

# 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 127<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!

Harrisburg Hartranft Camp Celebrates Spring

Camp 15's next scheduled general business meeting is Sunday, March 21, 2010 at National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg. Please arrive early, meeting begins at 2pm.

Camp 15's March monthly meeting will be held in room 222 upper level of museum.

Minutes of February 2010 meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, General John F Hartranft Camp#15, National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA Sunday, 21 February 2010.

Officers present:

Commander...... John E. Deppen Jr. Vice Commander......Scott Debo Treasurer..... David W. Demmy, Sr Camp Council and Camp Guard ....... Gregory E Kline, PCC Patriotic Inst and GAR Historian ....... David J. Klinepeter, PCC Chaplain...... David W. Demmy, Sr

Officers Absent:

Sr. Vice Commander.....Stan Zellers Secretary... Larry C. Sheibley, PCC

Camp Council..... Donald Prye, PCC Camp Council...... Norm Houser Color Bearer...... Kelly Wayne Betz Guide..... Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.

Members present:
Allen Spigelmeyer
Dave Demmy, Jr
Ron Shireman
Lee Walters
Don Messersmith
Frank Haley
Tony Kline
Gene Mascioli, PCC
Tom Bowman
Dennis DeWalt
David Laman

Guests today:

Helen Shireman Dot Kline Charlotte Walters Sue Messersmith

Camp meeting was called to order at 14:02 by Commander Deppen. Treasurer Demmy reported a balance in the checking account of

\$1893, noting that a large portion of this is from dues and that the state and national per capita will need to be forwarded from this fund to the Department and National. Brother Greg Kline, PCC was acting Secretary for the meeting and read the minutes. There was no correspondence to be read.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. mentioned that Brother Bob Fuller has a number of ailments and is not sure when he will be able to join us again.

Commander Deppen installed Camp 15's newest Brother, Michael Proper. Brother Kline thanked the Camp 15 membership for their great attendance at the Lincoln Luncheon. Brother Lee Walters, PDC, spoke about the Lincoln Luncheon and stated that he was very proud of Camp 15 and thanked any members who had a part in organizing the luncheon.

Brother David Demmy, Sr reported that the PA Dept. Treasurer has presented a \$50 check to Camp 15 as the prize for earning the Rosenberg Award for highest camp recruiting and mentioned that Brother Greg Kline received a National award for recruiting 5 or more members.

Commander Deppen recognized Brother Ron and Helen Shireman and thanked them for accompanying him to the Norristown Cemetery for the Memorial Day observance. Helen is the Great-Granddaughter of General John F. Hartranft.

#### Old Business:

Commander Deppen inquired about the Linglestown Cemetery and mention was made by Brother Kline that construction was underway nearby but nothing was changed in the cemetery. No contact has been made with cemetery officials in quite a while.

Brother Don Messersmith brought numerous photos to share from his trip out west to the Lincoln Tomb and Lincoln Homestead among others. Commander Deppen announced that Brother Messersmith is soon to become a Great-Grandfather!

#### **New Business:**

Brother Greg Kline mentioned upcoming Camp events including:

- 1 the Gettysburg Memorial Day parade and
- 2 The flag decoration for Memorial Day at the Harrisburg Cemetery.

He also mentioned an ongoing course on the Battle of Gettysburg being offered at the Paxtonville United Methodist Church in Paxtonville, PA

(See additional camp events listed later in this issue of your *Hartranft Herald*).

Commander Deppen announced a GAR marker dedication on March 13 at the Union Church Cemetery in Hartleton, PA

Contact Brother John at his email for directions or other concerns:

GeneralWSH@aol.com

Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter, PCC presented the Camp with a history of various GAR badges. Numerous photos of various GAR badges were used to explain their history and the differences between them and an informative handout was passed out to everyone present. Dave spoke also on President Lincoln including the fact that he held a patent for moving boats over shoals. Dave gave everyone present a shiny Lincoln collectable penny!

(See photos later in this issue of your *Hartranft Herald*).

The meeting was closed by Commander Deppen at 15:18

Minutes submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Gregory Kline, PCC, acting Secretary

<u>National Civil War Museum</u> announcements notes:

#### The National Civil War Museum

In Association with the Smithsonian Institution One Lincoln Circle @ Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

1-866-BLU-GRAY/717.260.1861 ext. 1108 \*Please note we no longer have a P.O. Box. www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

Join us on Tuesday, March 23 for a preview of our new exhibit on espionage! \$10 per person; free for members RSVP required by 3/19

"Spies Among Us: Espionage in the Civil War"

# Forthcoming camp 15 events

April 17, 2010 Appomattox Luncheon at Williamsport - See flyer later in this issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.

May 28, 2010 Memorial Day event at historic Harrisburg Cemetery

May 31, 2010 Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade You don't need a uniform, but slacks, blazer and SUVCW badge will do fine!

Parade forms-up at 1pm and steps off at 2pm. If you desire to march with camp 15, contact Brother Greg Kline, PCC at gregsuvcw@yahoo.com or 717 571 6877.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR by Dave Klinepeter

In the February 7, 2010 Patriot News Sunday edition I read an article of importance to me and should be of interest to Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW. "They'll march again" A mix of research, re-enactments and reaching out to the descendants of black soldiers who fought in the Civil War will culminate in re-staging of the **Grand Review parade in Harrisburg**, Pa this **November, on 5-7**, with reenactments of the grand review and exhibitions.

"It's just amazing. The whole thing is just amazing," said Ellen Brown, executive director of the Harrisburg Sesquicentennial Commission, one of several groups participating in the yearlong preparation for November's events. "This city really has made a mark on our nation. There are so many things that happened here or started here that people don't know about."

No other U.S. city held a grand review honoring the 180,000 free blacks and freed slaves who reinforced the Union army in the final two years of the Civil War, A Penn State Harrisburg project to examine the muster rolls in the State Archives has led to what could be a key part of the city's Sesquicentennial celebration." At the end of the Civil War there was a two day Grand Review parade of the UNION armies in Washington D. C. -- The black troops did not participate in the review. According to the article a number of African-American women were outraged and decided to hold their own Grand Review in Harrisburg. The parade was held November 14, 1865. It started around the now, soldiers plot area in back of the capitol, and marched down to Simon Cameron's mansion. (Secretary of War, Simon Cameron was a very early strong advocate of using black troop in the war effort.) Penna did not accept black troops till the fall of 1863 when Camp Penn opened in the Philadelphia Pa area.

I believe Camp 15 should be involved. Harrisburg had a colored GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC Post 520, named after Dr David Stevens. Camp 15 furnished the honor guard and firing squad (I was a member of that firing squad) for Ephraim Slaughter of Stevens GAR Post 520. Slaughter was the last Civil War Veteran of Harrisburg, Pa. to die. Harrisburg has an American Legion Post named after him.

--- DJK

#### **GAR HISTORIAN** by Dave Klinepeter



PRESENTATION TO THE CAMP, FEBRUARY 2010.

# GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Part 1 - The first badge adopted was a shield, upon which was engraved the insignia of the different arms of the army, the navy, and flags; also the letters 3. B. N. -- G. A. R., meaning "THIRD BATTALION" Grand Army of the Republic. (From the History of George Meade Post No One, Dept of Penna GAR Philadelphia 1889).



The badge was adopted in 1866 and used till 1869. The Grand Army Badge Company of Lafayette,

Indiana was formed specifically for the manufacture of this GAR membership badge. The first ad in the Great Republic newspaper in

Feb 1867, announced that the Grand Army Badge Company was the exclusive manufacturer of the 3 BN design badge. The first badges were made in two sizes, one about 1/2 inches high and the other almost one inch. The ad also stated the badges could be furnished Silver-plated, genuine Silver, heavily Gold plated or genuine Solid gold. A third ad placed in 1867 added that measures have been taken by the GAR Badge Company to secure a patent for their design, which is adopted as the Badge of the Order, and all persons are hereby forbidden to manufacture or sell any Badge, pin or other article of jewelry bearing such emblem, unless authorized by the Company. The B. T. Hayward Company of New York had started making enamel 3BN badges and advertising A 3BN ribbon was also being widely. manufactured for Departments and Posts. A number of jewelers were making hand engraved copies of the badge. (At one time I had in my own collection a beautiful Gold stickpin engraved with the 3BN badge on it.)



Displayed next is the Type 2 membership badge change which was authorized in 1868. A large spread eagle was attached to the top of the original badge.



Very few of these were ever made. This badge is much harder to find than even the original 3BN badge. In 1869 the GAR membership badge was completely changed.

(Series to be continued in a future *Hartranft Herald*) --- DJK

#### Names on Vietnam Wall

Go to this website

# http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm

The link above is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that timeframe, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site. Pass the link on to others if you desire!

Select a name of a State and click on the state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals.

This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it.

... Hope that everyone who reads this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

## Camp Member's Page

>March 20, Saturday, 7-10PM7th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building. This is one of Harrisburg's most important Civil War events each year It raises money for the Gettysburg Monuments Trust Fund Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band and dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Period attire is suggested but n o t r e q u i r e d No dance experience required, all dances will b e d e m o n s t r a t e d \$60 per couple Sponsorship opportunities are available -- Larry Keener-Farley, PCC

>Dedication Ceremony to Honor a Union County Native Who Became a Civil War Housekeeper and Nurse – Saturday, March 13, 2010: On Saturday, March 13th at 11:00, Hartleton native, Melinda Spigelmyer will receive a long overdue honor. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) flag marker will be placed on her grave in the Union Church Cemetery on Catherine Street in Hartleton, Pennsylvania. The marker is a tribute from the GAR, the organization founded to honor Civil War Veterans and is being donated by The Mifflinburg American Legion Post courtesy of Hall Solomon.

Miss Spigelmyer was one of the nurses featured in the recently released book, Not Frail Flowers and she served in St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Criminally Insane which is located in Washington, D.C.

The service will be conducted at her graveside and local historian, John Deppen, portraying General Winfield Scott Hancock, will be leading the ceremony.

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans Hartranft Camp #15, Harrisburg will be providing the color guard. In 1881 the Grand Army of the Republic formed the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV) to carry on its traditions. In 1925 the SV name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is legally recognized as the heir to and representative of the

Grand Army of the Republic. The SUVCW, along with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are two of the five Allied Orders of the GAR.

Kathleen Shafer, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Annabella Vorse Clark Tent #60 as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Shikelimo Chapter will also be participating.

Readings will be provided by the Regina Hartman Society, Children of the American Revolution. The 18th North Carolina Infantry led by Lt. Col. Jeffrey Swanger, Battery B, 3rd Pa Light Artillery led by Capt. Richard Koontz and South Mountain Horse Artillery, led by Capt. David Pultynovich will be providing military honors. The ceremony will be solemnized by the blowing of Taps by Private Ronald Cryder, Battery B, 3rd Pa Light artillery. The Borough, which maintains the Union Church Cemetery, will be represented by Gary Loss. Borough Council President. ceremony is free and open to the public. For more information please contact

Linda Estupinan Snook at 570-966-5052.



LYNN KYLE CHAMPION SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY

>Elementary Wrestling tournament at 102 lbs. on 2/14/2010. Young Lynn is a Junior member of Camp 15 and the grandson of the Late Gilbert Kyle and Mrs. Audrey Kyle and son of Lynn Kyle of Linden, PA.

#### >Award for honorable citizen

Sunbury Lodge #267 of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) of the United States of America will present its Citizen of the Year Award on Saturday, March 27 to....John Deppen. I received a phone call from Mr. Bill Troutman on the evening of Tuesday, March 2 informing me of the news, and inviting my family and I to dinner at the Sunbury Elks, located on 26 South Second Street.

This award is deeply gratifying to me for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that my grandmother, Arlene Deppen, was a member of this Lodge for many years before her death in 1983. My grandmother's work ethic and generosity played a significant role in my life - were it not for her, I likely would not have been able to afford to attend Juniata College in Huntingdon, where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Peace & Conflict Studies.

This news follows on the heels of the equally satisfying announcement that the Sunbury Rotary is awarding its Citizen of the Year Award to my friends and fellow church members, Steve & Connie Lenig of Northumberland. For 20 years, Steve & Connie have been the key leaders of Elijah's Bowl, a weekly soup kitchen held at our church, the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, located on Market Street. Steve & Connie are two of the finest examples of Christ's love in action. Steve handles much of the "quartermaster" duties, obtaining donated food and supplies, while Connie oversees the kitchen and food preparation. Connie is also one of our most passionate prayer warriors, ministering to the less fortunate and less able.

While Steve & Connie's award is public knowledge, mine is not as of yet. I need to

complete a questionnaire from the Elks, and they will want to do their own press release, which will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Having visited the website of The BPOE, I am very impressed with their commitment to veterans and our heritage. I know from past experience that the Sunbury Elks holds an annual Flag Day commemoration in June, an event that coincides with the city's Love-n-Care Street Fair for Sunbury Community Hospital. I spoke at this event a few years ago, and helped to fold the presentation flag.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty, John Deppen, Camp Commander

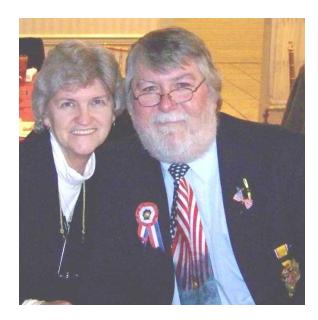
Mazel Toy Brother John!

>Lincoln Luncheon 2010 was hosted by Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg.

PCC Greg Kline was the Master of Ceremonies and presented Charles Teague as the keynote speaker. Guests enjoyed the special menu prepared by Doc Holliday's Restaurant at New Cumberland, PA. Photos below submitted by dual member, Dave Sosnowski. Thanx Brother Dave for sharing your photos of this event with your Harrisburg camp!



PCC GREG KLINE, MASTER OF CEREMONIES, WELCOMING CAMP AND GUESTS TO 2010 PENNSYLVANIA LINCOLN LUNCHEON.



JOANN AND PCINC CHARLIE KUHN



GREG KLINE AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER CHARLES TEAGUE.



GUESTS ENGAGED IN TRADITIONAL "PENNSYLVANIA CLOSING".



A SCENE FROM THE LONG, DEEP WINTER OF 2010 IS DISPLAYED ABOVE. SHARED BY BROTHER BOB HOLLINGER. EDITOR'S NOTE: ... GLAD SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER.

#### >VETERANS AND FRIENDS

One corporation that provides clothing and souvenirs to veterans is www.priorservice.com

You can customize shirts and apparel with your unit's designation and short text message.

Another such enterprise is Medals of America at <a href="http://www.medalsofamerica.com/default.aspx?">http://www.medalsofamerica.com/default.aspx?</a> res=1024 Veterans, have your medals and ribbons mounted for display and/or public wear. Veterans are encouraged by the VA to wear their honorable ribbons often. And remember Veterans, you are now authorized, to salute your beloved US Flag while in civilian attire, anything anywhere.

## Hometown Heroes in Pennsylvania

Brothers, interested in viewing heroes of Pennsylvania, especially you hometown. Go to:

http://www.homeofheroes.com/hometownheroes/pa.html

Scroll downward to your county, town, or city.

See eg: General John F. Hartranft under his township, New Hanover Township!

# Available only from Camp 15 Colorful

**Aluminum Auto License Plate** 



Full Color SUVCW License Plate.

Blue Lettering on White Background with Red

Border

Very impressive; just look at other plates the next time you are at a mall or another busy parking lot!

Send check or money order for \$15 (includes S&H) payable to:

### Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Greg Kline 205 N. 40th St. - Apt. 203 Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271

WHAT'S ON YOUR VEHICLE?

#### Schedule of events for 2010

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

March 21, Sunday general Camp meeting

April 17, The 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb event at Springfield Illinois

April 18, Sunday general Camp meeting

Mothers Day - 9

May 16, Sunday Camp Meeting preparation for May 29 Memorial Day events! Local activity at historic Harrisburg Cemetery @ 13<sup>th</sup> & State. May 31 Annual Memorial Day parade at Gettysburg.

Fathers Day 20

June 25 - 26 - Pennsylvania Department encampment convention New Cumberland.

July 18, Sunday – noontime Annual Camp picnic at Colonial Park Campus Pavilion of & CrossPoint UM church at Corner of Colonial and Valley Roads Colonial Park – use Valley Road entrance - Lower Paxton Township.

August 12 - 15 - National encampment convention, Overland Park, Kansas

September 19, Sunday – Nominations for officers for 2011 at General Camp meeting.

October 17, Sunday - Elections for 2011

November 20, Saturday - Remembrance Day parade and activities, Gettysburg, PA.

November – no Camp business meeting!

December 12, Sunday - Annual Camp Holiday Banquet at Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland.

# 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
  - 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



# APPOMATTOX LUNCHEON

THE ANNUAL APPOMATTOX LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010 AT 1:00 PM AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

GENETTI HOTEL & SUITES 200 WEST FOURTH STREET WILLIAMSPORT PA 17701 570-321-1388

THE MENU WILL CONSIST OF ROAST VERMONT TURKEY WITH TRADITIONAL STUFFING, WHIPPED POTATOES AND GRAVY, CORN O'BRIEN, CRANBERRY SAUCE, ROLLS AND BUTTER, SHERBERT, COFFEE, TEA, OR ICED TEA.

THE COST OF THE MEAL IS \$23.00. KINDLY MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AND REMIT PAYMENT NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2009 TO:

FAYE M CARLISLE PO BOX 23 COGAN STATION PA 17728 570-998-2591

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY OVERNIGHT, ROOM RATES ARE \$90.95 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES. IF REGISTERING, PLEASE MENTION YOU WILL BE ATTENDING A LUNCHEON AT THE HOTEL ON APRIL 17, 2009.

NOTE: THE PAST COMMANDERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 12:00 PM.

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NAME			

Brothers, Camp 15 will be in lime-light for this Central Pennsylvania Event – please participate







# **Brothers and Sisters**

You are cordially invited to attend the 2010 Department Encampment/Convention of the Allied Orders, which includes the Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and Daughters of Union Veterans.

The Encampment/Convention will be held on

# June 24th, 25th and 26th, 2010

at the

# Harrisburg Inn, Hotel and Conference Center

148 Sheraton Drive (Intersection of I-83 & Pennsylvania Turnpike) New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070 717-774-2721

Room rates are \$91.00 plus local taxes.
Cut off date for reservations at the above rate is May 21, 2010.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Check-in time 4:00 p.m. – Check-out time 11:00 a.m.

Reservations are to be made under the GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC.

Meeting rooms are reserved as follows:

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans Daughters of Union Veterans Harrisburg East Keystone A Susquehanna Room Brothers and sisters too, please take out an ad, place a note of appreciation, a memorial to your ancestor(s), loved-ones, your business card, your place of business or obtain ad from local business! Sign up too for daily lunches and Saturday evening Banquet with entertainment by local group.

We need and would greatly appreciate your support for our upcoming Encampment. You can help defray some of the cost of the Encampment by purchasing an ad or memorial in our program booklet. Please use the information below to order. Also enclose artwork or your printed legible copy and check, (made payable to Joseph Long, Jr., Encampment Committee) and send to Joseph Long, Jr., Encampment Committee, 505 Marcy Street Duryea, PA 18642.

Advertising rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$50.00	1/8 Page	\$10.00
Half Page	\$30.00	Name & Title	\$ 4.00
1/4 Page	\$20.00	Name only	\$ 3.00

Deadline for receipt of ad/ads is May 21, 2010.

If you will be unable to attend the Encampment and would like an Encampment booklet sent to you (a fee to cover postage and handling will be charged), please indicate: Yes No

Be advised that the hotel has suggested and we have agreed to have a buffet luncheon on Friday and Saturday. The hotel has other guests and events scheduled at the same time as the Encampment. The dining room and staff can only accommodate a certain amount of space and patrons at lunch time; therefore a buffet will ensure our getting back to our afternoon meetings in a timely manner. Prior to the Encampment, we will need to know the number of persons who will attend the buffet each day. Kindly let us know at the same time you advise us of your joint banquet reservations. Your prompt response to these requests will be greatly appreciated and will insure that the Site Committee has ample time to do its job.

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net: Stuffed Pork Loin	 Top Roast Sirloin of Beef choice	÷

All reservation must be sent to Joseph Long, Jr., 505 Marcy Street, Duryea, PA 18642 with checks made payable to Encampment Committee. Final date for buffet and banquet reservations to be received is June 9, 2010 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

We look forward to seeing you in Tune, End of March 2010 Hartranft Herald