



Hartranft Herald

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



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Spring is in the Air!

April 2014



Attend 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!

April Camp meeting

Brothers and sisters, normally our business meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month. During April, the 3rd Sunday is Easter, and therefore, the Camp will meet 1 week earlier on [Sunday April 13th](#).

So you think you know everything about collecting the Civil War? What about the difference between a Patriotic and a Store Card? Or the difference between a NY630AQ-1A and a PA765R-3A? Or what the heck is Knickerbocker currency anyway? Brother Greg Kline will present a program on Civil War Tokens at our April 13 meeting and will attempt to answer these and other questions relating to this interesting and often overlooked aspect of "Collecting the Civil War".

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

TORN BATTLE-FLAG

And the liquid blue of the April sky;
Overhead are the milk white clouds,
On either side are the jubilant crowds,
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And the marble buildings towering high,

As up the street the veterans come
With screaming fife and rattling drum.

In front, by the color-sergeant borne,
Is the battle-flag that each loves well,
Grimy with battle smoke, and torn
By the whistling bullet and bursting shell;
And long and loud the people cheer
At sight of the flag that each holds dear.

Its stars were once of a glittering gold
On a field of glorious azure bright,
Of newest silk was each shining fold,
With stripes of crimson and purest white,
And delicate hands of women made
The woven tassel and corded braid.

As the drums beat loud and the people cheer
Each veteran there remembers the day

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When, parting with wives and sweet-hearts dear,
 From their peaceful homes they came away,
 And bade farewell to their native hills,
 To the verdant meadows and sweet-voiced rills.
 Ah, through what scenes of strife since then
 Has that tattered battle-flag been borne!
 What meaning is there to these valiant men,
 In each fluttering remnant stained and torn!
 And proudly they follow it up the street
 While the shrill fifes scream and the loud drums beat.
 It tells of marches through wind and rain,
 In the summer heat and the solemn night!
 It tells of a gallant comrade slain
 Who bore it safely in many a fight---
 Of the sudden skirmish where brave men bled
 Of the battle-field with its gory dead.
 It tells of capture by the traitorous foe,
 Of rescue again by the hand of friend;
 It tells of the enemy's overthrow,
 Which must and shall be the glorious end,
 When their fitful, ill begotten rag
 No more shall insult the dear old flag.
 At sunset and at earliest morn,
 At noon beneath the scorching heat,
 On Southern slopes 'mid the tasseled corn,
 In trodden fields of rye and wheat,
 Up the rocky pathway, strewn with dead,
 That banner the advance has led.
 And now they have brought it home at last,

Though black with the battle's smoke and torn--
 What tales it will tell of the stirring Past
 In future years to the child unborn,
 When gazing, mute, at the arsenal wall,
 His eye on that tattered flag shall fall!
 Beat, beat, ye drums, still louder beat!
 Play fifes, with shriller, merrier sound!
 Roll out, oh drums, along the street,
 Till trembles all the solid ground!
 And cheer, ye people, long and louder cheer,
 For the brave old flag that your hearts hold dear!

(Flags played a very important part in the war)

This poem is from Harpers Weekly April 9, 1864

A FEW APRIL DATES DURING THE CIVIL WAR

1861

7 Governor Curtin is called to Washington D.C.
 by President Lincoln, about furnishing troops to protect
 Washington D.C.

12 Firing upon Fort Sumter S.C.

18 Governor Curtin sends the First Defenders to Wash
 D.C.

22 Robert E. Lee is made commander of the Virginia
 troops

1862

6 Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing)

12 The Great Locomotive Chase

1863

7 Naval attack on Charleston N.C.

1864 150 Years ago

8 Battle of Sabine Crossroads TX

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9 U.S. Grant issues campaign orders to General Meade and General Sherman "Wherever General Lee goes, you will go there"

17 General Grant ends prisoner exchanges with the south

22 The motto, "In God We Trust" is approved for U.S coins

1865

2 Selma AI, falls

3 Richmond, Petersburg VA fell

9 Lee surrenders at Appomattox, VA. The war continues elsewhere

14 President Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theater in D.C.

15 President Lincoln dies

26 John Wilkes Booth is killed in Virginia

27 The explosion of the SULTANA - many ex-prisoners of war died

These are just a few of the activities that transpired during the month of APRIL each year of the war. In those days the military would go into winter quarters, although many men died on picket duty, small skirmishes, scouting parties etc. during the winter months. DJK

DID YOU KNOW CONGRESS ALLOCATED \$8.9M TO PROTECT CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014?

Starting in 1861 Van Camp Pork and Beans were issued to the UNION troops as part of their rations?

"Nothing spoils a good war story like an eyewitness."

Gen Stanley McChrystal upon his retirement. 2011.

To a packed house, Brother Floyd Demmy was the speaker of the evening at the *Central PA WWII Roundtable* in Hummelstown April 3rd. Demmy, in his Ike Uniform opened with remarks prior to WWII years, regarding making potato peeling soup, rationing

anything and everything, basic training down south, departing New York for Europe, scared of potential U-boat threat across the North Atlantic; trucked from France into Germany, weary of snipers and daily German shelling to facing the enemy in the streets of every small German town with his half-track squad of the 54th armored infantry battalion, one of many units of the 10th Armored Division (Tigers) of Patton's Third Army.

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Officers Present

CommanderScott Debo

SVC.....Jeffrey Smith

JVC.....Logan Swanger

Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC

Treas./Chap.....David Demmy, Sr.

Pat. Inst./Hist....David Klinepeter

Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC

Council.....Jeffrey Smith

Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman

Officers Absent

Council.....Lee Walters, PDC

Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

Terry Mills, Dave Laman, Tony Kline, Dan Lute, Don Frye, Robert Treat

Guests attending

Brother Dick Simpson, Camp 19, Lancaster

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The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Scott Debo at 2:06 PM

The meeting minutes from February 16 2014, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr, second by Brother Tom Bowman, motion approved.

Treasurer's report by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr. The checkbook balance stands at \$4020 of which \$1820 is dedicated to payment of National and Department per capita, leaving a working balance of \$2200. Motion to accept by Brother Terry Mills, second by Brother Tony Kline, motion approved.

Commander Debo introduced Brother Dick Simpson and Robert Treat as guests.

Balloting of Candidates

Application was read by Secretary Kline for Membership applicant Robert Treat. Motion by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr, to instruct the Camp Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot on behalf of the Camp in favor of Robert Treat's Membership application, 2nd by Brother Dave Klinepeter, motion approved.

Brother Robert Treat was initiated in Ritual fashion by Commander Debo.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read correspondence from Wolf's Bus Department Order# 7 was read regarding the suspension of Camps due to not filing required paperwork on time.

Department Order# 8 was read which restored Membership privileges to two of these Camps who have since filed the proper paperwork.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Line acknowledging our cancellation of the Arlington field trip.

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Dave Klinepeter reported that his report has been filed with the Pennsylvania Department Patriotic Instructor which outlines Camp 15's activities over the past He displayed some photos of the CSS Virginia & USS Monitor and suggested that our guest, Brother Dick Simpson, be invited to a Camp 15 meeting to speak about the battle of Pea Ridge.

Good of the Order:

Senior Vice Commander Jeff Smith presented an interesting program on Union General William Tecumseh Sherman.

Next Month: Brother Greg Kline discusses Civil War Tokens

The meeting was closed by Commander Debo at 3:43 PM

Faithfully submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC Secretary

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Brothers in Distress

Kline family [Tony and Greg] upon loss of Uncle, Brother and Brother-n-law, Arthur Swartz, 74 of Milton.

Demmy family upon loss of uncle and brother-n-law, Harvey Enterline, 85 formerly of Oberlin. Harvey was Floyd's last in-law. Floyd is now the sole survivor of his family generation. All brothers and sisters and in-laws are now gone!

Please report other distresses to your Hartranft Herald so we may pray for you and your family and report whatever text you desire here.

WWII and Korea Vets! YOU GO FREE!!
 Sunday, May 4, 2014
Spring Honor Bus Trip to Washington D.C.
 Click here for flyer or see below. Hurry,
 deadline soon.

ATTENTION WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS!



HONOR BUS XI to Take Area
 World War II & Korean War Veterans to Visit
 Their Memorials in Washington, D.C.

WHAT: Honor Bus XI is welcoming World War II and Korean War veterans to join us for our next trip to Washington to visit **their** Memorials.

This trip is **TOTALLY FREE OF CHARGE** to veterans, and no one will try to sell veterans anything! The goal is to provide World War II and Korean War veterans a **Day of Gratitude!!!**

A send-off breakfast, box lunch and celebration dinner (Dillsburg American Legion) will be provided.

Certified medical support, and volunteer adult "Guardians" are present throughout the day. The chartered buses are equipped with restrooms and are also wheelchair accessible.

WHEN: Sunday, May 4th, 2014

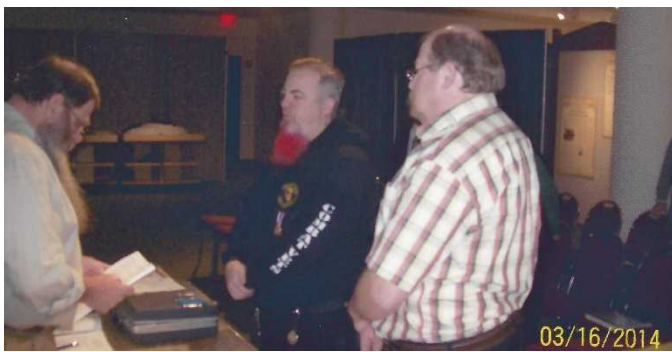
WHERE: We will be picking up veterans at both **Mechanicsburg Middle School** and **Dauphin County Technical School**. Transportation to and from those schools may be provided, depending on veteran's location.

WHO: Founded by Mechanicsburg Middle School students in 2008, Honor Bus now operates under the Mechanicsburg Area Parks and Recreation Department. It is funded by area sponsors, businesses and community organizations.

CONTACT: For applications and/or answers to questions, the Honor Bus website is www.honorbus.org, or call Beckie Lacey at:

717-462-0594

Camp 15 welcomes new Brother



L TO R: COMMANDER SCOTT DEBO, ROBERT TREAT, AND TOM BOWMAN, CAMP GUIDE.

Robert F. Treat, of Etters, joined our grand patriotic organization based upon his ancestor, Alva Treat of Company K, 141st Pennsylvania Vol Infantry Regiment.

Brother Robert is not only a US Army veteran, but is a member of other veteran affiliations in south central Pennsylvania. Welcome Brother Robert.



L TO R: DAN LUTE, TERRY MILLS, TONY KLINE AND DAVELAMAN. Some of our brothers in the audience at March meeting.



L TO R: RICHARD SIMPSON AND DAVE KLINEPETER witnessing the initiation of new Brother Robert Treat.

Photos from the collection of Dave Klinepeter.

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On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

Sunday April 13, 2014, Camp Meeting - note change of date; the usual 3rd weekend this month is Easter Weekend; therefore need for relocation!

Saturday, May 17 2014 Army Heritage Days 2014 at Carlisle is a FREE event and includes FREE parking. The event opens to the public at 9:00 AM.

Sunday May 18, 2014, Camp Meeting

Saturday May 24, 2014 – Traditional day for Hartranft Camp to pay tribute to veterans at historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Preceding the placing of flags at the cemetery, we gather for breakfast at 7:30-8:00.

No Camp meeting in June due to Father's Day weekend. Please make plans to attend the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Williamsport June 27 and 28.

No Camp meeting during July! Enjoy your summer.

National encampment August 15 and 16 at Marietta, GA.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 calendar available upon request. Send e-mail to Hartranft Herald staff.

Dauphin County is attempting to reach out to county veterans that may be interested in Dauphin County employment. Go to the following link if you are a veteran and interested in employment with Dauphin County.

<http://www.dauphincounty.org/government/Human-Resources/Employment/Pages/default.aspx>

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 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!

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Allied Order G.A.R. Encampment - June 26 – 29, 2014

Genetti Hotel and Conference Center

200 West 4th Street

Williamsport, PA 17701

Room Reservations: 1-800-321-1383

Cutoff date: May 26, 2014

Room Rates: \$99.95 + \$6.00 room tax + \$3.00 local tax = \$109 per night

*Please mention you're with Allied Orders of G.A.R.

*Full breakfast buffet included

*Visit www.genettihotel.com for a list of other amenities

Saturday Night Banquet June 29, 2014

Price: \$28.00 per person

Choices are as follows:

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Filled Pork Chops

Vegetable Stir Fry

Names

Children's Menu: Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Beverage, Dessert - \$12.00

Names:

Reservations by: June 10, 2014

Faye M. Carlisle-Thomas, PNP A.S.U.V.C.W.

Box #23, Cogan Station, PA 17728

(570)998-2591

Make payments to Penna Dept. S.U.V.C.W.

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Allied Order G.A.R. Encampment - 2014

Place: Genetti Hotel

Subject: Deli Luncheon's

Price: \$18.50 per person includes tax and tip

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Friday's Luncheon 06/27/2014

Saturday's Luncheon 06/28/2014

Chicken Noodle Soup with Crackers

Vegetable Beef Soup with Crackers

Pasta Salad

Potato Salad

Cookies

Cupcakes

Ham – Turkey – Roast Beef

Swiss - American – Provolone Cheeses

Home-style Pasta Salad – Lettuce – Tomatoes

Pickles – Fresh Home Made Potato Chips

Chilled Fruit Salad

Coffee – Decaf – Tea – Iced Tea

Reservations

Names:

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