



# 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](http://www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org)  
Celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Flag Day



TOGETHER THESE SYMBOLS GIVE US HOPE FOR AMERICA!

No Camp meeting in June; our normal meeting would fall on Fathers Day. It would behoove you to attend the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic 2011 Pennsylvania encampment. You may go to the Pennsylvania Department newsletter at [www.pasucw.org](http://www.pasucw.org) for forms and details.

Camp Picnic July 17, Sunday has been cancelled! Perhaps a fall event will be more suitable instead of the heat of summer.

## Veteran's items for purchase

No endorsement just providing opportunity:

[www.PriorService.com](http://www.PriorService.com)

<http://www.medalsofamerica.com/>

<http://www.usarmilitarymedals.com/>

<http://www.soldiercity.com/>

<http://www.armysurplusworld.com>

## The Library of Congress

The Library of Congress has selected the SUVCW website for inclusion in the historic collection of Internet materials related to the American Civil War Sesquicentennial!

## Civil War 150 Events [Pennsylvania]

Is your organization planning a Civil War related event? Make sure to list it online for FREE at [PACivilWar150.com](http://PACivilWar150.com).

If you want to purchase an authentic Pennsylvania Civil War 150 gear to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, check out our one-stop shop at [PACivilWar150.com](http://PACivilWar150.com) for official merchandise. The Road Show has been highly successful with a wide range of visitors exploring the interactive exhibits in the four main sections of the exhibit, each representing a

different aspect of life during and following the Civil War. Upcoming stops include:

- May 27-30: Muncy, Pa. hosted by [Muncy Historical Society & Museum](#) in partnership with Muncy School District.
- June 3-5: Turbotville, Pa. hosted by [Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society](#) in partnership with Northumberland County Historical Society
- June 10-12: Gettysburg, Pa. hosted by the [Gettysburg Foundation](#)
- June 17-19: Bedford, Pa. hosted by [Old Bedford Village](#)

Hartranft staff recently reviewed the Road Show at Army Heritage Days at Carlisle.



Floyd Demmy, Camp member and combat veteran of a WWII infantry squad is flanked by airborne reenactors at 2011 Army Heritage Days at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

from left, Brian DOMITROVICH, Floyd Demmy, AND MORGEN Dautrich of [www.508pir.com](http://www.508pir.com)  
Photo by Hartranft Staff.

The reenactors enjoyed reviewing Floyd's 1944 photo of his half-track squad. ⚠️



CAPTION: WWII PHOTO OF HALF-TRACK SQUAD OF 54<sup>TH</sup> ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION OF 10<sup>TH</sup> ARMORED

DIVISION (TIGERS) OF PATTON'S THIRD ARMY - ETO.  
ADDITIONAL DATA AVAILBLE BY READING FLOYD'S  
Reflections on World War II -- Across Europe in a  
Half-track © 2002



AIRBORNE RANGER

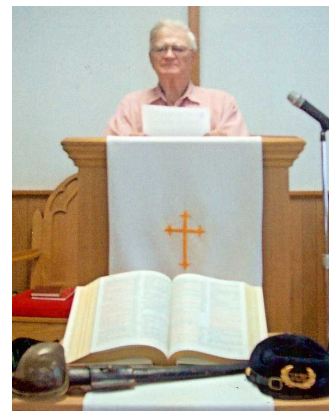
GLIDING TO A SMOOTH LANDING AT Army Heritage Days at Carlisle.

More recently, Floyd and David enjoyed the day at WWII events at the Reading Air Show, Reading, PA. Photos to be available in July Hartranft news. Also Brothers Larry Sheibley and Donnie Prye visited the site and like the Demmys, they visited with Camp member and German reenactor Kelly Betz.

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### [PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#) by *Dave Klinepeter*

I had a very rewarding experience on May 29th 2011. Thanks to my son Michael Klinepeter (a member of Hartranft Camp 15) I was invited to give a brief talk on the history of the Grand Army of the Republic and Decoration Day at the Laurel Ridge Christian Church in Fulton County, Pa.



Mike was in charge of the Memorial Day program. He had placed a table in front, off to

the side of the sanctuary and invited members to bring in pictures, artifacts or other items pertaining to veterans in their family. After the services had started Mike came forward and made comments on remembering the veterans and than called on a young lady to tell about her father's service aboard the battleship USS Tennessee, during WWII. Mike showed his great-great grandfathers Civil War discharge.

He than introduced my part in the program, which lasted about 15-20 minutes. I mentioned where and when the Grand Army of the Republic formed, how they organized for comradeship, fraternal feeling, aid to those in need of assistance, to provide for the Orphans, and Widows, to assist the disabled whether from wounds, sickness, old age or misfortune. They also fought for pensions and veteran rights and helped elect 5 five U.S. Presidents to office. General Logan's Order #11 was read. I made note of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Allied Order helping the GAR as they grew older (Did mention, all the Allied Orders still exist today and are seeking new members). Discussed how Memorial Day was changed, by Congress to a three day week end, for tourist and commercial interests, to be held the last Monday of May.

After my talk the Rev Hamilton gave a short sermon the closing song was "Nearer my God to Thee". (That song brought back many strong memories for me. It and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were the two the Fife and Drum Corp would play when going in to the cemeteries.) After the main service the congregation went out to the cemetery along side the church. Mike Klinepeter had a table with a Navy bell on. It is their custom each year to ring the bell in memory of any Fulton County Veteran that died that year. I was given the honor to ring the bell once for a Veteran, though he was not from Fulton County his wife was raised in Fulton County and belong to Laurel Ridge Christian Church for a number of years. Continued next column.



AFTER THE RINGING OF THE BELL, MIKE, AND A NUMBER OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING MIKE'S GRANDCHILDREN, PLACED FLOWERS UPON THE VETERANS GRAVES IN THE CEMETERY.

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The American Legion still suggests the reading of General Logan's Order #11 dated May 5, 1868 at cemetery services.

***DID YOU KNOW--MEMORIAL DAY IS TO REMEMBER THE VETERANS OF ALL WARS WHO HAVE DIED?***

***VETERANS DAY ON NOV 11 IS TO HONOR ALL VETERANS, LIVING OR DEAD--- DJK***

Series of National Park commemorative coins for 150<sup>th</sup> .....





[Memorial Day Photos at Norristown](#)



CAMP COMMANDER JOHN DEPPEN PORTRAYING GEN HANCOCK ON DUTY AT GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT GRAVESITE NORRISTOWN. PHOTO BY DEPPEN.



HELEN SHIREMAN, GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT, AT GENERAL'S GRAVESITE. FILE PHOTO BY CAMP MEMBER RON SHIREMAN.



JOHN DEPPEN SHOWING LOCAL BOY SCOUTS GENERAL HANCOCK'S GRAVESITE AT NORRISTOWN.

[Continued at Harrisburg Historic Cemetery](#)



REASON FOR OUR TRIBUTE – GARDEN OF STONES



BROTHERS BILL KUHN JR AND DAVE KLINEPETER



OLD VETS FLOYD DEMMY, LES MCCLURE, AND DAVE KLINEPETER. FR LEFT: ARMY, NAVY AND NAVY RESPECTIVELY!

OUR BUDDY AND FRIEND, LES AND THE AMERICAN LEGION PROVIDE FLAGS FOR THE TRIBUTE!



UPON ARRIVAL, MRS. AUDREY KYLE DISCOVERED HER ANCESTOR'S STONE WAS FACEDOWN. HARTRANFT CAMP BROTHERS TOOK ACTION TO RIGHT THE STONE. FROM LEFT, DON FRY, GREG KLINE, SCOTT DEBO, TOM BOWMAN. CARETAKER IN WHITE HAT PREPARING FOR THE PROJECT.





SUCCESS! SISTER AUDREY REVIEWING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT!



VETERANS DAVID DEMMY, CAMP 15 AND BILL YARNELL, LAWNTON AMERICAN LEGION 998, PREPARING TO PLACE FLAGS THROUGHOUT THE HISTORIC CEMETERY.



HARTRANFT BROTHERS PRESENT AT TIME OF THIS GROUP PHOTO, FROM LEFT:

GENE MASCIOLI, TOM BOWMAN, DON FRY, GREG KLINE, DAVE KLINEPETER, SCOTT DEBO, FLOYD DEMMY AND DAVID DEMMY, SR.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY BILL KUHN JR., DAVE KLINEPETER, JOHN DEPPEN AND HARTRANFT STAFF REPORTER.

The 35 acre Harrisburg cemetery is probably the oldest cemetery within the city. It is located on a bluff overlooking city and the Susquehanna River. Some sources reveal 156 soldiers including 15 confederates from the Civil War are buried in section Z. Other veterans throughout site!

Brothers or Sisters in Distress

Scranton Camp 8, Brother Joe Long, Jr., who was very instrumental in assisting Hartranft camp to be active again during the late 1990s, has been struggling with an illness. Please keep Sgt Joe and Mrs. Mary Jo Long in your prayers!

On the lighter side

Hartranft camp member, Jon Demmy, recently wed Melissa Wickert. Get away vehicle '54 Dodge pickup.

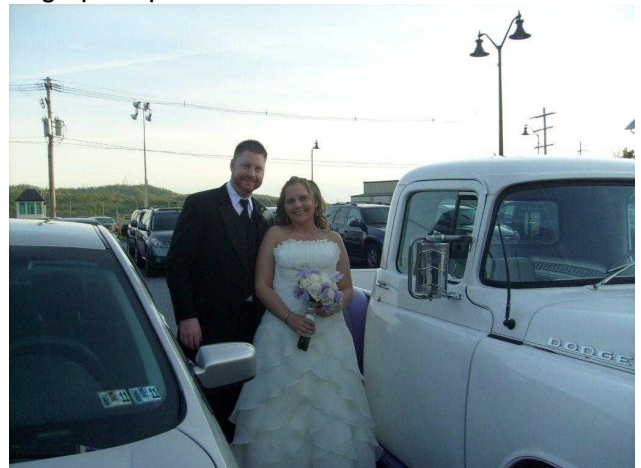


PHOTO SUBMITTED BY R. SMITH.



"THIS WAS MY DREAM TO HONOR THESE PEOPLE," AUXILIARY PRESIDENT VIVIAN ROCKEY SAID OF HONORING MEMBERS FOR LEFT, LESTER "AL" KERN, 90, DOROTHY KERN, 89, AND MARTHA WILSON, 92, ALL OF CARLISLE, FOR THEIR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE ORGANIZATION. PHOTO SHARED BY LES 'AL' KERN, PDC. PHOTO SHARED BY BROTHER AL.



CAMP COMMANDER JOHN DEPPEN, PORTRAYING GENERAL HANCOCK, SPEAKING AT **WARRIOR RUN CHURCH** AS PART OF THE PA CIVIL WAR ROAD SHOW THAT WAS ON DISPLAY DURING THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 4-5, 2011

[National Civil War Museum data](#)

Jun 18, 2011

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Free admission for all visitors!

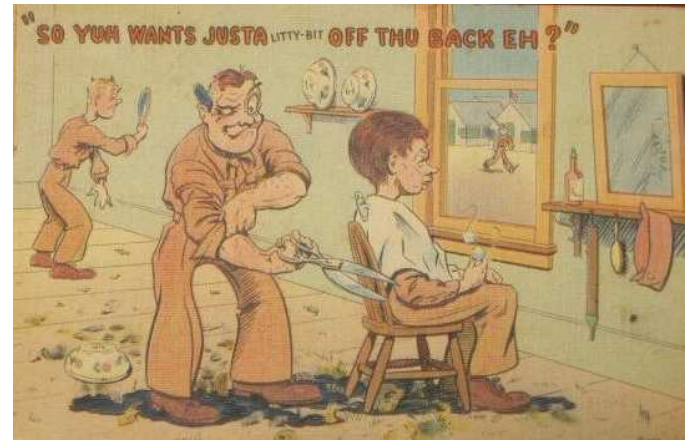
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[VISIT CAMP 15](#)

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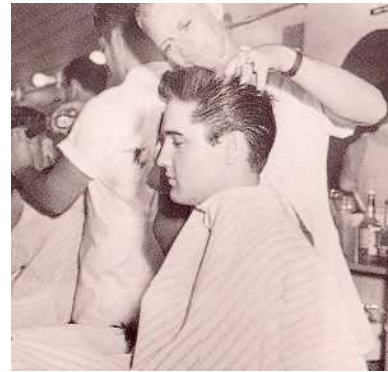
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World War II humor



SOURCE; AN OLD WWII POSTCARD

Cold war notice



ELVIS HAIRCUT 1958

SOURCE - [HTTP://WWW.3AD.ORG/ELVIS/ELVIS\\_HOME.HTM](http://www.3ad.org/elvis/elvis_home.htm)

Noteworthy

Camp webmaster, Dave Demmy, Jr recently completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> mission trip this year [2 to go] and upon his return from South Carolina, he immediately reported for duty as a shift supervisor on the ABC TV Network show, **Extreme Make-Over – Home edition** in south central Pennsylvania area. We reckon the event will be televised this fall.

The next Army Heritage and Education Center day is scheduled for Saturday October 1.

The 67th Commemoration of the WWII Battle of the Bulge reenactment January 28, 2012

The annual reenactment of the WWII Battle of the Bulge held at Indiantown Gap the last weekend in January. <http://www.wwiifederation.org/>

Blessings to our veterans and our readers!



## [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!

**June 18, 2011** Saturday, FREE Day at National Civil War Museum. See Camp 15 on duty in Rotunda.

June 19 Father's Day – no camp meeting!

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

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August 12-13 National Encampment at Reston, VA.

September 18, 2011, Sunday camp meeting. Presentation by Council Brother Jeff Smith!

October 16, 2011, Sunday camp meeting. Presentation by webmaster Dave Demmy, Jr.

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

Sunday, December 11, 2011 annual holiday party at Doc Holliday's Restaurant at New Cumberland, PA. And you have a standing invitation.

Sunday, January 15, 2012 camp meeting. Presentation by Cooper's Battery!

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

## [Jr ROTC camp coordinator](#)

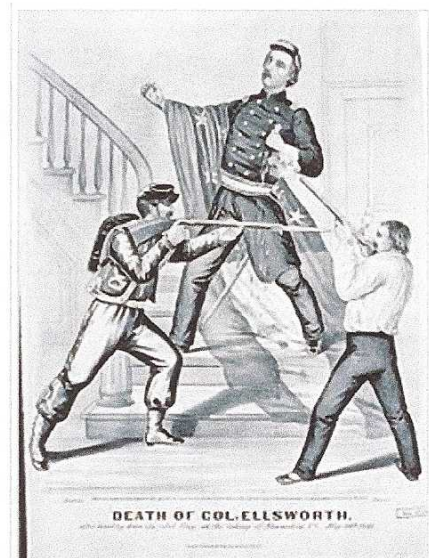
Wanted, camp 15 Jr ROTC camp coordinator! Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, through this program, are *encouraged* to participate in recognizing deserving cadets. Such participation is *voluntary*. Camp 15 desires to appoint a ROTC coordinator to interface with local high schools and to assist the schools with the annual Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War award to the deserving cadet that "*shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership.*" Please volunteer for this on going mission. Contact camp commander for more data..



### **CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL (150 YEARS)**

#### **MAY 24th FIRST UNION OFFICER KILLED IN THE CIVIL WAR**

**Colonel Elmer Ellsworth was shot and killed on May 24th at the Maxwell House hotel in Alexandria, Va. after he had removed a rebel flag flying from the hotel's roof. President Lincoln had seen the Confederate flag from the White House and Ellsworth, a personal friend of the President \*\*, led a detachment of the 11th New York Fire Zouaves, across the Potomac River to remove the flag. The Colonel was descending the staircase with the flag in hand when the innkeeper, James Jackson, fired a shotgun blast into Ellsworth chest. The innkeeper was in turn killed by Corporal Francis Brownell. Brownell was later awarded the Metal of Honor for his quick action. Lincoln was deeply saddened by his friend's death and ordered an honor guard to bring his body to the White House, where he lay in state in the East Room. Ellsworth was then taken to the City Hall in New York City, where thousands of Union supporters came to see the first man to fall for the Union cause. Ellsworth was then buried in his home town of Mechanicsville, New York. \*\*In 1860 Ellsworth went to Springfield, Illinois, to work with Abraham Lincoln. He studied law in Lincoln's office and helped Lincoln with his 1860 campaign for president. He accompanied Lincoln to Washington D.C. in 1861.\*\* (information mostly from Wikipedia**



Death of Col. Ellsworth, a Currier and Ives engraving, 1861



Marshall House, Alexandria, Virginia - place where Elmer Ellsworth was shot to death. (photo 1861)

**Story and images provided by Brother Dave Klinepeter**

#### [Voices from civil war.](#)

“Combat had no romance after World War I; a generation had been lost for nothing but the dreams of dead kings. But when darkness fell again in Europe, the weary West stood up to fight in World War II. We are all conscientious objectors, said the English writer Rupert Croft-Cooke and all in the war.”

Source: *Newsweek*, The Wages of War, November 14, 2005 page 33.



**An Invitation to all Brothers and persons interested in American civil war and furthering education!**

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March 29, 2011

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Pennsylvania

Re: Civil War class project

Commander Howard Wolfe

My name is Steven Santucci and I am working on a Civil War project for one of our seventh grade classes at Ditmas Junior High School. This class is comprised of students from diverse backgrounds and this project introduces and reinforces United States history.

I plan on contacting each department to request a donation in the form of a Civil War memento to decorate the classroom in honor of the sesquicentennial of the War Between the States. Some examples could be:

- a departmental tee shirt
- a departmental patch
- posters
- pins
- newsletters
- postcards

⇒ The greatest gift that you could possibly give our school would be a handwritten letter addressed to the students of Ditmas Junior High School. The letter would be written from the point of view of a Civil War soldier and any daily experience (thoughts about their unit, unit's travels, first battle, etc.)

The letter and any items that you can send would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Steven Santucci, Ditmas JHS

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