



# 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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A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7.  
Come One, Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family and Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera.

## Commander's Corner by Donnie Prye

Happy Easter Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders! I hope this great weather has cured everyone's cabin fever! First, allow me to apologize to those brothers who showed up for the cancelled March meeting. Apparently there are some gaps, but like PennDot, we are reviewing our response procedures and will have a better plan of action in place for the future. I would encourage everyone to check their emails or make a phone call if you have any reason to believe that a meeting may possibly be cancelled!



From a letter I received, I understand that one brother of Camp 15 is strongly interested in purchasing at least two of our 45.70 rifles. As we agreed, the brothers of this Camp should have first opportunity to purchase the rifles, and I would like to add one more thing to that -- I suggest that we offer the rifles to Camp brothers at the original cost to the Camp. Think about it til we can have further discussion on this subject at the April 15 meeting.

April meeting: we will be honored to have Brother Norm Houser do a presentation on his work as a movie extra portraying Civil War soldiers. I have

seen this presentation and its very interesting; don't miss it! On Sunday, April 29, the Highspire Church of God is holding a memorial ceremony at the old cemetery behind the flourmill. They will be planting a "Gettysburg Sycamore" in memory of the Civil War heroes buried in that cemetery. See driving directions [on page 9](#) in this issue of the April *Hartranft Herald*. An organizer of this event has asked Camp 15 to be present and participate in any way we can. Brothers Attention! This is exactly the kind of thing that our Camp needs to be doing. Please Mark your calendar! In addition, on Saturday, April 28, the day before the Highspire event, Camp 15 will be taking a trip to the General John F. Hartranft grave site. More on this event at the meeting! In the meantime, any brother interested in going may call me at 717 436-6124 for more information. I'll be seeing You at the meeting, Donnie.

## March Meeting (was) cancelled

An e-mail notice was posted to all brothers who have an e-mail address on record with Camp 15's newsletter editor; meanwhile, others were telephoned:

Brothers of General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. At 8 a.m. today, Commander Donnie Prye cancelled today's Camp 15 meeting due to

weather, traveling distance of many brothers and illness too.

5-6 brothers and/or their families are in distress over illness, disease, or are slowly recovering from an infirmity - or just plain tired from shoveling snow!

Look for more news in your April issue of the Hartranft Herald. Our next scheduled general meeting at the National Civil War Museum will on Sunday, April 15th at 2 pm. Hopefully there will be no snow over Harrisburg for our April meeting.

Also, you should have recently received your Pennsylvania State Department news, the Battle Cry of Freedom, and the National Sons magazine, the Banner. So, while you stay warm, you have a number of things to read and be thankful in all things. God bless you and yours, David W. Demmy, Sr.

[Secretary's Corner](#) by Larry C. Sheibley



Since there was no meeting in March, there are no meeting minutes to report by our world traveler, secretary, Larry C. Sheibley, who recently returned to central Pennsylvania from a visit in Tennessee and more recently, Florida too!

Any Brother, who had not remitted his 2007 dues by March 31, has been dropped from the roles of Camp 15. Tis sad for our Order to lose once-interested men! What happened, we don't know! Was it distance that kept them away from us? Was it a turn of events in their life? They never replied to contact letters or e-mail notices!

Of course, to continue their relationship with us as a Brother in Good Standing, they merely have to remit their total 2007 dues of \$25.00 and we will all continue to work to remember the sacrifices of our ancestors and others who have done so much for the Union and the freedoms we enjoy today!

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April Birthdays for Camp 15.

Donald Butler -Tucson, Az  
John Deppen -Northumberland, PA  
David Klinepeter -Colonial Park, PA

If your name is among the missing for April, please inform the *Hartranft Herald*.

## [PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#)

by Dave Klinepeter PCC

*During the Civil War one of the most important months was APRIL.*

*April 12, 1861- the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter.*

*April 16, 1862 - the Confederates start the draft system.*

*April 3, 1865 - Richmond, Va. finally falls to the Union Army*

*April 9, 1865- Robert E. Lee surrenders to General Grant at Appomattox*

*April 15, 1865 - Abraham Lincoln is shot at Fords Theater by Booth*

*April 26, 1865 - John Wilkes Booth is shot in Virginia.*

*April 27, 1865 the SULTANA explodes on the Mississippi river. Of 2100 people all but 400 die. Of those that die all but 100 are Union Veterans most were from the Andersonville prison camp.*

Below are celluloid badges. Not all of the Veteran ribbons and badges were connected to the GAR. In coming issues I will show a variety of GAR and other Veteran badges and items pertaining to the Veterans. I will have several items and hand outs at the April meeting.



Continued



### [Continuation on GAR series](#)

by David J. Klinepeter

### [LITTLE KNOWN FACTS](#)

#### *GRAND ARMY DAY AND REUNIONS.*



*The Department of Pennsylvania owes much of the success it achieved to the fraternal feelings stimulated and maintained by the many reunions held in the state. "Grand Army Day" was first observed in 1877, when the GAR in Pennsylvania celebrated by a parade of the Department.*

DAVE KLINEPETER 1950

#### *SVR DRUM CORPS*

*All in the ranks appeared in full Grand Army uniform.*

*The general observance of the "Grand Army Day" has given place to a large number of reunions held at different points in the State through the joint action of Posts located in one or more counties, and all of these have been very successful, especially in the smaller towns, where there has been a general closing of the places of business on that day, and the people have turned out en masse to greet the Veterans.*

#### *GRAND ARMY BADGE*

*By an Act passed February 4, 1885, persons not duly entitled to the same are prohibited from wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic under penalty of imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by both such fines and imprisonment. A*

*similar law was passed January 30, 1888, relative to the insignia or rosette of the Loyal Legion.*

#### *ISSUE OF ARMS*

*By an Act approved June 1, 1887, the Adjutant-General is authorized to supply Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and Camps of Sons of Veterans with arms and accouterments not necessary for the equipment of the National Guard.*

*This information is from History of the Grand Army of the Republic by Robert B. Beath, 1889, submitted by David J. Klinepeter.*

### [Comments from our Readers](#)

Regarding the cancellation of the March meeting due to weather conditions and family distress for many brothers:

Regards from Brother Bill: "Many thanks for both the telephone call and the email. See you in April.

P.S. I truly enjoy the Newsletter. Many thanks for the considerable time and effort put into making this enjoyable Newsletter." Editor's Note: Brother Bill, you warm our hearts as the keyboard warms our fingers - *Hartranft Herald*

Brother John M., who is a Civil War reenactor with the Pennsylvania Bucktails informed the *Hartranft Herald* that he missed the big snow fall that weekend for he was in Shiloh for their big anniversary activity. Seems the boys in blue chased the Rebs; but the rebs routed -- came back at union boys, until the union hit the Rebs again with a parry here and parry there!

Also Brother Don from Linglestown, who spends much of the Pennsylvania winter in Florida, was home for a couple of weeks in mid-March and wanted to fraternize with us at the March meeting; but we were a no show!

But Don promises to be home for the summer and we'll see him again.

Reply from Brother John D., who was a bit under the weather, during our February meeting:

"I hope all is well with you and yours. It turns out that I do not have hypoglycemia or diabetes, praise the Lord. . . . I have been to the docs and I am blessed by the support of a



loving and generous family. Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty, John

Brother David J. Klinepeter's wife Gloria is under going physical therapy and the Klinepeter's are celebrating this too: they have become grandparents again - #5.

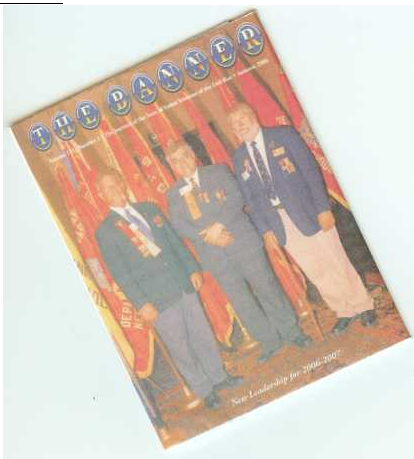
Jen Demmy, who only has one kidney, is a granddaughter of Brother Floyd. During March she experienced another kidney infection and spent a sunny day undergoing treatment. By April she has recovered again and is fine!

And our very only Department Commander, Brother Lee F. Walters, and wife Charlotte have each recovered from a nasty viral infection.

Following the good news we reported in the April issue regarding Brother Art, we learned he had to return to the hospital for additional treatment! No additional news at press time.

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The Banner, the Sons National Magazine



Note to readers: if you are missing copies of the National Banner, for the last year or two, let the Hartranft Herald know and we can probably find copies for you at our next meeting; or better yet, come out to the Sons National HQs at the National Civil War Museum and volunteer to post old Banners at the visitors place at the museum. Please make prior arrangements by contacting David at

[DoubledD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubledD@Demmy.cc) or write to Hartranft Herald.

## [Civil War planners talk about timing for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#)

Sunday, March 18, 2007

By Len Barcousky, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH - A history museum hosted the first of several regional meetings to start planning Pennsylvania's 150th commemoration of the Civil War.

About two dozen people gathered at the Sen. John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center on Saturday for the discussion about how Civil War-era events should be remembered.

Andrew Masich, the center's president, said the 100th commemoration gave short shrift to topics such as slavery and the role of women, and that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission wants them covered this time.

Linda Shopes, the commission's director for "Telling Pennsylvania's Civil War Stories," was unable to attend because of the storm. But she sent a statement outlining four key themes of the state's "New Narratives" project: "Slavery and Freedom," "The War's Impact on Local Communities," "Women and the Home Front" and "Commemoration and Memory." Also discussed was when the sesquicentennial should begin. The first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumpter, S.C., on April 12, 1861. Attendees proposed events starting as early as next year, because the roots of the war go back much earlier.

Saturday's meeting was the first of three planned for western Pennsylvania. A second is scheduled for May 19 at Allegheny College in Meadville; a third will be in Washington County at a date and location to be determined.

*A statewide planning meeting will be held in Harrisburg from April 20-21.*

Information from: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, <http://www.post-gazette.com>

The main Web site for the History Center is [www.pgghistory.org](http://www.pgghistory.org). Ideas and proposals for Civil War commemorations can be sent to Ms. Fortescue at [aafortescue@hswp.org](mailto:aafortescue@hswp.org).

Editor's Note: Likewise, Virginia and other states too are working on similar plans:

[http://pamplinpark.org/press\\_releases/110906VASesquicentennial.pdf](http://pamplinpark.org/press_releases/110906VASesquicentennial.pdf)

Recently, a number of members of Camp 15, who are also members of the Victorian Dance Ensemble, participated at the Capitol Building:

**HARRISBURG** Sunday, March 25, 2007

### **Ball transports Capitol to Civil War era**

by **MARY KLAUS** of **The Patriot-News**.

Women in elegant dresses and snow-white gloves strolled past the Capitol's grand staircase Saturday night.

Men in top coats, bow ties and shirts, pants, suspenders and Civil War-era brogans graciously greeted the ladies.

As sound of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and other patriotic tunes, prevailed, the couples danced gracefully at the **fourth annual Civil War Preservation Ball**. The calendar flipped back to the 1860s, when Harrisburg's gentle and genteel residents did the same.

"The Civil War era was not all blood and mud, death and destruction," said **Larry Keener-Farley**, a dance master for the **Victorian Dance Ensemble**, which organized the ball. "There was also grace, beauty, candlelight and dancing. Nearly everyone, North and South, danced during the '60s."

Sixty couples from seven states attended this year's ball, which raised more than \$5,000 to benefit the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project Endowment Trust Fund. That fund, started by state Rep. **Harry Readshaw**, D-Allegheny, provides money to repair, clean and maintain the 146 monuments and markers honoring Pennsylvanians who fought on the Gettysburg battlefield.

"We've raised \$168,000 in five years," Readshaw said. "The National Park Service used it to restore the Pennsylvania Regimental monuments. We must preserve these icons of freedom for future generations."

Couples didn't just walk into the Capitol last night; they made entrances. Former Rep. **Lynn Herman** of State College, dressed as a Civil War gentleman, escorted Julianne Singer of State College, who had made her cream-colored brocade gown and wore her great-aunt's cameo pin.

Unlike modern dancing, which focuses on couples, 1860 dances were done in groups of two, four or more couples moving in patterns. In the 19th century, it was considered rude to dance with the same partner all night.

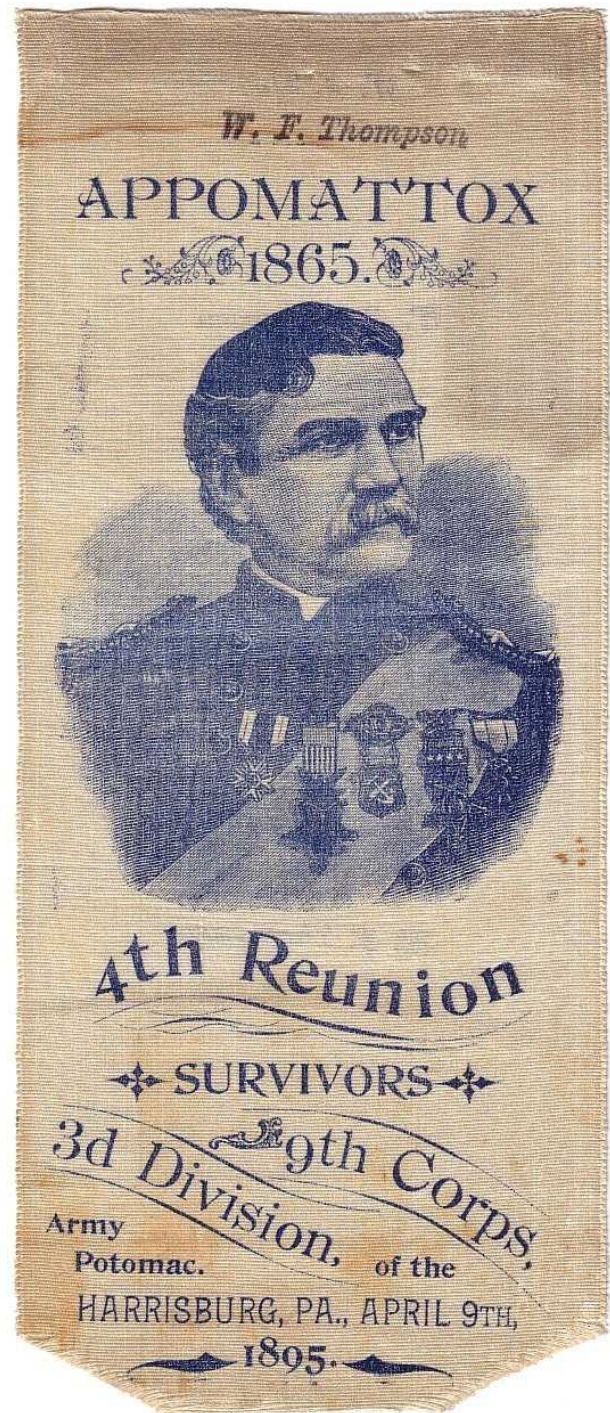
Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll, who called herself a lifelong history buff, started dancing the Soldier's Joy with Gov. Andrew Curtin, portrayed by **David Klinepeter** of Lower Paxton Twp. Participants in this slow dance honored or bowed to their partners and opposites before switching off. Knoll smiled as she danced her way down the line.

This crowd seemed to like the Lancer's Quadrille, which Keener-Farley compared to a square dance formation "without the hand clapping and foot stomping."

"This is more elegant, with walking or marching, not swinging," Keener-Farley said.

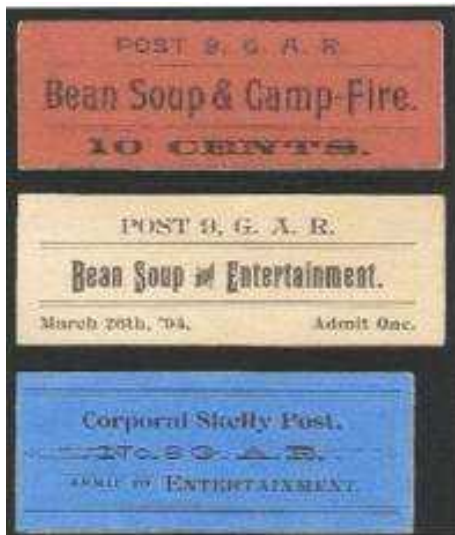
Keener-Farley called the event a success. "We tend to forget that 90 percent of people during the Civil War were civilians trying to get on with their lives," he said. "Dancing was one way to forget their troubles. It does the same today, and it's good exercise, too."

MARY KLAUS: 255-8113 or [mklaus@patriot-news.com](mailto:mklaus@patriot-news.com)



April 9, 1895





Beans, beans, beans! – another hot Camp Fire!

### [Meeting at Appomattox on the eve of the great surrender 1865](#)

Grant and Lee meet to confirm the terms of Lee's surrender to Grant!

When I left camp that morning I had not expected so soon the result that was then taking place, and consequently was in rough garb. I was without sword -- as I usually was when on horseback on the field -- and wore a soldier's blouse for a coat, with the shoulder-straps of my rank to indicate to the army who I was. When I went into the house I found General Lee. We greeted each other, and after shaking hands, took our seats. I had my staff with me, a good portion whom were in the room during the whole of the interview. [sic]



General Lee was dressed in a full uniform, which was entirely new, and was wearing a sword of considerable value -- very likely the sword which had been presented by the State of Virginia; at all events, it was an entirely different sword from the one which would ordinarily be worn in the field. In my rough traveling suit -- the uniform of a private, with the straps of a lieutenant-general -- I must have contrasted very strangely with a man so handsomely dressed, six feet high, and a faultless form. But this was not a matter that I thought of until afterward.

We soon fell into a conversation about old army times. He remarked that he remembered me very well in the old army; and I told him that as a matter of course I

remembered him perfectly; but from the difference between our ranks and years (there being about sixteen years' difference between our ages), I had thought it very likely that I had not attracted his attention sufficiently to be remembered by him after such a long interval. Our conversation grew so pleasant that I almost forgot the object of our meeting.

After the conversation had run on in this way for some time, General Lee called my attention to the object of our meeting, and said that he had asked for this interview for the purpose of getting from me the terms I proposed to give his army. I said that I merely meant that his army should lay down their arms, not to take them up again during the war unless duly and properly exchanged. He said that he had so understood my letter. Then we gradually fell off into conversation about matters foreign to the subject which had brought us together. This continued for some time, when General Lee again interrupted the course of the conversation by suggesting that the terms I proposed to give his army ought to be written out. I called to General Parker, secretary on my staff, for writing materials, and commenced writing out the terms.

When I put my pen to the paper I did not know the first word that I should make use of in writing the terms. I only knew what was in my mind, and I wished to express it clearly, so that there could be no mistaking it. As I wrote on, the thought occurred to me that officers had their private horses and effects, which were important to them, but of no value to us; also that it would be an unnecessary humiliation to call upon them to deliver their side-arms.

No conversation -- not one word -- passed between General Lee and myself either about private property, side-arms or kindred subjects. When he read over the part of the terms about side-arms, horses, and private property of the officers, he remarked, with some feeling, I thought, that this would have a happy effect upon his army. [sic]

The much-talked-of surrendering of Lee's sword and my handing it back -- this and much more that has been said about it is the purest romance. The word sword or side-arms was not mentioned by either of us until I wrote it in the terms. There was no premeditation, and it did not occur to me until the moment I wrote it down. If I had happened to omit it, and General Lee had called my attention to it, I should have put it in the terms, precisely as I acceded to the provision about the soldiers retaining their horses.

Lee and I separated as cordially as we had met, he returning to his own line; and all went into bivouac for the night at Appomattox.

*April 9, 1865*

U. S. Grant, General,  
Commander of the Potomac Army  
Hubbard, Elbert  
Elbert Hubbard's Scrap Book  
American Book -- Stratford Press  
New York City, 1923.  
Wm. H. Wise & Co.

### Abe Lincoln - April 1865



Abraham Lincoln

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#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(Theo Redfern—National Patriotic  
Instructor)

When Lincoln called men forth seventy-two years ago to save our country from disunion and our republic from ruin, there were some who opposed fighting even to defend the Flag of our country. They were pacifists who would rather let the nation perish than to make war; slackers, and enemies of our government. The life of the Republic was at stake and it was the loyalty of Abraham Lincoln and the men in blue who sustained the nation.

Time does not lessen the meaning of the things we commemorate today. As long as the Stars and Stripes wave over a UNITED country so long will the faith of Lincoln and the loyalty of the Grand Army of the Republic pave the way for future

patriots.

The youth now in our schools must guide the destiny of the nation and education is the agency through which this growing generation can be trained to intelligent citizenry.

Education introduces the Flag, education upholds the Flag and education follows the Flag.

As members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic the blood-kin of the veterans whose names we proudly bear, it is our duty to seek opportunity to spread patriotic teachings in the public schools. Visit the schools in your locality and see that our Flag has a place of honor in every school room.

See that the pupils are taught the proper pledge to the Flag of the United States of America as a part of each day's education.

The keeping of Flag Day is a reminder that we are to live not only for ourselves but for others, and for our country.

This is the real meaning of the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. It is a new dedication to service to country and faith in

our Republic. A faith and service like that of the great Abraham Lincoln and the Boys in Blue who wrought national security is the true way to reach American ideals.

Let us do all in our power to venerate the memory of our veterans and to advance patriotic teachings.

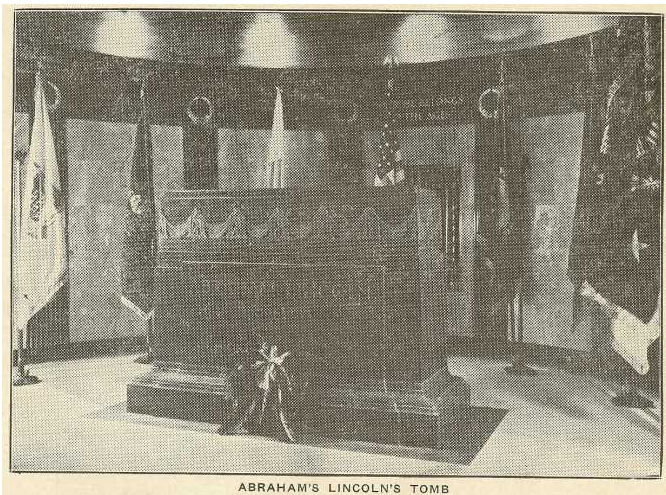
#### FRANCIS A. BISHOP

"Pack the bags, mother, and let's go," said Francis A. Bishop, 92, oldest living wearer of the congressional medal of honor, when an invitation reached Retsil, Wash., bidding him to attend the inauguration of President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. The active old veteran just returned from a 10,000-mile trip around the country, attending G. A. R. functions. His medal was given for "most distinguished gallantry" in capturing a Confederate flag in the fierce battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse.

Harriet Masecar Haraldson,  
Dept. Press Cor.

Continued with photograph of Lincoln's Tomb.

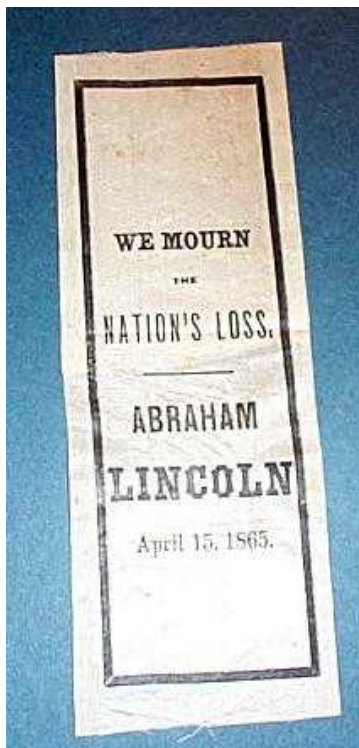




Article Source: a pre-WWII edition of "The Banner", the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Magazine.



President Lincoln was remembered! His likeness appears on this 1942 World War II era envelope displayed above. Notice the charming one cent stamps above. Still the best bang for the fee!







# Driving Directions to Highspire, Pennsylvania for Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>


Highspire Church of God and Cemetery next  
to flourmill  
115 2nd St., Highspire; [717] 939-5991.


## From Harrisburg area


Main Entrance of the National Civil War Museum  
on State Street Harrisburg at Reservoir Park!


**START**  Travel East on State St., away from  
downtown Harrisburg (Route 22 East) towards  
Colonial Park. [Western would take you downtown  
Harrisburg to the Capitol Building.]


 STATE ST almost immediately becomes  
WALNUT ST. thru Borough of Penbrook. Continue  
thru Penbrook and Progress past the American  
Legion bldg, Route 22 becomes Jonestown Road.

 Just past Dunkle Donuts, Merge onto I-83 S  
toward AIRPORT



 Merge onto I-283 S via EXIT 46A toward  
AIRPORT / LANCASTER / I-76 / PENNA TURNPIKE


 \*Merge onto PA-283 W via EXIT 1B toward  
PA-230 / HIGHSPIRE.


 Avoid Lancaster exit and turnpike. Merge onto  
S EISENHOWER BLVD

 At traffic Signal, Turn LEFT onto 2ND ST / PA-  
230; go very short distant and . . . . .

**END** Turn right at church at 115 2nd St  
Highspire, PA 17034

From I-81 ( north or  south), take exit 70

Follow  I-83 South directions in previous  
column.

From I-81 and I-83 South areas take 283 south to  
Highspire.  \* see previous column!



An Auxiliary Item from days gone by  
National Headquarters of the Auxiliary to the  
SUVCW



## Camp 15's Calendar of Events for 2007

April – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
April – Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Camp field trip to Hartranft gravesite.
April – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Camp activity at Highspire Church of God cemetery.
May – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
May – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Annual <b>Memorial</b> Day outing at historic Harrisburg Cemetery.
	Placing flags upon veterans' gravesites.
June	Camp Field Trip. TBA
June	No general meeting. Field trip under consideration!
June 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	127th Annual Pennsylvania State Department Encampment (convention) at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
July – Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Camp Picnic at Fort Hunter along Susquehanna River.
August 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	126 <sup>th</sup> National Encampment (convention).
September – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
October – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
November	No general meeting.
November – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Annual <b>Remembrance Day</b> at Gettysburg.

### Department of Pennsylvania Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Annual Encampment PRE REGISTRATION FORM

Camp No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brother: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member in good standing in this camp and my rank in the Order is:

\_\_\_\_ CinC      \_\_\_\_ PCinC      \_\_\_\_ DC

\_\_\_\_ PDC      \_\_\_\_ CC      \_\_\_\_ PCC

Attending as \_\_\_\_ delegate \_\_\_\_ alternate

Pre Registration fee is \$7.00 by 6/10/07

\$10 at encampment.

Make check payable to: PA Dept., SUVCW  
and send to: Robert Graves

827 S. Jefferson St., Apt.#4

Allentown, PA 18103

## Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2007 or the National Encampment in August 2007, please make sure you obtain a signed card before making either event.

The Credential Card for the Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

The Credential Card for the National Encampment must be filled out fully and signed by the Department Secretary before you are able to participate. So please contact your Camp Secretary or Camp Commander who may obtain these for you from the Department.

The form for the Credential Card is located on the National web site under forms. This is a printable form right off of the site. The site is "www.sucvw.org"

Please make every effort to have these filled out correctly as it makes it easier for those who do the registration to help you.

If you are going to the 2007 encampment as outlined in your March issue of the *Hartranft Herald*, you need to complete or perform action upon these two forms NOW. As in the past, our Camp secretary will have cards for you at a future meeting. Make your hotel reservations too. Deadline rapidly approaching! Recommend you make your reservations by telephone and not on-line. See March newsletter for more details.



Support our home meeting place, the National Civil War Museum high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Events at **THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM** - <http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.com/>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This schedule is subject to change. Please contact The National Civil War Museum for fees, details and updates.  
Telephone: 717.260.1861 Toll Free: 866.258.4729

**Civil War Trails Discovery Weekend: Saturday, June 23, 2007, 10am-5pm & Sunday, June 24, 2007, 12pm-5pm**

10am - 3pm: Mr. Tom Huntingdon, author of *Pennsylvania Civil War Trails* will be at the Museum for a book signing.

11am-3pm: Ms. Lucy Cadwallader will be demonstrating the making of hair jewelry on Saturday & Sunday. Details forthcoming!

**Living History: Saturday, July 7, 2007, 10am-5pm & Sunday, July 8, 2007, 12pm-5pm**

Encampment of the 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Co. C.

Reenactors will dress in authentic uniforms and equipment, carry reproduction weapons and camp in authentic tents. The 53rd Pennsylvania is a unit that emphasizes historical research and authenticity, safety, battalion drill and battlefield tactics.

**Family Fun Day & Camp Out: Saturday, July 14, 2007, 10am-5pm**

Mark Nesbit will be here to tell ghost stories around the campfire.

Thompson's Battery C will be performing military drills and demonstrating civil war games. More details forthcoming.

**Living History: Saturday, July 28, 2007, 10am-5pm; & Sunday, July 29, 2007, 12pm-5pm**

**The 4th Texas** will be at the Museum to do presentations of military drill and musket firing, along with a military encampment. Civilian reenactors will also be demonstrating skills relating to everyday life; cooking, sewing, spinning, and clothing of the 1860's.


**Living History: Saturday, August 4, 2007, 10am-5pm & Sunday, August 5, 2007, 12pm-5pm**

Artillery Demonstration - 2nd US Artillery, Battery M

Skilled re-enactors will demonstrate the loading & firing of cannons that wreaked havoc on Civil War battlefields.

## 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 the Civil War,
- ❑ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
- ❑ Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.





**Daughters of  
Union Veterans  
of the Civil War**  
1861 - 1865

**Are You a Descendant of a  
Union Soldier of the Civil War?**

Preserve your Civil War Heritage while  
honoring and revering your Civil War  
Ancestor by Affiliation with the  
**Daughters of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War 1861-1865**

For more information about the Daughters of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Write or Call:

Charlotte M. Walters, President  
Department of Pennsylvania  
534 Saw Mill Road 17055-6008  
phone (717) 766-6341  
email: LearnAndLive@msn.com



503 South Walnut Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

**A Proud Heritage**

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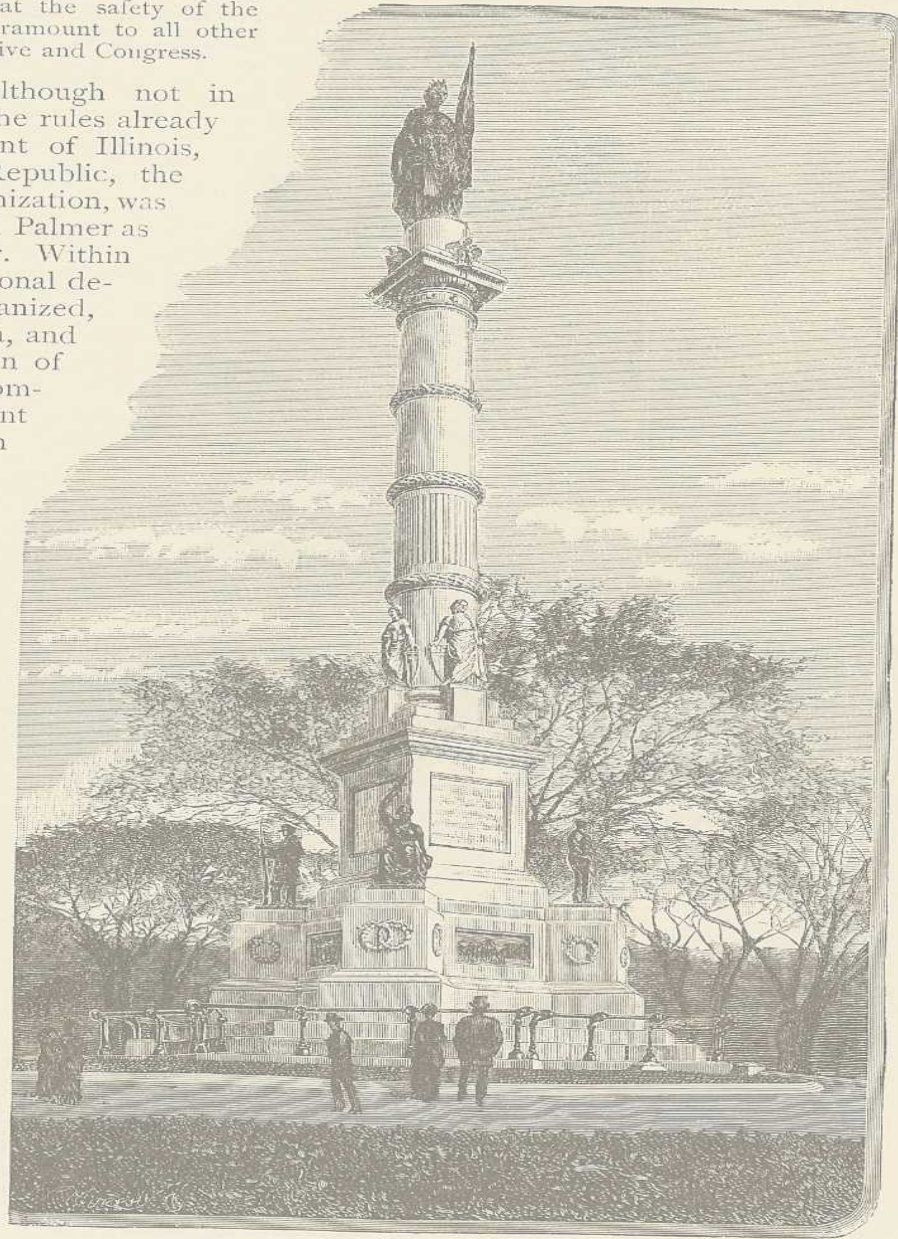


by all branches of the Government against the rash admission to place and power of those who were active participants in the rebellion, and thereby forfeited the rights of American citizens; and that we, the soldiers of the nation, who fought for supremacy of the national authority, have a right to demand that the safety of the Republic should be held paramount to all other considerations by the Executive and Congress.

At this gathering, although not in exact accordance with the rules already adopted, the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, the earliest department organization, was constituted, with General Palmer as Department Commander. Within three months four additional departments had been organized, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio. Upon the election of General Palmer as Commander of the Department of Illinois, Dr. Stephenson seems to have assumed the position of acting Commander-in-Chief, and as such issued a call for a convention for the purpose of perfecting the national organization. The representation was by delegates from posts, all department and district officers being declared members *ex officio*, and in addition all soldiers and sailors desirous of becoming members were invited to attend.

This convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 20, 1866, and therefrom dates the National Encampment. The reports indicate that 228 delegates were entitled to representation; of this number 148 were credited to Indiana, not probably because the growth of the organization had in that state already so far outstripped that of Illinois, credited with but thirty-four representatives, but more likely owing to the place where the convention was held. Besides

these two, the departments of Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, and the District of Columbia were represented. General



The Soldiers' Monument on Boston Common.

S. A. Hurlbut was chosen and became the first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army. That this choice, no less than the previous selection of General Palmer as



Commander of the Department of Illinois, was a personal disappointment to Dr. Stephenson, need hardly be stated; but he loyally accepted the position of Adjutant-General, and during the year following labored zealously for the extension and upbuilding of the organization.

has been made that in 1868 the membership aggregated 240,000; certain it is that from departments having more than 1300 posts no return of membership was made to headquarters in that year. But Pennsylvania had nearly 150 posts, Ohio 300, Indiana a like number, Illinois 330, Mis-

souri 109, Iowa 95, and Kansas 50, with a lesser number in other departments. It is quite probable that in those days the average membership of the posts was considerably larger than at present, but with all reasonable allowance it is unlikely that the total membership of that period approached the estimate above given.

The adoption by the third annual encampment, in 1869, of the "Three grade system" appeared to complete the demoralization arising from a misunderstanding of the purposes of the order, the waning of the early enthusiasm, and the lack of system, reports, records, and supervision. It appears to have been

believed by the delegates that one cause of the already perceptible decline in interest in the Grand Army arose from the want of a more comprehensive ritual; and in imitation of other secret societies, a system of grades, — recruit, soldier, and veteran, — was introduced. All then officers and past officers, and those who had held membership for a period of eight months, were declared eligible, upon taking the obligations, to the highest grade; thereafter admission was only to the grade of recruit, the latter entitled to take no part in the



William Earnshaw.

The four years following the first encampment proved a season of phenomenal growth and extraordinary decline. Despite the picture presented to the prophetic eye of the founder of the organization, the officials of the early days seemed to be overwhelmed by the marvellous on-surging tide of membership which came in upon them. There was very little effort towards systematic organization, and none whatever as to reports and records, and even the best guess at the membership of that period must be a wild one. The claim

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## Wear The Badge



### Looking Ahead into May:

- Next General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2007.
- Decoration Day event for Memorial Day Saturday, May 26, 2007.
- See past Memorial Day events by Camp 15 at website.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear in your 2007 *Hartranft Herald*.
- Have you submitted your BIO! (Member's profile) Why not begin work on it today!
- Keep a copy of your schedule of events and calendar handy for reference.

In F, C, and L,

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

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