



Hartranft Herald

The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org
Celebrating our 129th Year



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Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

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

Harrisburg Area Hartranft Camp

Sustaining Member of the 2010 Department of Pennsylvania Encampment Convention

Camp 15's next scheduled general business

Sunday, April 17, 2010 at 2pm at National Civil War Museum Building at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) flag marker.

- Members of Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their southern counterpart, Confederate re-enactors, participated together in the Dedication Ceremony to Honor a Union County Native Who Became a Civil War Housekeeper and Nurse.

On Saturday, March 13th at 11:00, Hartleton native, Melinda Spigelmyer received a long overdue honor. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) flag marker was placed on her grave in the Union Church Cemetery on Catherine Street in Hartleton, Pennsylvania. The marker is a tribute from the GAR, the organization founded to honor Civil War Veterans and is being donated by The Mifflinburg American Legion Post courtesy of Hall Solomon.



Union and Confederate reenactors assemble at the grave of Civil War nurse Melinda Spigelmyer (marked

with flowers) in Hartleton. Back row, from left - Dennis Dewalt, Greg Kline, Tom Bowman, John Deppen, Jeff Swanger, Scott Debo, Jerry Alexander, Tom Stickley, Jeff Knadler; front row, kneeling - Ken Snook, William Fisher, David Pultynovich.

Photos courtesy of Brothers Allen Spigelmeyer and Larry Nace and John Deppen of camp 15.

Brothers and sisters

If you own and operate a PC and Printer, and you have no use for your used printer cartridges, you may provide them to camp 15 for recycling and a small bonus to recycle them.

Please insert your used cartridges into a plastic bag or small lunch style bag to protect yourself and the *Hartranft Herald* staff from ink stains. Your camp appreciates your donations for recycling, goodies for our military Brother Duke Hall and others for the general fund.

Your *Hartranft Herald* staff!

[Department of Pennsylvania](#) and the 2010 Department Encampment – convention at New Cumberland, sponsored in part by your camp, the Harrisburg Hartranft Camp 15.

Brothers if you are preparing and intend to attend any of the business sessions or sales table at the Department of Pennsylvania annual Encampment on June 25 and 26, documentation you will need to pre-register and or stay at hotel if you desire is displayed in this issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.

Dress is casual, jackets and ties okay. Attire for banquet Saturday evening is again casual; jackets are nice touch.

PRE REGISTRATION FORM
Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Encampment
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 6/10/10

\$10.00 at encampment

Make check payable to: **PA Dept., SUVCW**

And send to: Secretary/Treasurer:

Douglas P. McMillin

262 Gibson Street, Apt. 2

Carlisle, PA. 17013

717-385-9547

dpmcmillin@gmail.com

Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2010 or the National Encampment in August 2010, 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 and he can 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.....

In other Pennsylvania news, the newly upgraded website for the Department of Pennsylvania is:

www.pasucvw.org take time to visit it and know what your Department is doing in 2010.

[Banquet entertainment](#): encampment banquet Saturday evening, June 26 at Holliday Inn, New Cumberland.

Majesty Singers and Singers of Hope will be presenting the musical "ARKEOLOGY". In one quick half-hour, discover how God leads Noah on one of the most *outrageous and funny* adventure in the history of mankind!

[GAR HISTORIAN](#) by Dave Klinepeter

GAR membership badges part 2

A basic change was made to the membership badge in 1869.

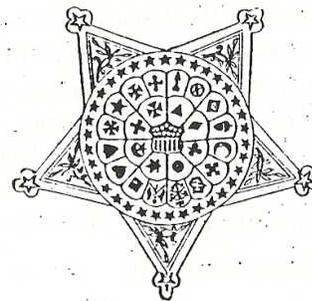
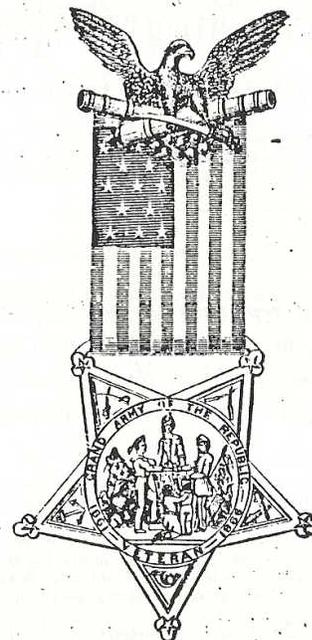
Circular N0. 2 Headquarters Grand Army Of The Republic -- Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, February 18, 1870 states the annexed cut (see below) represents the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, as adopted at a special meeting of the National Encampment, held in New York city on the 27th and 28th of October, 1869. It also stated a patent of the badge has been secured to National Headquarters, and the contract for their manufacture awarded, they can only be obtained through these headquarters.

DESCRIPTION of the Badge is of bronze, made from cannon captured in different decisive battles during the late rebellion, and in form a five pointed star, similar in design to the two hundred medals of Honor authorized for meritorious and gallant conduct during the late rebellion. The design, as here given, and adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, was arranged by General F. A. Starring, Inspector General of the Order, and is described as follows:

THE OBSERVE.

In the centre of the badge is a figure of a the Goddess of Liberty, representing LOYALTY; on either side, a Soldier and Sailor clasping hands, representing

FRATERNITY, and two little Children receiving benediction and assurance of protection from the Comrades, etc., representing CHARITY. On each side of the group are the National Flag and the Eagle, representing FREEDOM, and the Axe and Bundle of Rods, or Fasces, representing Union. In each point of the Star is the insignia of the various arms of the service: the BUGLE for Infantry, Cross Cannon for Artillery, and ANCHOR for Sailors. Over the central group are the words "Grand Army of the Republic," and under, the word and figures "1861--Veteran--1866," commemorating the commencement and close of the rebellion, and also the date of the Order.



THE REVERSE SIDE

Represent a Branch of Laurel--the crown and reward of the brave--in each point of the star. The National Shield in the centre, surrounded by the twenty-four recognized Corps Badges numerically arranged, each on a Keystone, and all linked together, showing they are united, and will guard and protect the shield of the Nation. Around the Centre is a circle of Stars, representing the States of the Union and the Departments composing the Grand Army of the Republic!

THE CLASP

Is composed of the figure of an Eagle, with Cross Cannon and Ammunition, representing Defense; the Eagle with drawn sword hovering over and always ready to protect from insult or dishonor the National Flag, which is also the Emblem and Ribbon of the Order.

Continued next month – Dave Klinepeter.

[News Page](#)

Visit <http://www.pabookstore.com/advancecolors.html> to see the details on the upcoming PA Bookstore lunch time lecture that will feature the Capitol Preservation Committee's book titled: Advance the Colors: Pennsylvania Civil War Battle Flags. The lecture will take place on Wednesday, June 9th at 12:05 PM in the Commonwealth Keystone Bldg. Hearing Room #3.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

[National Civil War Museum Data](#)

Spies Among Us: Espionage in the Civil War



Mar 24 - Sep 06, 2010 - 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

A New Exhibit

Pinkerton sponsor: Caretti, Inc.

Belle Boyd Sponsors: Susquehanna Bank & Union

Book Discussion Group

May 12, 2010 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us for a lively discussion on a featured Ci

Community Free Day

Jun 19, 2010 - 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Free admission to the Museum

galleries for all visitors!

Living History Encampments of the North & South



Jun 19 - 20, 2010 - 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Lee's Lieutenants and the

Federal Generals Corp.

The Gettysburg Campaign to the Susquehanna River

Jun 20, 2010 - 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Presentation with Steve Runkle

Preserve Our History Campaign



Feb 26 - Apr 21, 2010 - 03:33 PM - 05:00 PM

Help us to preserve our history today!

[History Center Opens in Dauphin Deposit Building](#) an extract from The Burg – greater Harrisburg’s Community Newspaper

Mid-April, the **Harrisburg 2010 History Center** opens in the long-shuttered Dauphin Deposit Bank Building downtown. A temporary local museum will feature four exhibits for education to the public on the history of Harrisburg and Dauphin County, showcasing Harrisburg’s upcoming Sesquicentennial and will kick off local activities to mark Civil War 150.

The History Center will be open through December in the grand interior of the old Bank Building at 213 Market Street. Built 1839, the building has been closed to the public more than two decades! M&T Bank, the current owner, has made the building available for the museum. The Center will be open noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission is free; donations will be accepted.

The Center will be the public presence of the Harrisburg150 Celebration and the Dauphin County Historical Society and City Archives collections. There will be four rotating exhibits:

- early years, leading up to City of Harrisburg’s incorporation in 1860, opening April 17
- stories and artifact collections from **Harrisburg150** Living Legacy Project participants, June 19 to July 17
- a point-in-time view of Harrisburg circa 1860, July 31 to Oct. 2
- the Civil War muster rolls of the United States Colored Troops from Pennsylvania and related items, Oct. 16 to Dec. 11.



BILLY PENN, BENNY FRANKLIN, AND ANDY CURTIN

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAVE KLINEPETER

[Brothers and Sisters in Distress](#)

Brother Larry Sheibley, camp secretary is on safari to Central America! We wish him safe travel and return to Pennsylvania.

Marilyn and David W. Demmy, Sr. will be among the viewers at the Lincoln Tomb ceremonies for 2010 in Springfield IL the weekend of April 17. We wish them safe travel and return to National headquarters.

Brother Robert Fuller continues to recuperate at home in downtown Harrisburg.

OTHERS, PLEASE CONTACT [Hartranft Herald](#) STAFF.

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Schedule of events for 2010

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

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

April 18, Sunday general Camp meeting

Mothers Day – 9

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

Fathers Day 20

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

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

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

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

October 17, Sunday - Elections for 2011

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

November – no Camp business meeting!

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

Be Proud Wear The Badge



Come out to a meeting and join us!
Allied Orders of the GAR

- ❑ Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- ❑ Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- ❑ Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- ❑ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- ❑ Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Camp Officers & authors, the first Friday of each month is the Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, and photos for *Hartranft Herald*.

- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.

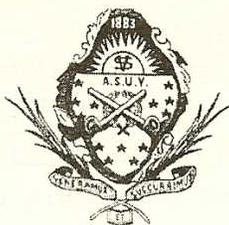
• Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125th Anniversary history book. If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc

- 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

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



Brothers and Sisters

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

The Encampment/Convention will be held on

June 24th, 25th and 26th, 2010

at the

Harrisburg Inn, Hotel and Conference Center

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

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

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

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

Meeting rooms are reserved as follows:

Sons of Union Veterans	Harrisburg East
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans	Keystone A
Daughters of Union Veterans	Susquehanna Room

Brothers and sisters too, please take out an ad, place a note of appreciation, a memorial to your ancestor(s), loved-ones, your business card, your place of business or obtain ad from local business! Sign up too for daily lunches and Saturday evening Banquet with entertainment by local group.

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

Advertising rates are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Buffet lunch Friday and Saturday \$13.00 per person.
(Coffee and tea included in above price. Buffets start at 11:30 a.m.)

- Friday lunch buffet Name _____
- Friday lunch buffet Name _____
- Saturday lunch buffet Name _____
- Saturday lunch buffet Name _____

Banquet: Stuffed Pork Loin \$27.00 Top Roast Sirloin of Beef \$27.00
Name _____ choice _____
Name _____ choice _____

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

We look forward to seeing you in June.

compliments of Brother Joe Long, Scranton!



— HEADQUARTERS OF —
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp, No. 15,
Division of Pennsylvania,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
26 NORTH THIRD STREET.

HARRISBURG, PA., May 31st, 1912.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—

At a meeting of GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT CAMP, No. 15, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., held on Thursday, May 30th, 1912, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted and copies of same ordered sent to every Camp in the Division.

“Resolved, That GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT CAMP, No. 15, SONS OF VETERANS, endorse the candidacy of PAST CAMP COMMANDER, D. D. HAMMELBAUGH, FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVISION SECRETARY, and direct the Delegates and Past Commanders of Camp 15, to use all honorable means to procure his election to said office, and request the support and influence of the Past Commanders and Delegates of your Camp at our next Division Encampment to be held in Reading, Pa.”

Brother Hammelbaugh has been a member of the Order for the past twenty-seven years. He has served our Camp as Commander and has been its Treasurer for the past thirteen years. He did efficient service for a number of years as a member of Division Council, and has been a regular attendant at the sessions of the Division's Annual Encampments.

Brother Hammelbaugh holds the responsible position of Secretary of the Harrisburg School Board, and has occupied same for the past sixteen years. He is very active in the Religious, Social and Secret Society life of his native City, and is well qualified to fill the office of Division Secretary. We know that, if honored with the election, he will give to the office that care and attention which it so greatly needs.

We ask your support and your vote for Brother D. D. Hammelbaugh, and would appreciate an endorsement by your Camp.

With the best interests of our Order at heart we earnestly commend him to your consideration.

Attest:

W. S. HESS,
Secretary.

RAY E. STEWARD,
Acting Commander.

P. C., DAVID W. COTTEREL.
“ “ S. S. BEAR.
“ “ WINFIELD S. HESS.
“ “ JAMES A. HARTMAN.
“ “ WILLIAM C. STEAGER.
“ “ E. B. HARTMAN, JR.
“ “ JACOB W. STEWARD.
“ “ DAVID E. WOLF.
“ “ J. EARLE HERNER.
“ “ KARL STEWARD.
P. SR. V. D. C., CHARLES T. CHARTERS.

P. C., WILLIAM F. RAYSOR.
“ “ WARREN O. FOSTER.
“ “ BENJAMIN WHITMAN.
“ “ C. A. McLAUGHLIN.
“ “ J. E. F. BEAR.
“ “ WILLIAM H. KILLINGER.
“ “ REV. J. STOCKTON RODDY.
“ “ S. W. TAGG.
“ “ JACOB A. GRAMM.
“ “ CHARLES R. HALE.
P. D. C., C. DAY RUDY.

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