

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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Celebrating our 136th Year serving Harrisburg Area



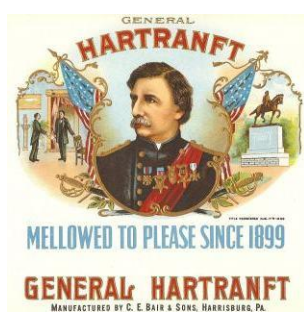
 @ Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

 **Vol 20, No.08&09 the Governor is in the Park August & September 2018** 

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!

<p>2018 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander Logan Swanger 2018 Senior Vice Commander Vernon Stout 2018 Junior Vice Commander Scott Debo, PCC 08-18 Secretary Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18 Treasurer David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18 Council 01 Scott Debo, PCC 15-18 Council 02. Anthony Kline 16-18 Council 03 Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21 Patriotic Instructor Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018 Chaplain David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18 Counselor Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08 GAR Historian Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018 Graves Registration Logan Swanger 14-18 Guide Vacant 2018 Color Bearer Vacant 2018 Guard Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18 Eagle Scout Coordinator Vacant 2018 Signal Webmaster Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18 ROTC Coordinator Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18 GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18 Longevity Brother Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943</p>
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Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm 3rd Sunday of most months. The Marshall A. Hope author award was bestowed upon Hartranft Herald for excellence of a camp newsletter by Brad Schall, Commander in Chief, 2010-2011.

Dept of PA: www.PAsuvcw.org National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

[This issue of the Hartranft Herald is draped in remembrance of our late Brother Donald M Fry, 1932 -- 2018.](#) Read more later in this issue!

[Also, just before press time, we learned our Brother Les McClure lost his last battle late in June.](#) Read more later in this issue!



God bless these two Veterans!

[Brothers our next Camp business meeting](#) is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th at 2 pm within the NCWM building high atop Reservoir Park!

[Brothers and Sisters in Distress](#)

by, David W Brother, Sr., PCC, Camp Chaplain

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

The family of our late Brother Don Fry of Linglestown and Les McClure of uptown Harrisburg!

- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; and the family of Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mary Jane Bannan PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline, along with Mrs. Kevin Williams!
- Tony Kline, PCinC Gene Mortorff and Mrs. Linda Mortorff! John McNulty is relocating!
- Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Scott Debo PCC, David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer, Darlene Alcorn's son, Lowell Alcorn, ICU, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Mrs. John Martin, and Ellen Higgins! Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC and Brother John Martin.
- Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith PCC; Mrs. Robert Manning. Brother Dave Sosnowski!
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht!
- PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, and

PCinC Richard Partington; and now we add Mr and Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan to our prayer list too!

God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

[More photos of FREE Civil War Days in Harrisburg Area;](#)

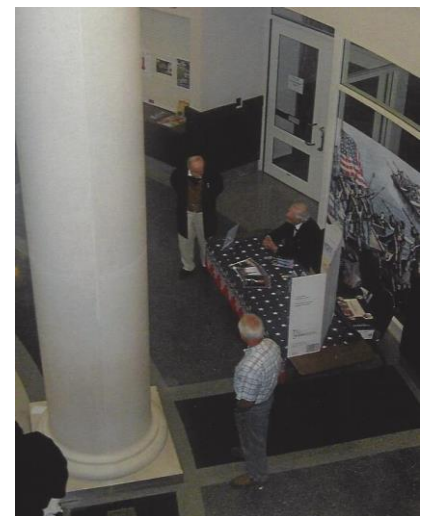
Provided by PCC Gene Mascioli.

'The Governor is in the Park' see page 3.



Brother Vern Stout on duty at camp 15 recruiting table!

Brother Dave Klinepeter on duty too





Brother Dave Klinepeter always engaging the public, recruiting, or at least *presenting them with a bit of history* on their visit to the Nat'l Civil War Museum, host of the FREE Day.



Dancing in the Park provided by *Victorian Dance Ensemble*
Email:
Contact@CivilWarDance.org

Camp Minutes

None this time; no meetings in June, July, and August!

Next minutes to appear here will be from our September meeting on Sunday, September 16, 2018. They will be posted in October newsletter!

HUMOR WITH HISTORIC MOTHERS

COLUMBUS' MOTHER: "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written!"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER: "Again with the stovepipe hat? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

MARY'S MOTHER: "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

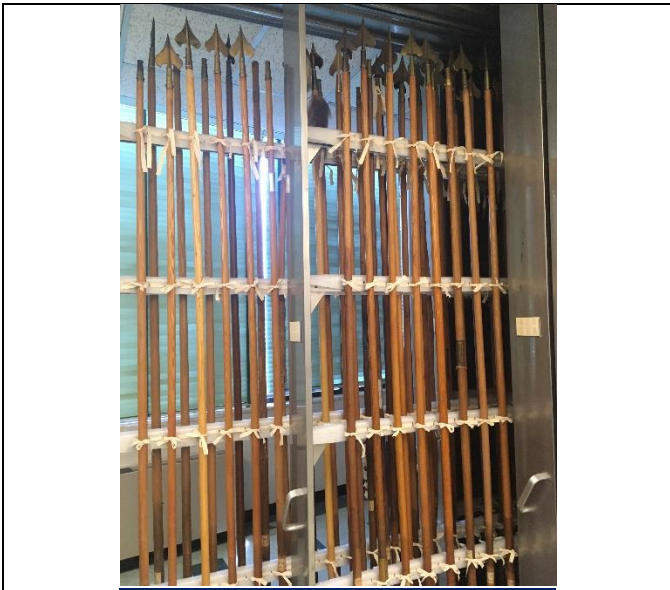
ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: "But it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?"

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and get to bed!"

PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is past your curfew."

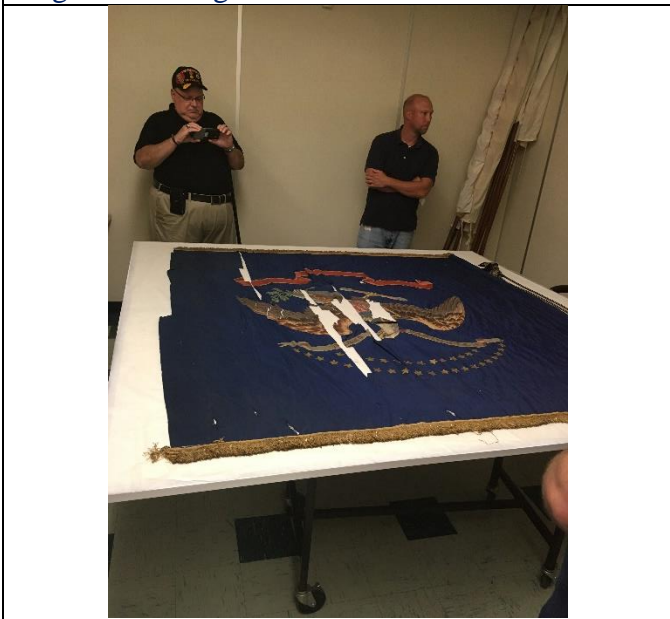
Camp 15 Field Trip to State Museum of Civil War
Flags preservation facility on Sunday July 15.



Display of standards for Pennsylvania Civil War
Regimental Flags!



Group image of brothers participating in event
L to R, Dan Lute, Logan Swanger, Gene Mascoili,
Vern Stout, Russ Kratzer and brother Dane DiFebo,
Educator at NCWM!



Brother Russ Kratzer during field trip most likely
capturing his ancestor's regimental flag for his
collection!



If your ancestor served in a **Pennsylvania Regiment**, and you would like pix of his regimental flag, similar to the one immediately above, contact David Demmy and he will share with you a copy of that regimental flag and perhaps text too. Email DoubleD@Demmy.cc with the unit data.

[Recent photos of camp 15](#)



Jeff Smith's table display!



Remember this; it will be back soon enough!



Jeff discussing a weapon of the day!

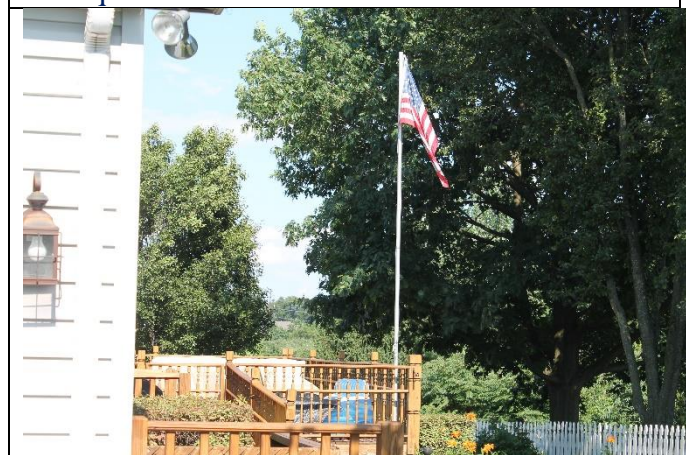


Commissioned Sign in foyer of National Civil War Museum revealing the SUVCW's National Headquarters at this location!



Tom McKay joins camp 15!

Welcome Brother Tom, who volunteers, in uniform, at the National Civil War Museum!



Flag Day USA!

On the Road with Camp 15

At the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Williamsport in June, our auxiliary 7 to camp 15's Mary Jane Bannan was recognized for her 50 years of membership and accomplishments to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

See copy later in this issue.

Camp 15 visited the Pennsylvania Historic Regimental Civil War Flags Preservation Museum, which is scheduled to relocate much closer to the National Civil War Museum neighborhood than its present location at 10th and Market Streets downtown in flood plain.

National Encampment of the SUVCW took place in Framingham MA last month. Worthy news elsewhere in this issue!

Next camp meeting, Sunday September 16, 2 pm NCWM upper level room 222.

Brothers, Come on Down!

Museum's annual Blue and Gray Gala, September 27th. See poster later in this issue.

The *Hartranft Herald* asks its readers: What was it you learned in school besides your ABCs?

O I I F F S S E N T ?

Hint: It's not a continent!

Write to *Hartranft Herald* editorial staff at DoubleD@Demmy.cc or come to our September meeting to learn the answer to this school quiz.

Be Proud - Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and engage with us!

- The Allied Orders of the GAR:
- -Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to GAR,
- -Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- -Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- -Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
- -The Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans 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, cousin, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Continued with other data below!

News from recent 2018 National Encampment/Convention at Framingham, MA.

The 2019, event will be held in Cleveland Ohio, August 7 thru 11, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, located in Independence Ohio. \$114 per nite.

For 2020, the event will be held at Marriott Buckhead in Atlanta Georgia, August 8 thru 16 at rate of \$115 per nite. Come early to take in a *Braves* Game while in the region.

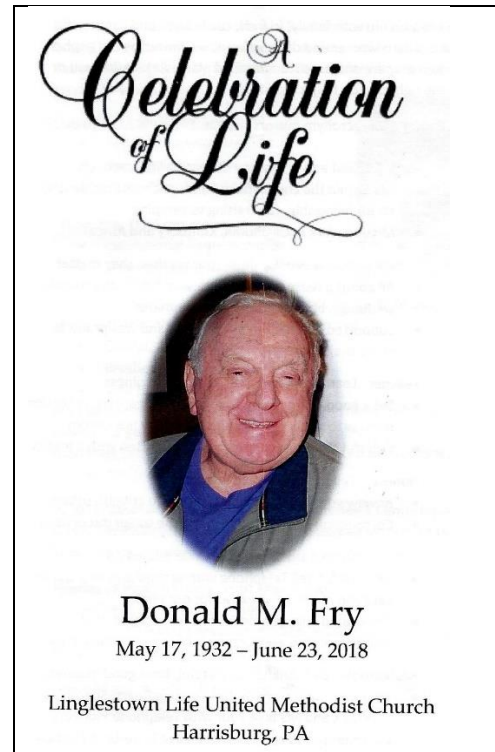
For 2021, our National Encampment Site Committee is considering a proposal by the Mid-West Department of Missouri to host the annual Allied Orders of the GAR's convention.

Remembrance Day headquarters at Eisenhower facility will end with the completion of Remembrance Day 2018 on 11/18/18. *The Committee has entered into a 4-year contract with the Wyndham at Gettysburg, again; with rates, beginning with 2019 at \$129 thru 2021 at \$144.*

A recommendation to grant Nephews and Nieces of first generation of a Civil War Veteran as Real Nephews and Real Nieces was ruled "out of order". Therefore, only first-generation sons of civil war veterans will continue to be known as **Real Sons** by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Hardware and software were recently upgraded at National HQs. Networking will be next project for more efficient data entry of adds, changes, and deletions to our National Database, which feeds the *Banner* mailing list each quarter. If you have not received your summer issue of the *Banner*, please contact us with your full name and current address so we may update your profile and provide you with the missing issue.

Camp 15 is grateful for the life of our late Brother Don Fry and for the Kline family brothers that represented camp 15 at the church service for Don, and for conducting the SUVCW service as indicated in our blue book of Rituals during the service for Don!



"Thank you for the photos, I will add them to the memories album.

The ceremony performed by Tony and Greg Kline for my father's funeral service was very special and added depth to his life of service and volunteering – we were all honored to have them."

Best regards, Pamela [Don Fry's daughter]

BY THE WAY by Dave Klinepeter.

It has been a bit over 4 months since I moved next door to my one granddaughter's family, with four young great grand kids. It has been quite interesting for them and me too! There will be various adjustments on both sides for quite some time, of course the ole "which box is that item in when hunting a particular item? – continues"

Everything is slower in this small town. Wanting to go to Wal-Mart, CVS, Home Depot, etc., is a trip to

Chambersburg or maybe Waynesboro. I try to get to Harrisburg once-a-month to take care of business. I no longer drive at night and have cut back on driving distances, have discontinued numerous meetings. Of course, I will try to make some of Camp 15 meetings and some of my Victorian Dance Ensemble dances. I have not quit reading CW history --- Yes, Fulton County, PA took part in it, not in a big way, but the Confederates were here late in the war. So far, I have read, Fulton County, "Copperhead Country", "Civil War Invasions in Fulton County", "Fulton County's Company H, 158th Regiment Penna Infantry".

The Fulton County Historical Society is quite active. They have published a long list of booklets on the history of the county activities. The county also had four Grand Army of the Republic Posts.

King Post #365 in McConnellsburg
Gen. Kibbin Post #402 in Pleasant Ridge
Horton Post # 413 in Wells Valley/Tannery
John Q. Taylor Post # 589 in Lashley

If I still had my set of Dept. of Penna. GAR journals for each year I could research them, but alas they were sold a number of years ago, so someone else (younger) could use them.

I do hope to get to Gettysburg in November for Remembrance Day, made reservations. Last year I missed out on the parade and Woolson service, the weather won out, hoping for better this time.

Oh, I expect to be at Camp 15's September 16th meeting – see all of you then djk

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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CAMP ORDER #2

SERIES 2017-2018

07 July 2018

It is with a saddened heart and deep regret that I report the passing of our Brother **Donald M. Fry** of Linglestown, PA.

Brother Don was born May 17, 1932 at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and departed this life on June 23, 2018 at Vero Beach, Florida. Brother Don is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dawn, daughter Pamela, and sons Brian and Larry.

Brother Don began his life long career with Bell Telephone as a teenager before serving with the US Navy during the Korean War era 1952-1956. Following his assignments on USS Bennington and USS Gilmore, he returned to Bell and retired in the Transportation and Safety areas. Don was a member of American Legion Post 272.

In addition to being a military veteran, Brother Don was an Eagle Scout and a dedicated Boy Scout Leader for most of his life. He served on local BSA council for 47 years earning the Silver Beaver Award in 1990. Since, June 1999, Don was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, he was Camp 15's Eagle Scout Coordinator for most of his membership in Camp 15. He based his right of membership in the Son's upon his lineage to his Great-Grandfather, Levi Charles Fry who served with the 87th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and later with the 166th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry till the duration of America's Civil War 1861-1865.

As Commander, I am requesting that all membership badges and camp newsletter be draped in black from July 1, 2018 until August 31, 2018 in remembrance of Brother Donald Fry.

A memorial service was held Saturday July 7, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Linglestown Life United Methodist Church. Please join me in sharing our deep condolences!

Ordered this 7th day of July 2018
Logan G. Swanger, Camp Commander
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Attest: Gregory E. Kline, Camp Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

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CAMP ORDER #3

SERIES 2017-2018

14 August 2018

It is with a saddened heart and deep regret that I report the passing of our Brother Lester [Les] McClure of uptown Harrisburg, PA.

Brother Les, while a relatively new member to Camp 15 in recent years, was dedicated to our cause and purpose for our being, a patriotic hereditary organization, to keep alive the memory of the men in Blue of this Nation's Civil War of 1861 – 1865, those men that kept our great nation whole.

Les was a grand master mechanic for the City of Harrisburg Bureau of Fire. Among his other memberships were, American Legion; Midget Baseball Association; and local volunteer Fire Departments and of course, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Upon returning home as a veteran of the US Navy, Les began as best we know in 1946 to begin to obtain American Flags and place them upon the gravesites of all veterans laid to rest at historic Harrisburg Cemetery.

When Camp 15 was revived in the late years of 1998-1999, Les invited our other WWII veteran, David R Klinepeter to include the camp with his annual project of placing flags at Harrisburg Cemetery during Memorial Day weekend; and so, since that time, Camp 15 has honorably and proudly joined Les and his family, each year to place flags upon the veterans at Harrisburg Cemetery!

As Commander, I am requesting that all membership badges and camp newsletter be draped in black for the remainder of the summer of 2018 in remembrance of Brother Les McClure and for his military service and his honor to the deceased veterans lying in Harrisburg Cemetery.

The Brotherhood of John F Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg Pa., expresses its deepest condolence to the family of our late brother Les McClure!

Ordered this 14th day of August 2018

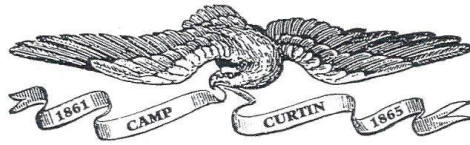
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Brother Les was a member of John F Hartranft Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Harrisburg area. Les pictured above, left, along with other Camp 15 WWII veterans Dave Klinepeter, and the late Floyd Demmy. Les was instrumental in placing flags upon all veterans at historic Harrisburg Cemetery since 1946 immediately following his US Naval service in WWII.

God Bless brother Les' soul! He is already missed by his brothers of camp 15.



History comes alive at the Camp Curtin Historical Society's

Harrisburg Cemetery Tours **Saturday, September 15th**



All tours will leave from the Caretaker's House
Tours will begin at 12:00 Noon and will be led by local historians
Jim Schmick, George Nagle and Bruce Horner

*Visit the graves and hear the stories of numerous personalities who
influenced local, state and national events in the 19th century
and learn about the memorial art of the cemetery.*

Adults - \$5.00 (CCHS Members - \$4.00) All children under 16 - \$1.00
Rain or shine. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

The Harrisburg Cemetery is located at the eastern end of the State Street Bridge.

For information call 717-732-5115 or email genjenkins@aol.com.

Antietam - A Tour Through Time

September 22, 2018



It's here!
See, Touch & Feel - A Tour Through Time Antietam
Saturday, September 22, 2018

Join CEO Wayne E. Motts, the staff of The National Civil War Museum, and Antietam Battlefield guide Stephen Recker on a unique and never before offered tour of Antietam Battlefield. This tour will consist of stops on the Antietam Battlefield and will feature artifacts and items of the soldiers who fought in the struggle. Tour participants will be able hold historical treasures used and/or associated with men of the Union and Confederate Armies engaged at Antietam.

Stephen Recker is a collector of rare Antietam photographs and relics, and items from his collection can be seen on battlefield waysides, and in the newly renovated museum at Antietam National Battlefield. Steve is the author of "Rare Images of Antietam, and the Photographers Who Took Them" and is a member of Antietam Battlefield Guides, a service he founded in partnership with WMIA, previously the non-profit at Antietam National Battlefield.

The tour departs from The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA

- Six hours of touring
- Bus transportation around the field
- Seeing and handling of priceless Antietam artifacts, photographs, and letters
- A signed copy of Steve Recker's book "Rare Images of Antietam, and the Photographers Who Took Them"
- Lunch

The artifacts will be subject to a level of care commensurate to their condition. All artifacts will be subject to change based on the weather condition and in cases, when appropriate, the artifacts will be in riker mounted boxes protected from the elements.

Members \$150 per person Non-Members \$175 per person

REGISTER
NOW

The items featured are not currently on display in the galleries of The National Civil War Museum. Consider a membership and join an exclusive members only behind the scenes tour. Visit our website: www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

Save the date! Don't miss the fun!

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for registration and ticket prices. These signature events are a great way to experience history as never before.

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Annual Blue & Gray Gala September 27, 2018

Save the date for an evening of cocktails and tasting tables amidst the galleries of The National Civil War Museum. Event includes a silent auction and raffle.



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HISTORIC PEACE CHURCH



Peace Church, located at the corner of St. John's Church Road and Trindle Road, is a simple church of worship built at the end of the 18th century. The cornerstone was laid on June 12, 1798 and it was dedicated in May of 1799. In 1807, a pipe organ was purchased from Conrad Doll of Lancaster and is still in use today. The church has been owned by the PA Historical and Museum Commission since 1969 and has been operated by the Friends of Peace Church since 1972. Membership is open to the public (\$15 person, \$10 seniors, \$25 sponsors). The mailing address is Friends of Peace Church, PO Box 3034, Shiremanstown, PA 17011. In 1972, Peace Church entered the National Registry of Historic Places. From June through September, programs are held on Sundays at 3 pm.

In 1863, the Civil War was raging. The southern part of the United States was hit hard with numerous bloody battles. Meanwhile, Hampden Township was a small farming community and Peace Church was a serene gathering place for many of them. Harrisburg was the capitol of the 2nd largest state in the union and an important supply and logistics center for the northern armies. Tens of thousands of new recruits were mustered into service and drilled in camps around the city. General Robert E. Lee decided to attack Harrisburg to cut the supply lines and drive the horrors of war to the north. Two Confederate divisions moved into Cumberland County in June, A third division was to attack Harrisburg from the rear. The Union forces set up a defense line near present day Camp Hill, Confederate General Albert Jenkins, after moving through Mechanicsburg, set up cannons on the Peace Church grounds and fired almost continuously for 48 hours. Lee gave the order for the attack to proceed - but later that evening learned that the Army of the Potomac had moved closer than he thought - so he sent new orders for all units to gather at Cashtown - near Gettysburg. Jenkins pulled out of Peace Church on June 30th leaving two cavalry units behind. They ended up in a fire fight with Union forces at Sporting Hill - the northernmost skirmish of the Civil War.

So the battle was moved to Gettysburg - and peace was returned to Peace Church.

**Mary Jane Bannan,
In recognition of her 50 years of Membership to Auxiliary
to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Congratulations to Sister Mary Jane [Jennie] Bannan from Gen John F Hartranft,
Camp 15, of Harrisburg Regional area!
Sister Jennie was very instrumental in reactivating Camp 15 in 1998-1999;
God Bless Mary Jane and the sisters of our Auxiliary 7 to Hartranft Camp!**