

Hartranft Herald

The Newsletter of Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

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Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp#15 Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War





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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!

In remembrance of America's Fallen on 9/11 and those that have lost their life and limbs serving our great country, this newsletter is draped in compliance with National G.O. # 3, series 2011-2012.

To all concerned personnel, Camp 15's next business meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18th 2pm at National Civil War Museum, upper level room 222, at Reservoir Park.

Brothers and Sisters welcome back from your summer activities. What did you do during the hot, dog days of summer 2011?

From Brother Russell Ottens of Tifton Georgia, "While traveling north, I was able to make a brief visit to Lykens [PA] to see the beautifully preserved G.A.R. Heilner Post No. 232.



PHOTO SOURCE:

 $\frac{\text{HTTP://CIVILWAR.GRATZPA.org/2010/12/LYKENS-G-A-R-CIVIL-WAR-MONUMENT/}{}$

I wanted to see the name of my great grandfather, Joseph Seiders, listed on the memorial marker in front of the building. The full list of members' names inscribed on the monument can be read at: http://civilwar.gratzpa.org/2010/12/lykens-g-a-r-civil-war-monument/



PHOTO SOURCE: RUSS OTTENS

It was fascinating to think that Joseph Seiders was a member of this G.A.R. post and would have met in this very building after the war along with many other Dauphin County veterans".

Yours in F. C. and L., Russ Ottens, Tifton, GA. Member Hartranft Camp 15.

From our webmaster, **Dave Demmy, Jr.** - "During the week of the Pennsylvania annual encampment at Scranton, I had the privilege of being the overnight supervisor on-site at the ABC TV Show Extreme Makeover – Home Version, in Newberry Township, York County, Pennsylvania.

This house makeover was to help Brian Keefer become more independent. Keefer, 23, became paralyzed from neck down in a 2008 gymnastics accident! Keefer's father, Steve, gave up his job to accompany his son to Lock Haven University, where Brian is majoring in recreation management. In less than seven days the family homestead was remodeled!



BRIAN AND FAMILY SEE HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THE WEEKLONG MAKEOVER! PHOTOSOURCE PENNLIVE.COM – ABC TV will televise this event on Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Member of camp 15 and a weekend Sutler, our Brother **D. Michael Klinepeter** had knee surgery and was unable to attend the annual festivities at Gettysburg, July 2011. His father **Dave Klinepeter** missed the event too. It was Dave's first absence at Gettysburg in July in many years.

Look for Dave at Army Heritage Days on October 1, 2011 at Carlisle site. Camp Curtin Historical Society will be on site sponsoring a number of exhibits and study courses.

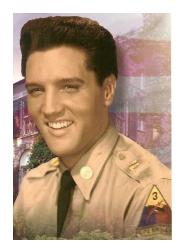
On Saturday, January 28, 2012, Brother Dave among other Brothers of camp 15 and 503 will be visiting the annual reenactment of the WWII Battle of the Bugle at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA. You all are invited to this local reenactment of WWII. More data at http://www.wwiifederation.org/

The National Civil War Museum has begun to honor those killed in action during a significant Civil War battle on 150th anniversary of each battle. The Museum has begun placing "Banners of the Fallen" (blue flags for union and gray flags for fallen confederate) in front of the Museum building, each flag representing one soldier killed in action during that battle. Kicking off the first of many 150th commemorations with a ceremony on July 21, the museum invited **Helen Shireman**, great granddaughter of Gen. John F. Hartranft, to speak at that ceremony. Mrs. Shireman is spouse of camp 15 brother **Ron Shireman**. General Hartranft is the name sake for local Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War camp 15 of greater Harrisburg.

The National Civil War Museum will continue the initiative through the end of the sesquicentennial in 2015. The 1861 battles commemorated in 2011 are First Manassas and Battle of Wilson's Creek.

Source http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/.

Continued!



David Marilyn and Demmy and daughter Jen attended David's U.S. 3d Armored Armv Division (Spearhead) reunion in Memphis. Friday was declared Sgt Elvis Preslev Day for Elvis was a member of 3d Armored Division (Spearhead) in mid-1950s. Among the tours of Memphis, the reunion

visited the famous Graceland Mansion, but alas, the elusive Elvis was not seen. The veteran's association presented Graceland with a brass Plaque commemorating Elvis Pressley's honorable service to his country, the U. S. Army, and the 3d Armored Division (Spearhead).

PICTURED FAR RIGHT - DAVID AND DAUGHTER UJEN



Camp 15 declares sincere thank yous to the Brothers and Sisters that share their used computer printer cartridges with us. Used cartridges are recycled at Staples and the camp earns \$2 credit for each used cartridge recycled at Staples. Two dollars here and two dollars there add up to a nice credit each month toward ink and paper to keep you in the

news from Hartranft Camp 15. Cash and stamp donations are appreciated too. Also, the *Hartranft Herald* staff thanks our Brothers who visit with Camp 15 each month to help prepare the *Award Winning Hartranft Herald* newsletter for our readers. Elsewhere, thank you goes out to our Brothers that visit the National office and help with backlog of documents to be sorted and filed.

National SUVCW Awards presented to members of Department of Pennsylvania at 2011 National Encampment at Reston, Virginia. PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE PUBLISHED WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE!

Camp 15 extends its congratulations to **General J. P. S. Gobin camp 503, Sunbury** for earning the Joseph S. Rippey **Best New Camp Award**, during 2010-2011 term of Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall.



LEFT, DAVID W. DEMMY, SR. ACCEPTS AWARD FOR CAMP 503. CENTER BRAD SCHALL, CINC ANDRIGHT, REPRESENTATIVE FROM CAMP 18, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA FOR JOSEPH S RIPPEY NEW CAMP AWARD.

The B. F. Stephenson Award presented to **John E. Deppen**, commander of camp 15 and SVC at Camp 503 in Sunbury **for his recruiting efforts**

for Camp 503, by Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall. Camp 15 extends its congratulations to Brother John.

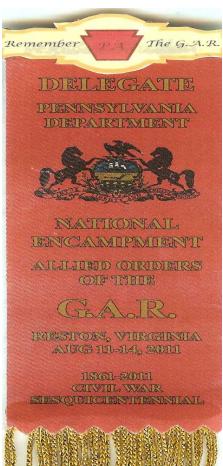
The National Marshall A. Hope Newsletter Award was presented to **Camp 15's** *Hartranft Herald* newsletter for its outstanding issues during 2010-2011 term of Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall. Congratulations to all who contribute to the content and publishing of the *Hartranft Herald*.



NOTE FROM HARTRANFT ON FACEBOOK: GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT CAMP#15 SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR:

"CAMP #15 IS HONORED TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE MARSHALL HOPE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CAMP NEWSLETTER! THE AWARD WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AT THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AT RESTON, VIRGINIA. KUDOS TO BROTHER DAVID DEMMY, WHO TURNS OUT A QUALITY NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH."

Also, thanks and appreciation is extended by Pennsylvania brothers and auxiliary sisters at National Encampment to Brothers **Doug McMillin** and **Howard Wolfe** for designing and printing of Pennsylvania Delegation ribbon for our participants. It is believed that this was the first time in a great number of years that we have had a Delegate Ribbon to wear for all to know that we were part of the Pennsylvania Delegation. Hoorah!



A new legacy!

Continued! PA Civil War 150 events

- August 19-21: York, Pa. hosted by the <u>York</u> <u>County Heritage Trust</u>
- August 26-28: Somerset, Pa. hosted by the <u>Historical & Genealogical Society of</u> <u>Somerset County</u>
- September 2-4: Meadville, Pa. hosted by the Crawford County Civil War Round Table
- September 9-11: Clarion, Pa. hosted by the Clarion County Historical Society

Have you spotted the Road Show truck on the road? Snap a photo and post it to our Facebook page

Make sure to check PACivilWar150.com for the

tour schedule and events planned for the Road Show!

<u>Keynote speaker at September 18th camp meeting.</u>

Brother **Jeff Smith** will have a presentation on civil war artillery. Come early for a seat down front.

Keynote speaker at October 16th camp meeting.

Brother **Dave Demmy**, **Jr** will have a presentation on U.S. Flag etiquette and display.

New Camp Members

Camp 15 welcomes another adult father and son team into our patriotic brotherhood - **J. Danny Reed** of Orwigsburg and son **Chris Reed** of Stewartstown, come to us by lineage of their ancestor William Hill, Co C, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry who was KIA at Wilderness. They were scheduled to be initiated on Sunday the 18th, but by press time, Danny underwent eye surgery; so they will be inducted together at our October 16th meeting. Meet Chris at our September meeting on 18th.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress.

Some of our members across our grand order are still recovering from Good Nite Hurricane Irene.

National Treasurer **Richard Orr** continues to recuperate from his recent hospital stay.

Camp Brother **Don Fry** is recuperating too!

Brother **Lynn Kyle** is recuperating from a broken leg. Son Lynnie, camp 15's sole junior, continues to excel as a school athlete, a chip off the old block! Our late Brother, Gilbert Kyle, grandfather to Lynnie played football at former John Harris High School, Harrisburg, which is within walking distance of our National Sons of Union Veterans of

the Civil War headquarters at Reservoir Park. You ask for trivia and we try to provide it.

Our prayers and concerns are with new Brother Danny Reed during his surgery and recuperation period.

We offer our prayers and condolence to **Mrs. Floyd Demmy** on the passing of her Brother Richard Jacobs, formerly of uptown Harrisburg.

Brother **Joe Long**, PDC, of Camp 8 at Scranton continues with his recuperation: Joe is due to go to the Veterans Admin Hospital in Wilkes Barre to be fitted with prosthesis. Since it will include a prosthetic knee he will most likely have more difficulty walking than he had with the first prosthesis. The doctors believe his situation is due to his exposure to Agent Orange during his Marine tour of duty in Vietnam. Semper Fi Brother Joe! Editor's Note: The Hartranft staff visited with Joe at Department Commander **Howard F Wolfe's** luncheon testimonial on Sunday, September 10 at Scranton. Brother Joe was very upbeat and in great spirits. At no time did he appear in discomfort!

Others have personal concerns and wish not to be identified. We will add all of our Brothers and Sisters to our prayer lists. God bless you and yours and God Bless the United States of America!

ROTC Camp Coordinator

Camp 15's immediate past Camp Commander, **Greg Kline**, one of the busiest Brothers we know, and Commander of new camp 503 in Sunbury, has taken on the role of Camp 15's ROTC coordinator. Brother Greg will interface with local schools that offer Jr ROTC program. A deserving cadet is one that "shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership." Continued

Patriotic Instructor by Dave Klinepeter

September 2011

<u>CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL 150</u> by Dave Klinepeter

REENACTING THE FIRST BATTLE OF BULL RUN (MANASSAS July 23 and 24th 2011.

(No I did not participate.) I have looked at numerous videos and chatted with several people involved with it. There were about 20 different events over the 4 day week end with the actual battle on Saturday and Sunday, on a farm next to the National Park. One of our Camp 15 Members, PCC Larry Keener-Farley, was present at one of these events. **The Victorian** Dance Ensemble taught several classes and led the Blue Grey Ball, in the town. Another event that impressed me was the dedication on July 21st of a battle marker, on the actual National Park battlefield, to the U.S. Marines, who fought their. There were about 350 Marine recruits in Washington D.C. at the time and they were marched to Manassas VA. They fought quite well. Lost over 150 men and when ordered to retreat. MARCHED in formation (not ran) back to Washington D.C. In watching the video of the program I noted their reenactment unit stood at attention during the whole program. The two Marines who uncovered the battle marker had just returned from overseas a month ago. I understand, due to the extreme heat, a number of the troops did not show up, a number of the troops packed up and went home on Saturday evening, even a number of the Sutler's did not set up. I can relate to the troops, having been in many reenactments under a variety of conditions.

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL (100) July 21 to 23, 1961 BATTLE OF BULL RUN by Dave Klinepeter

This reenactment I did participate in! Yes it was hot, between 90 and 100 degrees and high humidity. (This is some of my memories of the 100th Battle of Bull Run)

Our artillery unit was (Battery E1st Penna Light Artillery North-South Skirmish Association.) We served a 10 pound parrot on the flank next to the Henry House. There were other cannon along side our battery. The reenactors were camped on a part of the actual battlefield and the reenactment took place on the original battlefield. (Participates are no longer allowed to reenact on the original National Park sites, see further down).) Battery Commander Donald Demmy Wagner's son, Eddie Demmy Wagner and Private Dave Klinepeter's son Mike, also a Camp 15 member, (both 12 years old wanted to be there but could not participate in the battle, so they agreed to be FETCH and CARRY, saved quite a bit of work for us older members. Our unit

arrived several days early, to set up and set off sight seeing. On the Friday they held a dress rehearsal, which was attended by a large crowd. On firing our cannon we were not pleased with the sound of woomp from our cannon, it did not have that expected boom, we needed to figure something out for the next day. See partication badge below.

There were approximately 2000 National Guard infantry involved. They were there to represent each of the states in the original battle that did not have Civil War reenacting units. Of course their weapon was the M-1 Garand rifle which has quite a different sound from the



muskets, especially when rapid fire. Their usina instructions were to fire slowly, but [it] did not work at times. Saturday morning. Some troops arrived on the Southern Railroad at Manassas: there а martial parade through the streets of town. Before the battle there was an artillery parade for the spectators. Fifty artillery horses had been purchased and specially trained for the reenactment. They gave a demonstration of an artillery unit at the full gallop and swinging into battle position. I

had the chance to ride on a limber chest, but thank goodness, not at the gallop (no springs). With our batteries on the Henry Hill we had a clear view of the two armies facing each other. The Union on the left and the Confederates on the right side. Our guns were to be overrun by the rebels early in the battle. On the one day a nasty incident happened, we fired our cannon just a the Rebs charged, on the gun next to us there was a mishap, the order was given to cease fire, one of their battery men ran out to drape himself over the barrel but the man on the lanyard thought the order was to fire and did. The young fellow took the full blast in the chest, He did survive. During the battle, a Confederate reenactor was hit in the shoulder by a Minie ball skirt from a poorly cleaned gun. His uniform coat took the impact and thank goodness he only had a bruise. Another fellow had a broken ear drum from his buddy firing too close to him. After our Battery was overrun, we lay down, crawled over to the limber chest, picked up our cartridge boxes and muskets, crawled around in back of the Henry House and joined the Union line. On the Sunday there was another incident. The instructions and rules for the whole affair included, no bayonets were to be drawn, only officers could use swords, no

trying to take anyone's Colors, also no picking up someone else's equipment. Near the center of the Union line was positioned the Lancaster (Pa) Fencibles (they made a fine sight, highly trained, fully equipped, their uniforms looked like the "Iron Brigade", Seems a number of Confederates made a charge toward them with the intent of capturing the colors, as the Rebs came a little too close the Officer in charge of the Fencibles gave the order "fix bayonets", by that time Confederate Officers put a stop to the charge. The battle went on and as we all know the Confederates won. This was the start of large reenactments. Because of the damage to the field, trash cleanup, injuries suffered, sanitation, traffic and logistical problems the National Park Service came up with guidelines for events on park property. The next year at the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam it was not held on the National Park site but on farmers fields next to it, The National Parks do have numerous events, but not battle reenactments. DJK

150th celebration stickers for purchase at camp meeting September 18:









Bumper sticker also available for your purchase and display of on your vehicle in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the civil war.

Camp Schedule of events for 2011 into 2012

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are held on 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

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

October 1, 2011, Saturday US Army Heritage and Education Center – *Civil War 150*: Entering into Winter Camp at 950 Soldiers Dr, Carlisle, PA off I-81 – www.usahec.org

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

October 29, 2011 Saturday Mid-year Meeting of the Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Doc Holliday's New Cumberland!

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!

Saturday, January 28, 2012, next reenactment of the WWII Battle of the Bulge at Fort Indiantown Gap I-81 exit 85b.

June 2012 - 132d annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – June 22, 23, 24 at Four Points by Sheraton at Greensburg, PA

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See us on Facebook - Hartranft

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,
- <u>Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War</u>,
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- <u>Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of</u> 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 125th 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

2012 PENNSYLVANIA ENCAMPMENT

Pennsylvania Department Encampment Committee

Report of the Encampment Site Committee June 7,2011



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 2012 Department Encampment/ Convention of the Allied Orders, which includes the Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans.



The 2012 Encampment/Convention will be held on

June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2012

at the
Four Points by Sheraton
100 Sheraton Drive, Route 30 East
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
(724)836-6060 – www.fourpointsgreensburg.com



Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax. Reservations are to be made under "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic" Meeting room are: Sons - Keystone #2, Auxiliary - Keystone #3, Daughters - Keystone #3. There will be a luncheon buffet on Friday and Saturday at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

The final report on the 2011 Encampment held in Scranton, Pennsylvania will be presented at mid-year.



Your Encampment Committee Members, M. J. Bannan, Faye Carlisle, and Mary Jo Long would like to thank Camp #8, Auxiliary #10 and Tent #59 for their help in putting the 2011 Encampment together.

Yours in F.C.L.

**Joseph Long, Ur,

Encampment Chairman

This summer *Hartranft Herald* dedicated to immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall, of the great Department of California -- *Hartranft Herald* staff!

PAST COMMANDERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SONS OF UNION VETERANS AND AUXILIARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

We cordially extend to you, your family and friends a warm invitation to attend the 81st ANNUAL DEDICATION DAY DINNER of the Association, commemorating the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19th, 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln.

The dinner will be held **Saturday, November 19th at 6:30 P.M.** in the **Schwarzkopf-Powell Room** (please note the new room location) of the **Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center** on Business Route 15 (Emmitsburg) Road) south of Gettysburg. Before and after dinner you will have a chance to visit with the various organizations fund raising officers in the Edwardian Room.

Cost of the dinner will be **\$27.00 per person.**The entrée will be roast tom turkey with stuffing and gravy, mashed potatoes, and corn.

PLEASE NOTE - ALL members of the Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans, Ladies of the GAR, and Woman's Relief Corps and their families are welcome to attend !!!!! !!!!!!!

All reservations are to be sent to PAST COMMANDERS DINNER, 1126 HANOVER ROAD, YORK, PA. 17408 with checks made payable to PAST COMMANDERS.

The final date for reservations to be received is November 12th, 2011.

The Committee

Dinner Committee 2010.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$ for reservations for the 81st Annual Dinner to be held in Gettysburg on November 20th, 2010.

Make check payable to PAST COMMANDERS and mail to PAST COMMANDERS. 1126 HANOVER ROAD, YORK, PA. 17408.

	Please list the names of persons making reservations.
If v	bu desire confirmation of your reservation please provide the following
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