



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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--- Summer Issue ---

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7.
Come One, Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family and Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

[For the Good of our Order Brothers and Sisters](#)

Our very own Camp 15 member, Charlie Kuhn is the current National Senior Vice Commander and will be eligible for election to the position of



National Commander-in-Chief at the National SUCVW Encampment, August 9-12, 2007, at St. Louis. A testimonial luncheon for Brother Charlie is scheduled on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at Herr Tavern, 900 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Subsequent data will be shared with you as it becomes available. Camp 15 is very

supportive of our dual member Brother Charlie. It has been many decades since a member of Camp 15, Harrisburg, has been elected to the position of National Commander-in-Chief, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

[Memorial Day revisited](#)

"Changing the date of Memorial Day just to create a three-day weekend has weakened the day's meaning. We support the bill introduced by Senator Inouye which restores the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day to 30 May.

We would never think of changing July 4th to make a 3 day holiday! Why do we feel the men and women who fought and continue to fight for our country, deserve any less? The 'Day' is to remember them, not for a 3 day weekend, to shop, picnic, or drink too much"!

Help restore Memorial Day to its original day each May. Go to National petition at website

<http://www.usmemorialday.org/act.html>

and sign the petition.

[Louise Kramer Pryor - obituary](#)

Although 2 months have gone by, the *Hartranft Herald* sadly learned, today, that Miss Louise Kramer Pryor of Auxiliary #7 to Camp #15 of the Allied Orders, Harrisburg, passed away on April 25, 2007

Louise Kramer Pryor, 69, formerly of Lemoyne, passed away April 25, 2007 at the Masonic Village Health Care Center, Elizabethtown.

She was born in Harrisburg September 22, 1937, and was the daughter of the late Ed and Betty (Geib) Kramer of Lemoyne. She was the wife of the late Pete Pryor.

Surviving are two brothers; Ed husband of Trish Kramer of Yulee, FL, William husband of Carol

Fund, (see additional data on this endowment fund, later in this issue of your *Hartranft Herald*). A motion, as needed, comments, and discussion on these donations, may be transacted at Camp 15's next general meeting on Sunday, September 16, at National Civil War Museum, Reservoir Park.

[Thank you to Camp 15](#)

Thank you to members of General John F. Hartranft, from A. Wilson Greene, CEO Pamplin Historical Park, Petersburg, Virginia, for your contribution to the Sixth Maryland Infantry Regiment Monument at Pamplin Historical Park. A monument will be erected near the site where the Sixth Maryland Volunteers attacked the Confederate lines on April 2, 1865.

[National Civil War Museum Events](#) – Camp 15's generous host for our general meetings

*Schedules and times are subject to change. Inclement weather will route activities indoors.

Living History: Saturday, July 28, 2007, 10am-5pm;
 Sunday, July 29, 2007, 12pm-5pm



The 4th Texas will be at the Museum to do presentations of military drill and musket firing, along with a military encampment. Civilian reenactors will also be demonstrating skills relating to everyday life; cooking, sewing, spinning, and clothing of the 1860's.

Living History: Saturday, August 11, 2007,
 10am-5pm;
 Sunday, August 12, 2007, 12pm-5pm

Encampment of a Confederate Civil War artillery unit - Purcell's Battery, the "Fauquier Artillery".

Loading and firing



demonstrations will be conducted each day. Museum visitors will see the flash, smell the smoke and hear the roar of Civil War cannons.

This educational program for the entire family is designed to bring history to life. These living historians will explain how the guns were used in action and their impact on the battlefield. The volunteer artillerymen will also explain the technology of artillery and the safety practices required in the 1860's. This program is weather contingent.

Living History: Saturday, September 8, 2007,
 10am-3pm
 Sunday, September 9, 2007, 12pm-3pm

Have you always been interested in the American Civil War? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to put on a uniform and march, eat, and fight like they did during the Civil War? Well here is your chance. Come join Co. K. of the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers and learn what it was like to be a Civil War Soldier. The National Civil War Museum and the 83rd Pennsylvania will provide you the equipment and uniforms. You provide the enthusiasm. Learn the drill of the common soldier. Eat food that they ate. *Do not just read about history - learn how to be a part of history!* Please contact the Museum for more information, 717-260-1861, ext 1108 or Email: [Lynn Smolizer](#).

Co K. of the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers is an authentic minded Living History Organization that participates in living histories, reenactments and preservation events in South Central Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas. The 83rd Pennsylvania is dedicated to preserve the history of the common Civil War Soldier in blue and his dedication, hardships, and his loyalty to the preservation of the Union.

Please contact the Museum for more information, 717-260-1861, ext 1108 or Email: Lynn Smolizer

[Department of Pennsylvania Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#) has for sale silver Andersonville Badges from December 2005.

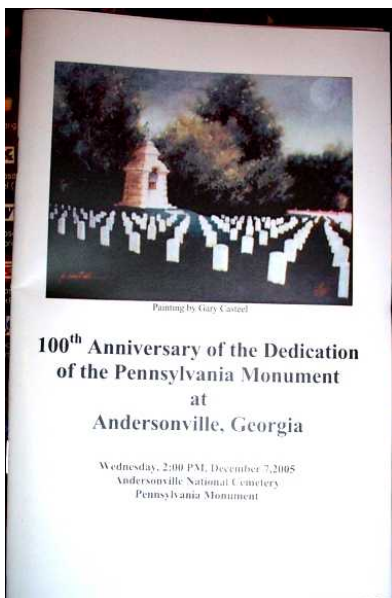
Price is \$25 plus \$3 shipping in a bubble envelope. Send remittance to Brother Richard Orr, P-CNC at: Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief 153 Connie Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251

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The badge is a **.999 sterling silver** drop suspended on red Departmental ribbon – *well worth* the remittance and future investment. Beginning 2008, any unsold commemorative badges will be melted-down for their silver content value!

In addition to the badge displayed above, your remittance includes the December 2005 - 100th anniversary dedication booklet too! Invest today! Make checks payable to Pennsylvania Department SUVCW.



[Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007](#)

On June 29, 2007 President Bush signed HR 692 ENR "Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007." The legislation amended Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1, Section 7, Subsection 7(m), to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, possession of the United States, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, possession, or in the District of Columbia in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, possession, or in the District of Columbia who dies while serving on active duty.

Additionally the legislation specifies that when the Governor of a State, territory, possession, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia, issues a proclamation that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, possession, or in the District of Columbia because of the death of a member of the Armed Forces, the National flag flown at any Federal installation or facility in the area covered by that proclamation shall be flown at half -staff consistent with that proclamation.

See

http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc110/h692_jh.xml for more details

[Pennsylvania Department Encampment 2007](#) at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

45 members of Pennsylvania were registered, average of 38 present with 12 camps represented and 2 Camp Commanders among the officers and brothers in the audience. Camp 15 was represented too and you were there:

Camp 15 sold 2 belt buckles and 1 license plate for the good of Camp 15.

Photographs, if available, to follow in August issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.

[Camp 15 Road Trip to Montgomery Cemetery](#), site of General John F. Hartranft gravesite. Submitted by David W. Demmy, Chaplain

On June 9, a car load of brothers broke bread together at breakfast and proceeded to One Hartranft Avenue, Norristown, Montgomery County to view the gravesite of our Camp namesake. The Director of the Montgomery

County Historical Society, Michelle Harris, led us on a tour of the cemetery, now owned and maintained by the society.



Following lunch, we visited the home of the society, had a personal showing of some of their artifacts and then gathered in their hall for a talk by World War II band-of-brother's member, old Sarge, Louis Zotti. This old cigar man, told us how he had joined the U. S. Army prior to Pearl Harbor

Day and was a training NCO. Month after month he trained what he referred to as farm boys that didn't know anything – including indoor plumbing; [remember he was referring to 1940]. EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS AUTHOR DID NOT HAVE INDOOR PLUMBING TIL EARLY '50S IN COLONIAL PARK.

The Old Sarge went on to say he couldn't take the ongoing training and asked for a transfer which was denied until Lou did a favor for a general officer and he was off to the new airborne. Lou told us about sailing overseas, how he was put in charge of kitchen detail and how well his crew was feed and how he took care of MPs for special considerations too. After D-Day and they had pushed into France, they returned to England for R-n-R and were told not to go to town for fear of nightly German bombings. He said most of the boys took off for Glasgow, but he headed to town for a bottle of schnapps and a bar-maid he befriended earlier. He left us under the impression he knew a number of barmaids from Norristown to Berlin.

The carload of Camp 15 brothers had good fellowship, a good afternoon meal, and then a leisure return trip to Harrisburg via scenic route 30 from Downingtown thru Lancaster.

Pictures to follow or to be published in the August Hartranft Herald if not available at July press time.

[July Birthdays for Camp 15 personnel](#)

Lee Walters
Lynn Kyle, Sr.

D. Michael Klinepeter

Nathaniel Hall
Bruce Baker
Bill Kuhn, Jr.

If your name is missing from this birthday roster for July, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* with adds, deletes, or corrective information.

[PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#)

by Dave Klinepeter

July 4th 2007 has come and gone. Being a flag-waving fellow who always decorates with lots of red white and blue and numerous flags I observe other places while driving around. In the small towns and especially ones with parades there is a great show of AMERICAN FLAGS, but in the suburbs and into the cities it is hard to find AMERICAN FLAGS being flown. We, as Sons of Union Veterans, of course fly the flag, but need to encourage our neighbors to do the same on national holidays. It is also a morale booster to our troops in service.

July 6-7-8th 2007 The 144th Battle of Gettysburg was reenacted. I, as Pennsylvania's Civil War Governor, Andrew Gregg Curtin, did attend on Friday and Sunday. It was a most interesting experience meeting with many different people including SUV and SCV members. One thing I did note again this year in the SUTLER area were several tents devoted to the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. They had a number of people in uniform, also applications and information available. In speaking with one of their members I was informed they sometimes are asked about the Sons of Union Veterans. I know one year at Gettysburg, a SUV Camp set up for one day. This is too big a project for a small group to manage. Could the Department or National work up this idea?

In this issue of the newsletter I am going to start a series of articles on the early years of Camp 15. Contrary to a few people's comments, just because I am the oldest member of Camp 15, I am not a charter member from 1882. Several years ago while Camp Commander, Brother Sheibley tried to write a History of Camp 15. He found out many of the records are GONE. No one seems to know what happened. I want to start the series with the segment that I know about the best. That will be about JOHN H. RUNKLE, Mr. SUVCW FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. This will also cover the Sons of Veterans Reserve and especially the Fife and Drum Corp he organized. --- DJK

Continuing with Mr. SUVCW, John H. Runkle, of Camp 15, Harrisburg, PA.

MAJOR JOHN H. RUNKLE

By David J. Klinepeter

John A. Runkle



In memory of

HUSBAND AND FATHER

John H. Runkle

Department Commander 1938-39

Commander-in-Chief 1949-50

Mustered in: December 30, 1908 Mustered out: August 26, 1961
His life was dedicated to the Sons of Union Veterans and the principals for which they stand. He gave his "all" to the organization which was his "life" often putting it before his family, business, and, yes, even his physical well-being.

Though his smile is gone forever,
And his hands we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.

His memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part,
God had him in his keeping,
But we have him in our hearts.

"Old Soldiers Never Die — They Just Fade Away"

Wife, Children, Grandchildren

FROM PA. DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL JUNE 1969 AT HARRISBURG.

Readers, this will give you an idea of the many years of devotion he gave to the Sons of Union Veterans. He traced his membership in the Sons of Union Veterans from the following Veterans:

July 2007 Hartranft Herald -- Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

THE EVENING

**JOHN A. RUNKLE
DIES AT 81 YRS.,
HAD WAR RECORD**

John Adam Runkle, Civil War veteran, who for many years was marshal of the Memorial Day parades in Harrisburg, died early this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Miller, 236 Lewis street. He was 81 years old.

Born at Grantville, in the lower end of Dauphin County, on April 27, 1848, Runkle was not 15 years old when he first enlisted in the United States Army in 1863. When he arrived at Camp Curtin he was discharged, however, because of his youth.

On March 9, 1864, he enlisted again in Company A, First Battalion, Sixteenth U. S. Infantry. He served with Sherman in the Georgia campaign, although he did not finish the march to the sea, when he was sent back with the other regulars to Look-out Mountain, in Tennessee.

Later he served as orderly for General Thomas, in Nashville, Tenn. He also saw service in the Army of the Cumberland.

After he was discharged on March 9, 1867, he came back to this section of the country for a year and then tried farming for two years in Ohio. He returned to this city and entered the employ of the Peiper Line, with whom he was connected as driver for thirty-three years. Later he was salesman and driver for the Brelsford Packing and Storage Company, and then for Swift and Company. He retired about thirteen years ago.

The veteran was formerly commander of Post 116, G. A. R., and a member of Post 58, G. A. R., this city. He was also a member of the United American Mechanics and the Dauphin Lodge, No. 160, Odd Fellows, of this city. He was a charter member of Otterbein United Brethren Church, and president of the church board of trustees for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Miller home. Further services will be held in Otterbein United Brethren Church at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Charles R. Beittel, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the East Harrisburg Cemetery.

Besides his daughter, he is survived by a son, LeRue V. S. Runkle, of Minneapolis, Minn., and a grandson, John H. Runkle, of this city. The body may be viewed at the Miller home after 7 o'clock Thursday evening.

Note last paragraph above;

Jacob Urich, next page, is also a grandfather to John H. Runkle.

And Jacob Urich



Note the cap emblem on Jacob Urich above!

Harrisburg GAR Post 58 – the forerunner to Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War

IN MEMORIAM

Past Senior Vice Department Commander Jacob Urich.

Comrade Urich was born in Linglestown, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1848 and died in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 8, 1933.

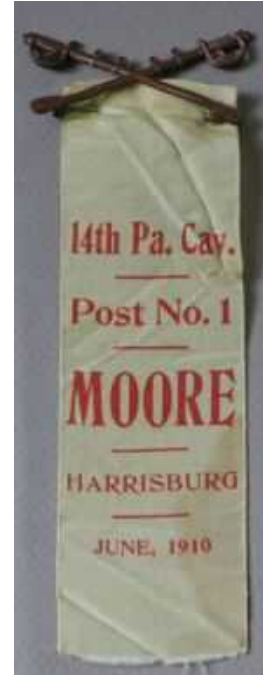
He enlisted February 5, 1864 in Co. B, 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry and was honorably discharged July 13, 1865.

He was mustered into Post No. 58 Harrisburg, July 1924 serving as Junior Vice, Senior Vice Commander, Chaplain and Post Commander.

He was elected Senior Vice Department Commander in 1932.

Jacob Urich 1848 – 1933

More on John H. Runkle in future *Hartranft Herald*



[This just in](#)

At press time the *Hartranft Herald* received an e-mail from a Camp 15 member's wife:

"Hubby and I have belonged to a number of organizations over the years, but No other organizations have welcomed me (as the spouse to the male member) like Camp 15, Auxiliary 7 and Department of Pennsylvania have welcomed me at meetings, picnics and other gatherings".

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[Camp 15 Members 1911 – 1966](#)

[General John Geary](#)

thanx to the late Ed Kramer, formerly of Lemoyne!



GENERAL GEARY LAID TO REST AT
HARRISBURG CEMETERY 13TH AND STATE STREETS
HARRISBURG

NAME	MEMBER	BORN
Ray E Steward.....	2-21-1911;;	= -1888
Robert Squires.....	2-10-1915;;	6 29 1892
Benj. W. Squires.....	3 22 1921;;	11 23 1888
Frank Spink (B).....	12 26 1922X;	1880
Ed. S Quaintance...	5 1 1929;;	1890
Coleman B Mark.....	5 14 1929;;	1883
Floyd D Kemmerer..	1 9 1931;;	1
Leon S Hooh.....	11 25 1938;;	9 1 1889
Merle W Copeland..	3 24 1939;;	11 28 1900
Dave J. Klinepeter	7 9 1943;;	8 19 1926
H. D. Gilbert Jr....	4 28 1944	5 13 1908
Geo. L. Pomranig...	3 23 1945	5 26 1913
Paul S Barnhart...	11 25 1938	6 13 1897
Harry M Bunkle....	10 26 1945	10 26 1929
John P Jones.....	3 22 1946	6 14 1899
John C Kunkel.....	6 14 1946	7 21 1898
Chet L. Otstot.....	6 14 1946	3 21 1908
Raymond E Siple...	3 28 1947	8 19 1902
Guy E Ohlson.....	3 28 1947	6 20 1901
George H Gruber...	6 11 1948	9 1 1922
Edwin K Kramer....	12 10 1948	9 25 1914
Donald E Blatt....	3 24 1950	10 18 1926
Vernon D Sanders..	1 8 1954	7 17 1936
Wayne A Smith.....	1 8 1954	6 29 1929
Alex B Shoop.....	3 25 1960	9 6 1878
R Vernon Watts....	3 25 1960	5 26 1907
Robert S Ogilvie...	3 25 1960	9 18 1896
Paul W Kern.....	3 25 1960	8 25 1905
Jay A Estep.....	7 8 1960	1 21 1935
Robert L Dreese...	10 14 1960	3 30 1928
Wilbur W Deitz....	1 27 1961	1 4 1921
Harry M Gephart...	2 10 1961	6 18 1933
Wm. Ed. Yoter.....	2 26 1962	4 9 1933
David B Kugle.....	5 11 1962	2 5 1926
Robert A Bannon...	5 11 1962	10 31 1946
Edward C Hill.....	4 5 1963	10 31 1946
Paul C Sload.....	4 12 1963	7 24 1883
Wm. S. Ettinger....	6 1 1966	10 17 1907
Yerxes J. Worley...	6 1 1966	11 23 1893

Readers, check out some of the names above;
sound familiar!

Story on Geary monument at Gettysburg National Park continues on next page.

General Geary was a former member of GAR Post 58 in Harrisburg,
the forerunner of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 15.

August 11, 2007 - Dedication of century old former Governor Geary Monument at Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG MONUMENT OF GENERAL AND GOVERNOR TO BE DEDICATED

Former Pennsylvania Governor John White Geary, who led a division of Union troops in the Battle of Gettysburg and later gained fame across the country in high offices, will finally get the recognition he deserves on the battlefield.

The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table – an organization devoted to studies of the war – will dedicate a monument built to honor Geary almost a century ago but never dedicated.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 11, on the battlefield's famous Culp's Hill.

Geary, a brigadier general, commanded the 12th Corps' Second Division in the Army of the Potomac. He was one of nine Pennsylvanians commanding divisions at the battle. Five generals were selected by the commission in 1913 – Andrew Humphreys, Alexander Hays, John Geary, Samuel Crawford and John Gibbon.

Geary retired from the army as a major general and went on to serve two terms as Pennsylvania's governor. He was also a territorial governor of Kansas and the first mayor and postmaster of San Francisco. His name appears on plaques and monuments in Pennsylvania, California, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee, the Carolinas, and in Panama. His last home was in New Cumberland, Cumberland County, where he died in 1873 at age 53.

A statue monument at his grave in the Harrisburg Cemetery was dedicated in 1880 and rededicated in 1996, but the larger-than-life Geary statue on Culp's Hill was never dedicated.

"Following the 1910 dedication of the Pennsylvania State Monument in the Gettysburg National Military Park, the Commonwealth initiated plans to honor those five division commanders. Three monuments (Humphreys, Hays, and Geary) were constructed," Round Table President Sheldon Munn said.

"By 1915, the members of the commission in charge of the monuments project were elderly and some had died," Munn explained. "Legislative fund to transport veterans to Gettysburg and to lodge them for ceremonies was lacking and the imminence of World War I was laying heavily on the nation. All of those reasons brought about a lack of interest in dedicating the monuments."

Dedication ceremonies were not held at the Hays monument until the 1980s and at the Crawford and Gibbon monuments until 1988 (125th Anniversary). There are no plans at present for the Humphreys dedication.

"Our Round Table, which has members from Dauphin, Cumberland, Lancaster and York counties – and some from beyond those areas – felt that the Geary dedication should take place because the general's terms as governor from 1867 to 1873 and because he lived in this area," Munn said. "We thought that after 92 years it was time to perform the ceremony."

Munn said the Round Table is inviting Governor Rendell, Lieutenant Governor Knoll, state Representative Harry Readshaw – who led the Pennsylvania Monuments project at Gettysburg, and Dr. Anthony Waskie, who portrays Major General George G. Meade, to attend the ceremony. Also invited are members of the Congress and the state Legislature, civic and business leaders, members of the Masonic order, the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, honor guard, and band, representatives from the Gettysburg Foundation, the National Park Service, the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides, Civil War Round members, Sons of the Union Veterans, re-enactors, and the general public.

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[The Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund](#)

Take time to review the display on the next 2 pages of this *Hartranft Herald*.
Ladies and Gentlemen, act accordingly, as a group, Camp, or individuals.
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Would you like to become an Abraham Lincoln Fellow? Fill out this form:

Name: _____
 Department: _____
 Camp: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ Zip: _____
 State: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

I desire to contribute \$ _____ to the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund.

There are three levels of Lincoln Fellows:

- Gold@ \$1000.00
- Silver@ \$500.00
- Bronze@ \$250.00

Pledges can be paid in one lump sum or over a two-year period. Pledges are non-refundable and if they are not fulfilled the amount paid into the fund will be retained.

Signature: _____
 Date: _____

Distribution

Out of each gift made to the Lincoln Fellow program 80% is invested within the permanent restricted Endowment Fund. The remaining 20% is placed in the General Fund of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation for current grants.

Each year no more than 80% of the interest from the Endowment Fund will be transferred to the General Fund to fund grants by the SUCVW Charitable Foundation. The remaining funds are reinvested in the Endowment Fund to assist in the growth of the endowment fund.

Gifts

REMEMBER, your donation goes to work right away in supporting the mission of the SUCVW Charitable Foundation. All donations are tax deductible. Gifts may be made by giving cash, checks, stocks, bonds, or any other assets that you may desire to contribute. Checks should be made payable to:

SUCVW Charitable Foundation

And mailed to:
 SUCVW Charitable Foundation
 C/O James Houston, Treas.
 P.O. Box 386
 Milford, OH. 45150

Sons of Union
 Veterans of the
 Civil War
 Charitable Foundation



Abraham Lincoln
 Endowment
 Fund

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation was created in Sandusky, Ohio on March 8, 2003 exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

Those purposes broadly include:

Providing information on and enlightenment of the Armed Conflict of 1861-1865.

Supporting projects and charities attributable to Civil War history, monument preservation/restoration, monument construction and erection, and scholarships and benevolence to members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Foundation was incorporated in the State of Ohio and maintains headquarters at the Ohio Veterans Home/Museum in Sandusky, Ohio. The Foundation is tax exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

We enthusiastically look forward to serving our educational and charitable purposes through your support.

Concept

The Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund was established by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation on March 8, 2007, which is also the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Charitable Foundation.

After reviewing the first four years of fund raising to meet the purposes of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, it became apparent that additional steps needed to be taken to realize the full mission.

The Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund was founded with two chief goals in mind:

(1) Establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which will provide adequate financial contributions for support of projects selected by the Charitable Foundation for support.

(2) Provide an immediate source of funds to be used in the short term to provide financial contributions that fulfill the mission of the Charitable Foundation.

Until the inception of the Endowment Fund, The SUVCW Charitable Foundation was dependant upon donations made by individuals and groups, with little permanent funds being retained for the growth of the Endowment Fund.

General

The purpose of the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund is to maintain a continuing program for obtaining and distributing funds to support the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conduct fundraising activities at camp, department, and national levels.

All gifts are important and are tax deductible under the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation's tax exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Individuals or groups donating at one of the three levels of \$1000, \$500, or \$250 are recognized as Abraham Lincoln Fellows. The gifts may be paid over a two year period.


Each person recognized as a Lincoln Fellow at the Gold or Silver level will receive a distinctive medal. At the Bronze level a distinctive certificate will be issued. A Lincoln Fellow can move to the next level by contributing the necessary additional funds. However, a Silver Fellow would be required to return the Silver medal in order to receive the Gold medal.

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[Camp 15's Calendar of Events for remainder of 2007](#)

August 9 th – 10 th – 11 th	126 th National Encampment (convention) at St. Louis.
September – Sunday 16 th	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
October – Sunday 21 st	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum. Selection of Camp officers for 2008.
November	No general meeting.
Veterans' Day 11 th	Thank a Veteran today for your freedoms.
November – Saturday 17 th	Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.
December – Sunday 9 th	Annual Holiday Party at Doc Holliday's Restaurant, Limekiln Road, Exit 40A, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Celebrate the Installation of Officers for 2008 at this annual event. TIME: social hour 11:30 to 12:30; mealtime 1 pm and afternoon fellowship. 

[New for 2007, a year long Series on the GAR](#)

A continuation from the [New England Magazine](#), August 1890. Vol. II. No. 6. pages 603 to 633.

Editor's Note: due to a lack of interest in this series and the amount of space required in each *Hartranft Herald*, the series has been discontinued. However, if any individual reader of the *Hartranft Herald* desires the remaining pages of the series, (Pages 615 thru 633) contact the *Hartranft Herald* and those pages will be made available to you via e-mail or snail-mail, beginning with page 615. This action will allow our Patriotic Instructor/GAR Historian an opportunity to continue with Camp history data, the John Runkle story, and later continue with more on the GAR. – David W. Demmy DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Be Proud
Wear The Badge



Looking Ahead into August:

- Photos of recent Camp activities as they become available.
- Camp 15 Charters.
- Volunteer Office at Son's National Headquarters at National Civil War Museum, Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear in your 2007 *Hartranft Herald*.
- Have you submitted your BIO! (Member's profile) Why not begin work on it today!
- Keep a copy of your schedule of events and calendar handy for reference.
- If space available, the *Hartranft Herald* will begin a series on photocopies of Camp 15 charters!

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

In F, C, and L,

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

--- End of July 2007 Hartranft Herald ---

