



# 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!

[Next Camp business meeting](#) will be held on  
**Sunday, March 20, 2011.**

Lee Walters, PCC  
Gene Mascioli

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### 3 Visitors Present:

Annette Keener-Farley  
Charlotte Walters, PDP  
Don Bowers of Middletown

[Minutes - February Camp Meeting](#)  
February 20 2011 at Reservoir Park

### Officers Present:

Commander - John Deppen  
Treasurer/Chaplain - David Demmy Sr.  
Patriotic Instructor - David Klinepeter, PCC  
Guide - Thomas Bowman

Commander Deppen brought the meeting to order at 2:10pm

The minutes from the January meeting were read. A correction was made to note that there will be a May meeting. Commander Deppen shared a story of time he spent with our late brother Norm Houser. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Demmy reported that there is \$1,750 in checking fund, most of which is earmarked for per capita to be paid to the state and national organizations.

### Brothers in distress:

Scott Debo—Knee Surgery  
Allan Spigelmeyer—9 yr old grandson with spinal bifida and migraines  
John Deppen—mother with diabetes  
--grandmother suffered from stroke this past Thursday

### 11 Members Present:

Frank Haley  
Jeff Smith  
Floyd Demmy  
David Demmy, Jr  
Allen Spigelmeyer  
Bill Kuhn, Jr  
Dave Laman  
Larry Keener-Farley, PCC  
Bill Neumyer

Dave Klinepeter—required 4 pints of blood and continues to undergo monitoring of his prior loss of blood.

There were no reports from committees.

#### Communications:

Commander Deppen asked Brother Demmy to share his experience at the Lincoln Luncheon in Lancaster. Information about the annual April Appomattox luncheon will be in the March newsletter.

Commander Deppen announced that the camp is participating in the financial support of the Museum's "in their footsteps" program to raise money. Curator will be marching from Fredericksburg, VA to NCWM at Harrisburg, PA.

#### Unfinished business:

By-laws on hold until new council are assigned to review the 2009 rewritten documentation.

Larry Keener-Farley offered his assistance in reviewing the by-laws.

Jeff Smith presented interest in one of the council positions.

#### New Business:

Larry Keener-Farley spoke of the Victorian dance ball at Gettysburg, and also shared information about the ball held in Harrisburg. Known as the "Civil War Preservation Ball", The Victorian dance group raises money for Civil War preservation.

Allen Spigelmeyer spoke about a book "Flames Beyond Gettysburg" that he recent had the opportunity to read, and shared a story from that book about a memorial that was erected near the Susquehanna River near the bridge that connects Wrightsville with Columbia. The memorial was erected by the SUVCW, and appears that a camp from the York area was responsible for that.

Brother Gene Mascioli announced that 1,407 visitors attended the museum's free day and raised \$2,500 in the gift shop.

#### Patriotic Instructor:

As always, Brother Klinepeter shared his wealth of knowledge with the camp members. The museum published an article on Brother Dave in their recent newsletter which was on display for the members in attendance. Brother Dave also had on display information about President Lincoln. He took the group thru a history lesson in Lincoln's life including the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln's Oath into office, the patent for a riverboat floatation system that Abe invented, and his assassination. Brother Klinepeter shared information about the recent four Lincoln pennies, and passed out Lincoln gold coin dollars to all in attendance.

Brother Dave also put on a display regarding Boy Scouts. He shared stories of his days as a young scout, and up thru the years where he became a scout leader himself.

Commander Deppen brought the meeting to a close at 3:40pm.

Submitted by Camp webmaster, David Demmy, Jr.

#### [Last Doughboy of World War I dies](#)

An extract from National General Order # 11

SERIES 2010-2011

28 February 2011

... The last WWI doughboy Corporal Frank Buckles passed away Sunday 27 February 2011 in his home in Charles Town, West Virginia. Corporal Buckles was 110 years old at the time of his death. He was the last known American Veteran of that war.

Frank Buckles cattle farm in West Virginia was not far from several Civil War battlefields.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its sixty six hundred members honor the almost five million Americans who answered their countries call during World War I.....

Brad Schall, Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

[Camp 15 appreciates its three known WWII veterans:](#)

William Neumyer of Carlisle, PA

Floyd J. Demmy of Colonial Park, PA

David L. Klinepeter, of Colonial Park, PA

Brothers, if you are a veteran of our armed forces, please acknowledge your service by writing to [Hartranft Herald](mailto:Hartranft Herald) staff at [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc).

Or provide your written data at next camp meeting.

Briefly list your service for example:

US Army – Corporal,

Service - 1958 – 1960.

Major Post or Ship - Federal Republic of Germany.

Specialty – tank driver.

[Patriotic Instructor/GAR Historian](#)

by Dave Klinepeter

A number of interesting events transpired in our area in February pertaining to Civil War history. Most of our members know by now, we are now into the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

On **Wednesday, February 16** the National Civil War Museum celebrated their 10th anniversary. Founder and former mayor of Harrisburg, Steven Reed, gave an inspiring talk on the museum and the Civil War collection. The program listed several charter members included from Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW, were David Klinepeter PCC, Larry Keener-Farley, PCC and in memoriam Norm Houser.

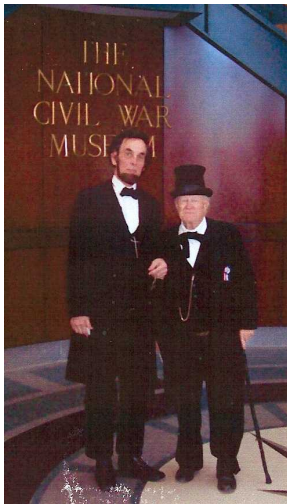
On **Thursday, February 17** the Hershey Civil War Round Table held their meeting at Country Meadows in Hershey, Pa. The speaker, Larry Keener-Farley discussed "The Gathering Storm:

The Coming of the Civil War". Even an ole timer like me came away with a better understanding regarding how far back into history the problems exist.

On **Saturday, February 19** in partnership with Dauphin County's 150 anniversary of the Civil War, the National Civil War Museum had a Community FREE day. They had a variety of programs all day. A talk on Civil War Baseball, Lincoln comes to Harrisburg by James Schmick, "Lincoln's Love of Pennsylvania" by James Hayney, portraying Lincoln. Victorian Children's Games, "Lost History of Pa 209 Regiment", "General and Mrs. Grant",

"Before During and After Mr. Lincoln" by Mary Todd Lincoln presented by Melissa Yiaski Rabinsky. There was a string band also. I understand the attendance was over 1400, and it was good to see so many children of all ages attending. I am a strong believer in teaching history. Of course Governor Curtin attended too, portrayed by yours truly.

*Tuesday, February 22, 2011 the 150th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's visit to Harrisburg, Pa, on the way to Washington, D. C. The National Park Service decided to commemorate Lincoln's journey from Springfield, Ill to Washington D C on Feb 11-23, 1861. He made 23 basic stops along the way. The states included Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Maryland. On Feb 14th he stopped over night in Pittsburg, Pa. On Feb 21st he arrived in Philadelphia, Pa and stayed overnight. He arrived at Independence Hall about 6:30 am on Feb 22 and spoke about the founding fathers. He then stepped outside and raised a 34 star flag, which included a new star for the state of Kansas which had been admitted to the union on January 29, 1861. Lincoln then left for Harrisburg, Pa, arriving about 1:30pm at the Vine and Second Street Railroad Station. About 2:30pm he addressed a joint meeting of the general assembly. He then returned to the Jones House on the square and was informed of a change of plans because of a rumor of an assassination plot in Baltimore, Md. After dinner*

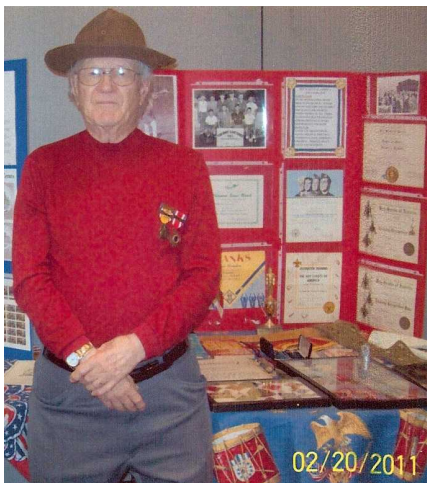


*he was taken away without Mrs. Lincoln and the children, and put on a train, changing trains in Baltimore at 3:30 am and on to Washington the next morning.*

LEFT, PRESIDENT LINCOLN PORTRAYED BY FRITZ KLEIN, GREETED BY GOVERNOR ANDREW CURTIN PORTRAYED BY DAVE KLINEPETER ON THE EXACT DATE OF LINCOLN'S ORIGINAL STOP IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

*On Feb 22nd 2011 at the National Civil War Museum Fritz Klein presented a first person interpretative program on Lincoln's stop in Harrisburg, Pa*

*(Governor Curtin was there to greet him) The National Park Service published a booklet "ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JOURNEY TO GREATNESS" which is a detailed account of the trip.*



OLE SCOUT DAVE KLINEPETER PROVIDED A TALK ON 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA; AND, THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISIT TO HARRISBURG BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN – FEBRUARY 22, 2011.

A local newspaper, the Illinois State Journal had printed the first draft of Lincoln's speech which he took on his inaugural journey to Washington. He entrusted the speech to his eldest son Robert, who temporarily lost the suitcase, causing a minor uproar until found. Although meant to allay the fears of Southerners, the speech did not dissuade them from, starting the war, which they initiated in April 1861.

**MONDAY MARCH 4 1861 FIRST INAUGURAL ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Be cause of threats on Lincoln's life, General Winfield Scott had soldiers stationed all around the capitol. Ignoring advice to the contrary, the President-elect rode with President Buchanan in an open carriage to the Capitol, where he took the oath of office on the East Portico. Chief Justice Roger Taney administered the executive oath.

*Fellow-Citizens of the United States:*

*In compliance with custom as old as the Government itself, I appear before you to address you briefly and to take in your presence the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the United States to be the President before he enters on the execution of this office. (The opening of Lincoln's address. I highly recommend reading it in its entirety. The last two paragraphs are:) In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow-countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The Government will not assail you. You can have no conflict without being yourself the aggressors. You have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the Government, while I shall have the most solemn one to "preserve, protect and defend it." I am loath to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature. Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address March 4, 1865*

## OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2, 1965 Vietnam War began

March 3, 1931 "Star Spangled Banner" made U S National Anthem

March 12, 1912 Girl Scouts of America founded

March 19, 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom began

Let us remember our Forefathers, our Veterans and those who serve today.

STORY AND PHOTOS PROVIDED BY DAVE KLINEPETER.

### [A quick note from our Commander-in-Chief](#)

Thanks for the newsletter. I hope that Commander Deppen is recovering from the automobile accident.

I think your opening invitation is the best I have seen. Great job!

I enjoyed the article on the WW2 Battle of the Bulge Living History event. My special thanks to your father and Brother Klinepeter who are WW2 veterans.

I would like to have one of the Hartranft Monument postcards. Again, thanks for sending the newsletter. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief.

### [Camp 15 extends Christian sympathy](#)

On Wednesday, March 02, 2011, Commander John Deppen informed us that his grandmother, Leatha Eby, died early this morning at the age of 95. Our condolences to Brother John and his family!

Camp 15 staff thanks the Brothers who have been recycling their used computer printer ink cartridges with the camp. The rebate the camp receives for recycling old ink cartridges contributes to the cost of publishing the [Hartranft Herald](#).

### [Voice from the Past:](#)

"I once had a dim notion about the 'romance of a soldier's life'," wrote a Union soldier after the first Battle of Manassas. "I have bravely got over it since."

[Major Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.](#), PCinC has announced his retirement from Provost Marshall position of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade.

Brother Charlie was one of the Brothers that were instrumental in getting Hartranft camp 15 back upon its feet in 1998-1999.

Brother Charlie is PCC of the Gettysburg camp 112, PDC of Department of Pennsylvania and currently serves the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Pennsylvania as the departmental secretary – treasurer.

Camp 15 friend, Brother Eric Schmincke, of south east Pennsylvania, has been appointed as the new Provost Marshal.

### [Hardtack Recipe](#)

3 cups of milk, 6 teaspoons of brown sugar, 8 cups general purpose flour, non-rising type, 3 teaspoons of salt and 8 teaspoons of shortening.

Mix all ingredients really well, making stiff dough. Roll dough out to about ½" thick on a well floured surface. Cut dough into 3" x 3" squares. Use toothpick and poke about a dozen holes in each section. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place squares into oven and bake for 20-25 minutes or until just beginning to brown. Do not over bake. After hardtack cools, store in dry place including your haversack.

Source - Newport News

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## 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!

March 20, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

April 16, 2011, annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies at Springfield, IL.

April 17, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

May 15, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

May 28, 2011, Saturday Camp Memorial day activities at variety of cemeteries.

May 30, 2011 Camp participates in Palmyra Area and Sunbury Area Parades.

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

July 17, 2011, Sunday annual noon camp picnic at Colonial Park, Lower Paxton Township, suburb of Harrisburg, PA.

August 12-13 National Encampment at Reston, VA.

September 18, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

October 16, 2011, Sunday camp meeting.

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.

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**  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 11, 1882  
IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY

Q. This [Civil War epic](#) had a lot of competition in 1939, going up against films that included *The Wizard of Oz*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Dark Victory*, *Ninotchka*, *Wuthering Heights* and *Of Mice and Men*.

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You are invited to Annual Department of Pennsylvania Appomattox Luncheon

Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 and  
Auxiliary #10, Tent #59, D.U.V.C.W., 1861-1865  
of Scranton, Pennsylvania

will host the

*Annual Appomattox Luncheon*

on

April 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

at the

**Hilton Scranton & Conference Center**

100 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania

(Exit 185 off I-81, Central Scranton Expressway)

Parking at the Medallion Garage – same side of street as the  
Hilton, \$3.00

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Return this portion as soon as possible!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Yes I will attend the Appomattox Luncheon

No I will NOT attend.

Meal Choice: \$20.00 Roast Loin of Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 Child's Chicken Fingers \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form (please print) whether attending or not and mail to:

Joseph Long, Jr.  
505 Marcy Street  
Duryea, PA 18642

Make check/MO payable to:  
Camp #8 S.U.V.C.W.

2011 Department Encampment at Scranton, Pennsylvania  
 Department of Pennsylvania annual June Encampment announcement  
 Brothers and Sisters mark your calendar now for this annual event!

## Pennsylvania Department Encampment Committee

To: Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865,  
 Auxiliary to the Sons, S.U.V.C.W.

### Brothers and Sisters

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 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 2011 Encampment/Convention will be held on

**June 23th, 24th, 25th, 2011**

at the

### Hilton Scranton & Conference Center

100 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503-1826  
 (Exit 185 off I-81, Central Scranton Expressway)

**(570) 343-3000** *(This is a Four Star Hotel)*

The Hilton is only one block from the site of our 2005 Encampment. We are two blocks from the Steamtown National Historic Site, three blocks from the Trolley Station Museum one block from the Mall at Steamtown and four miles from the Coal Mine Tour and Museum. (Note: If you wish you may come on June 22 or stay June 26 and pay the same discount rate).

*Parking at the Medallion Garage – (Same side of street as the Hilton) is \$5.00 per day.*

Please send your request for room reservations directly to Hilton Scranton & Conference Center. The room rate is \$105.00 per night (plus tax). You may contact the Hilton at 570-343-3000. Reservations must be made no later than **June 2, 2011**. **Reservations** are to be made **under "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic."** Meetings at the Hilton will be held in the following rooms – Sons of Union Veterans - Blakely Room, Daughters of Union Veterans – Dunmore Room, Auxiliary to the Sons – Mayfield Room. (Second floor)

Buffet luncheon for Friday and Saturday costs \$14.00 per day. See below for banquet reservations. Please make reservations and payment to Joe Long at the address below.

Breakfast (on your own) is available in the Casey Restaurant, *(which opens at 6:30 a.m. each day)* cost \$13.00 per person-mention you are with the G.A.R.

We look forward to seeing you at the Encampment/Convention! Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Joseph Long, Jr., Chairman  
 Encampment Site Committee

Committee: Faye Carlisle, Auxiliary,  
 Mary Jane Bannan, Daughters,  
 Mary Jo Long, Chairmans Assistant

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**Please return this portion with your name, dinner selection and payment for the Joint Banquet of the Allied Orders to be held at the Hilton, Scranton on Saturday June 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., to Encampment Committee, c/o Joseph Long, Jr. 505 Marcy St., Duryea, PA 18642. All dinner reservations must be made by June 15, 2011.**

**Dinner selections: Roasted Prime Rib \$27.00 – Salmon \$27.00 – Chicken Fingers (for children only) \$10.00.**

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Name	Dinner Selection
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Name	Dinner Selection





*Support the Gettysburg Monument Preservation Trust Fund*

The monuments at Gettysburg were placed by the men who faced the "fiery trial" of the Civil War as a remembrance of their service and their lost comrades. Over the years, neglect, vandalism, freezing and thawing, and budget cuts have taken a toll on these monuments. State Representative Harry Readshaw from Allegheny County decided to do something about this tragic situation. He formed the Gettysburg Monuments Project and with the help of numerous individuals and organizations (collectively known as "Readshaw's Raiders") began raising money to restore the monuments. The Project met its initial goal by raising \$160,000 for monument restoration.

We are now in the process of raising funds to create a permanent endowment trust fund that will provide money to maintain the monuments in the future. Over \$300,000 has been raised so far.

Your participation in this Civil War Preservation Ball in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg on Saturday, March 19, will help us move toward that goal. For a reservation form, email [PreservationBall@yahoo.com](mailto:PreservationBall@yahoo.com).

If you cannot attend the ball, please consider becoming a sponsor or advertiser in our event program by completing the attached form. Please return this sheet with your donation.

E i g h t h   A n n u a l   C i v i l   W a r   P r e s e r v a t i o n   B a l l

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

This event benefits the Gettysburg Monuments Project's Endowment Trust Fund. In the last seven years, the ball has raised over \$30,000 for monument restoration. Show your support for Civil War preservation by attending the ball. If you cannot attend, make a donation and be listed in the program.

<u>Sponsor Listing</u>			1/4 Page	\$100.00
Supporter	\$25.00	Official Event	1/2 Page	\$250.00
Patron	\$50.00	<u>Display Advertisements</u>	Full Page	\$500.00

Yes, I would like to support monument preservation at Gettysburg. Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Wording for sponsor listing or display advertisement. (Your wording will be confirmed by email.)

Send JPEG of graphic, photo or logo to [PreservationBall@yahoo.com](mailto:PreservationBall@yahoo.com)

Make your check payable to:  
*Pa. Gettysburg Monuments Project*

Send form & donations to:  
Preservation Ball  
2 Westminster Blvd.  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Questions? Email [PreservationBall@yahoo.com](mailto:PreservationBall@yahoo.com)