army Heritage Drive. You will cross over Interstate 81. USAHEC is located on the left hand side of the road. If you proceed to the railroad tracks, you have gone too far.

FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON THE PA TURNPIKE: From the PA Turnpike take Exit 226 to Rt. 11 South. Continue on Rt. 11 South to the second traffic light, where Sheetz is located. At this traffic light, turn left onto Harmony Hall Road. Take next right onto Claremont Road. Take first left onto Army Heritage Drive. Continue over the railroad tracks, USAHEC is located on the right hand side of the road. If you proceed to the stoplight, you have gone too far.

Camp 15 recruiting card

	<p>Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org Serving the Harrisburg Area Since 1882 717 232 7000</p>
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Cards and wooden nickels available upon request.....