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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

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

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you and yours!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from the staff and management of Camp 15, Auxiliary 7, and your Hartranft Herald reporters, writers, graphic-artists, type-setters, Mr. Spell-Checker, and all the CPAs.



SCENE IS FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD IN HUMMELSTOWN, NEAR HERSHEY, PA. PHOTO BY READER SCHATZY2.

[Ancestral Book - Brothers of Camp 15](#)

It's been over 8 years since I wrote Captain Enders Legion, The Civil War Service of the Descendants of Philip Christian Enders. Since

that time, thanks to the proliferation of genealogical resources on the internet, I've found quite a lot of errors and missing information in the book. I have several hundred copies left, and I'd like to offer them as free gifts to the brothers of Camp 15. If they'll provide me with an address, I'll be happy to send them a copy along with an errata page.

Though there may not be many brothers with blood ties to the 162 men whose biographies appear in the book, maybe some have ancestors who served in some of the same Dauphin Co. regiments.

May God richly bless all the brothers of SUVCW Camp 15 this Christmas!
In F, C, & L, Russ Ottens

Brothers contact Russ at
rjottens@hotmail.com or
Russell Ottens
75 Upper Ty Ty Rd.
Tifton, Georgia 31793-5154

Editor's Note: Recently, the Hartranft Herald staff was able to bring to Brother Russ's attention, an old brochure indicating his ancestor as the leader of the organization indicated in the brochure! Amazing how we can all help each other in small opportunities.

Families in Distress

>An update on Ashley and Lyndsay Debo:

We met with Lyndsay's neurosurgeon Dr. Steven Toms on Monday. Lyndsay scheduled her surgery for December 22, 2009. There is a very good chance Lyndsay's seizures will be stopped or controlled by this surgery. She will be in the hospital a few days following surgery. She currently is having more tests done at Geisinger.

Ashley met with her doctor at the liver clinic at Geisinger on Tuesday. She is scheduled to have a scoping on Thursday and more tests.

Lupus was ruled out in the first test. They will be doing a second test later.

We are still waiting for answers. We were told Ashley' liver should be able to heal itself! Thanks for your Thoughts and prayers.

Sgt. Scott "George" Debo, President
1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery
Battery B (Cooper's Battery)
43rd. Regiment

>Gret Demmy – on going eye concern!
Submitted by Floyd Demmy, one of our WWII veterans, 10th Armored Division, 3rd Army.

>Duke Hall is serving with Stryker Brigade somewhere in Afghanistan! He needs our constant prayers for safety from disease, ambushes, and roadside bombings. He also needs our support for many personal items not readily available where he is stationed such as:

Personal hygiene items, shaving needs, toothpaste and brushes, mouthwash. All items should be in the small travel sizes only, because much of the time, they are on the move and must carry their supplies on their backs therefore big items just won't fit., powders and sprays for their foot-care needs and really good deodorants. In addition to the flea collars, they are all fighting foot fungus of various kinds because of having to live in their boots so many hours in the hot sand. They need fungus powders, sprays, etc.

Sanitary hand wipes in individual packages. Snacks of just about every kind but especially Beef Jerky, Trail mixes, pretzels, nuts, etc. Phone cards are always a huge need because it costs them \$.04 per minute to call to the States on the few occasions they can get access to a phone.

Please bring items to any Camp meeting and Camp 15 will mail the items to Brother Duke.

If you cannot shop for items, donations may be made payable to Charlotte Walters his grandmother, and she will make appropriate purchases!

If you desire to write to Duke, and send him words of encouragement and support from his brothers and sisters at home, his address:

SPC HALL, DUKE A.
5/2 ID (SBCT)
C Co, 1-17 IN BN 1st PLT
FOB Frontenac
APO AE 09355



DUKE WITH HIS ROTC BROTHER NATHANIEL! BOTH ARE PATRIOTIC MEMBERS OF CAMP 15.

They are allowed 2 weeks of R&R each time they have a mission several of their guys are killed or seriously wounded. They have lost more than 1/3 of their entire Company and the Army is not replacing them. They have also lost about the same percentage of Stryker vehicles which are not being replaced the huge IED's from Russia, which the Taliban, are using, are powerful enough to blow right through the armor plating of the Strykers.

DUKE IS MORE THAN APPRECIATE OF OUR PACKAGES:

". there are a lot of the guys there who have no one back home who even writes to them, much less sending supplies, so he's making certain that they get first choice when the boxes arrive. Needless to say, the boxes are a really big hit with all of them". Thanx to all personnel, members, auxiliary, family, churches and other groups that may be gathering items for shipment to Duke and his band of brothers.

January 2010 camp 15 meeting will be held in the National Civil War Museum's first floor Education Gallery, where we have meet in the past on occasions when the Pennsylvania ballroom room 222 was unavailable.

Upon entering the museum's rotunda, the Education Gallery is to the far left of the impressive staircase.

Meeting at 2pm Sunday, January 17, 2010.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

A MEMORY TO LAST A LIFE TIME

November 19, 2009, Soldiers' National Cemetery Gettysburg, Pa. The 146th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It was a somber, drizzlie morning but still over 3000 people attended, and I understand the program was broadcast nation wide. The Dedication Day program can be heard and seen on the internet. At 9:30 am four wreaths were placed at the Soldier' National Monument. They were representative of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Gettysburg National Military Park, and the United States of America. After Taps everyone proceeded to the Rostrum for the Dedication Day program. As on November 19, 1863, taking part in this program was the "President's Own", the United States Marine Band. They opened by the presentation of the colors, followed by the National Anthem by the US Marine Band, followed by the invocation, than welcoming remarks, introductory remarks, Dedication Day remarks by Governor Edward Rendell, than more introductory remarks followed by Dedication Day Remarks by Richard Dreyfuss, the Keynote speaker. There was a special Presentation by the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to Richard Dreyfuss. Music, Echoes of the 1860s was played by the US Marine Band. Then the introduction of Abraham Lincoln by your Patriotic Instructor (David Klinepeter) President Lincoln was portrayed by James Getty, a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, following Lincolns Gettysburg Address the Battle Hymn of the Republic was song. There than followed a special Naturalization Ceremony United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. They gave the Oath of Allegiance to 16 new citizens. - - it was quite impressive to see The US Marine Band played God Bless America, followed by the Benediction and closed with TAPS by the US Marine Band. This was truly a day to remember.

Note of interest: A new Lincoln sculpture was unveiled on Nov 19th 2009 at the Gettysburg National Military Park's Museum and Visitor Center. Lincoln is seated on a bench wide enough for two people so many people will go home with a picture of themselves seated with Abe Lincoln.

1863 Merry Christmas from Pine Bluff Arkansas by Captain Thomas Stevens to his wife.

"We Were Marching on Christmas Day" by Kevin Rawlings.

"A Merry Christmas to you my Carrie, and our little darlings, to bright eyed Lulu and baby Mary. O that I could be with you today to visit with you through this pleasant holiday. Would it not be a pleasant

Christmas? For me it would, and I'm sure would be for you. But we cannot be together today, so we will each think of the other and thus spend the day as happily as we may. Did you ask what we had good for dinner? I had stewed potatoes, bread and coffee. I think that was all. The bacon which was cooked with the potatoes I couldn't eat. Beef we couldn't get. It is getting scarce here. Today I am at work a part of the time, and loafing about Camp the rest. We have no news here. Everything is about as dull as can be, except work, plenty of that. We have drill 2 and 1/2 hours every forenoon. I hope dearest wife that by the next Christmas I may be at home, to leave you no more. I am sorry I could send you nothing for the holidays, but there is nothing to be had here.

Note. This message seems to fit in today. Let us support our military all over the world.

Dates to Remember

December 25th Christmas Day

December 31st Official end of WW11

January 1st News Year Day ---- DJK

[2009 Holiday Banquet](#)

In the freezing rain on Sunday December 13 at Doc Holliday's New Cumberland, we had:



VARIETY OF ITEMS ON 1 OF 3 BINGO GIFT TABLES



PAST OFFICERS AND PRESIDENTS TABLE, McNULTYS, WALTERS, SISTERS ELLEN, KATE AND MARY JANE!



LARRY KEENER-FARLEY, PCC PRESENTS CAMP CURTIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY BRIGADE AWARD TO HELEN SHIREMAN OF AUXILIARY 7 FOR HER LINEAGE TO OUR NAMESAKE, GENERAL JOHN F. HARTRANFT.

FOR OUR READERS WHO MAY NOT KNOW, HELEN IS GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER TO GENERAL HARTRANFT.



CAMP OFFICERS FOR 2010 ARE INSTALLED BY PA DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, JOHN McNULTY, FAR RIGHT UNDER THE HALO. EDITOR'S NOTE: BROTHER JOHN, I HAVE A HALO SHOT TOO.



KLINE FAMILY, DEBO FAMILY & BROTHER TOM TOO!



SHIREMAN AND KEEN-FARLEY FAMILIES



PAST PCCS FROM LEFT ARE BROTHERS DAVE SOSNOWSKI LEFT, GENE MASCIOLI CENTER AND LARRY C. SHEIBLY. LARRY HANDLED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GAR LAPEL PIN AND THE BANQUET 50/50 CONTEST AND THE WINNERS ARE:



LARRY AND CATHY NACE



HELEN SELECTED JOHN MCNULTY AS THE WINNER OF THE GAR PIN AND BELOW, GREG KLINE WAS OUR OTHER WINNER TODAY.



GREG KLINE, LEFT, SHOWN WITH HIS DAD, TONY, AWARDED TONY WITH SUVCW'S MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL FOR ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE US COAST GUARD. CONGRATULATIONS VETERAN 'COASTIE'!





MARGARET SHUTTLESWORTH, PAST AUX PRESIDENT, ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES OF THE ANNUAL BANQUET!



COMMANDER'S KLINE'S LAST WORDS? YOU THINK DI'NOZZO? CAMP 15 CHIMES: NEVER!
2010 CAMP HOLIDAY BANQUET HAS ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED WITH DOC HOLLIDAY'S FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010 AT HIGH NOON.

Brothers, time to reenlist!

If you enjoyed your monthly Hartranft Herald, field trip to Frederic Maryland, Memorial Day activities, Camp picnic fellowship, Department encampment, National encampment, Remembrance Day, then Brothers it is time to renew your commit to your ancestor or to a veteran of the Civil War.

Camp Dues

Still \$25.00 for year 2010!

Camp 15 makes no profit from our dues! 96% is forwarded to Pennsylvania Department and National organization in per capita dues to operate those entities and to provide the Battle Cry of Freedom and quarterly Banner magazine to you!

Our fund raisers and other nominal remittances keep Camp 15 'in the black'!

2010 Camp Dues are due now!
Check preferred – made payable to Hartranft Camp 15 – SUVCW.
Please bring remittance to January meeting or pop your dues into the mail at:

David W. Demmy
881 Sunny Hill Lane
Harrisburg PA 17111-4690

World War II Reenactment

It is not too early to think about and plan a day to review the next World War II BATTLE OF THE BULGE reenactment at FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, the 65th Commemoration is January 31, 2010.

"Have you HUGGED a WWII Veteran TODAY" The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is coming in less than 40 days, 4 hrs and 19 Minutes!

Check it out at <http://www.wwiifederation.org/>

Or World War II Federation
PO Box 711 - Waynesburg, PA 15370-0711
(724) 627 8545

Mark your social calendar now for January 31, 2010. 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM

No admittance fee nor are tickets required!

Obey parking requirements and police officers!

IMPORTANT UPDATE: The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and the World War II Federation will have a Wreath Laying

Ceremony at the site of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Monument on 29JAN10 at 1600 hours to include a 21 Gun Salute and Taps.

SOME OF US HAVE BREAKFAST BUFFET AT FARMER'S WIFE AT ONO, ON ROUTE 22 JUST EAST OF INDIANTOWN GAP. MEET US THERE IF YOU LIKE AT 8:30 A.M. AND THEN IT'S OVER TO THE GAP AREA 14.

Red Fridays contributed by Don Fry

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops and have love for God, country and home, want to recognize America supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect! This Friday -- and each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that ... Every red-blooded American who supports our men and women a far, will wear something red.

The first thing a soldier says when asked "What can we do to make things better for you?" is. "We need your support and your prayers." Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday.



VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE AT NORTHUMBERLAND'S RIVERVIEW CEMETERY. FROM LEFT, GREG AND TONY KLINE AND COMMANDER-ELECT FOR 2010, JOHN DEPPEN, SVC



RECRUITING AWARD RECIPIENT, GREG KLINE ON DUTY.

LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR MONTHLY *HARTRANFT HERALD* DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:

CAMP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2010.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES.

MORE PIX ON BROTHER DUKE HALL.

HONORABLE RON MARSICO TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM ERA VETERANS.

GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY 2009 PIX.

MORE PIX FROM HOLIDAY BANQUET.

PERSONNEL PROFILE ON BROTHER DAVE LAMAN.

LIST OF NEW BROTHERS.

BROTHER DONALD BUTLER FALL FAMILY OUTING!

[Schedule of events for 2010](#)

Be Proud Wear The Badge

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

January 17, Sunday general Camp Meeting

February 21, Sunday general Camp meeting

March 21, Sunday general Camp meeting

April Saturday Lincoln Luncheon
Sponsored by Camp at Doc Holliday's


[April 17, The 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb event](#)
April 18, Sunday general Camp meeting

Mothers Day – 9

May 16, Sunday Camp Meeting preparation for
May 29 Memorial Day events!

Fathers Day 20

[June 24 - 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.

[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.](#)

[December 12, Sunday - Annual Camp Holiday
Banquet at Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland.](#)



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*.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125th Anniversary history book. If you prefer, [and your <i>Hartranft Herald</i> wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting!
<p>Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!</p>

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GENERAL JOHN F HARTRANFT, CAMP 15 HARRISBURG, PA, SONS OF
UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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