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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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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 & Brothers, & Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!



To Auxiliary 7, Camp 15, and readers of the *Hartranft Herald*, this issue is dedicated to and draped in remembrance of our late sister Audrey Kyle.

See Camp Order #1, series 2012-2013 for Audrey's obituary. Her civil war profile appeared in the October 2005 issue of the *Hartranft Herald*. Go to www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org, select monthly newsletter and then scroll to October 2005.

Audrey was not only a dear friend, but a generous colleague to auxiliary 7 and camp 15 of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. She was quick to provide the camp with postage stamps, and encouragement whenever we visited and delivered her *Hartranft Herald* to her in her open-arms home in Colonial Park. Sister Audrey and her late husband, Gilbert, a member of camp 15, were proud of their civil war heritage, family civil war

drum on display at State Museum, family chair made by a civil war veteran ancestor and their collection of many civil war artifacts.



2011 PATRIOTIC AUDREY ATTENDING TO A VETERAN'S SITE ON MEMORIAL DAY AT HARRISBURG CEMETERY.

An extract from her church service reveals Audrey was not only a servant of the Lord, but

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an opinionated lady of the greatest [WWII] generation.



2011 AUDREY, PAYING TRIBUTE TO HER ANCESTOR'S TOMBSTONE WHICH WAS JUST RIGHTED BY CAMP MEMBERS AFTER IT WAS DISCOVERED VANDALIZED.

Audrey is now on high with her beloved late husband Gil and together they soar as hawks over us! She gave her best with a big smile and always said 'I thank you' [for stopping by]. Audrey we thank you and we'll see you again. Shared by David W. Demmy, Sr. Camp Chaplain.

Forthcoming Camp meeting is at 2pm on **Sunday, February 19, 2012** at National Civil War Museum. AGAIN, THIS MONTH WE WILL MEET IN THE *EDUCATION GALLERY* TO THE LEFT OF THE MUSEUM'S GRAND ROTUNDA. Brother Tony Kline, a veteran of the US Coast Guard will be the keynote speaker. Tony's theme will be on civil war revenue cutter service, the forerunner of the US Coast Guard!

January Camp Meeting Minutes
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
January 15, 2012
National Civil War Museum
Reservoir Park Harrisburg
Officers Present

CommanderStan Zellers
Sr. V. CommanderScott Debo
Secretary.....Larry Sheibley-Beasom
Treasure./Chap.....David Demmy Sr.
Pat.Ins./Hist.....David Klinepeter
Council/Guard.....Gregory Kline
Guide.....Thomas Bowman

Officers Absent

Jr. V. Commander/Council.....Jeffrey Smith
Council.....Lee Walters
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members Present

Tom Bruner, Dave Demmy, Jr. & Tony Kline.

Camp 15's newly elected 2012 Commander, Stan Zellers, called the meeting to order at 2:00. After the opening ceremonies, Secretary Larry Sheibley read a thank-you note from Department Commander Howard Wolfe who attended the Christmas party meeting and installed the 2012 officers. Information about the Lincoln Day Luncheon was given. Sympathy was extended to the families of Gloria Klinepeter and Audrey Kyle.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr., reported about half the members has paid their 2012 dues. Camp 15's annual income from dues (60 members X \$4.00) is \$240. With \$233 in donations from the holiday party, the Camp 15 treasury stands at \$1223 - difference is earmarked for Pennsylvania and National per capita. Our newsletter, Hartranft Herald, has a monthly cost of about \$85 for stamps, paper, and ink. Seventy-five readers receive it electronically and forty-four via mail including ladies of auxiliary 7 to camp 15. Commander Zellers suggested the number of physical copies be decreased.

Eagle Scout awards were discussed, again. Greg Kline revealed there is a procedure for applying for an award. The award is not automatically provided to every

Eagle Scout. The measure was tabled until Don Fry, Eagle Scout Coordinator, returns from Florida.

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Financial issues were a concern for the New Year. After discussing a lottery and a donations jar, the members decided on a fifty-fifty opportunity at each meeting.

The 2012 dues notices will state "Any additional donations to the Camp 15 treasury are appreciated." Dave Klinepeter offered an appropriate payment for the two color guard 1861 Springfield rifles that were previously swapped for 45.70s. A motion was made by Tom Bowman and seconded by Greg Kline to sell them to Brother Dave. The assembly approved the motion!

Saturday 18 February 2012, will be a Community-Free Day at the National Civil War Museum and a Re-enactor Recruitment Day at the Carlisle Army Heritage and Education Center. A motion was made and seconded that Camp 15 set up a recruitment table at the Army Heritage Center, Carlisle and the NCWM at Reservoir Park. Greg Kline and Larry Sheibley will man the table from 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Any other interested members should email Greg at gregsuvchw@yahoo.com. David Demmy Sr., reminded everyone that the Museum provides camp with meeting space and we should, not only support the museum,

but participate in their activities. Several Community-Free days appear throughout the year. The camp will Participate! Also, Camp 15 may wish to unite with the Museum or other organizations for a Sesquicentennial Signature Event of state or local significance through 150 years of civil war ending April 2015.

Commander Zellers mentioned a possible field trip to the Scranton Civil War Museum which could be arranged by Joe Long of the Scranton camp.

Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter listed some area Civil War Roundtable dates and topics. He had a display of the Gettysburg 2011 Remembrance Day Parade. Dave's topic for the day was the USS Monitor which engaged the CSS Virginia (Merrimac) for 2½ hours on 30 January 1862 issuing-in the era of iron-clad ships. The U S ship, "a cheese box on a raft", was built in 101 days.

Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC
Secretary, SUVCW Camp 15

Commanders Report

Brothers and Friends of Camp 15

At our January meeting I outlined my agenda for my term as Camp Commander. It can be summed up in one word: Continuity.

Camp 15 has a long history – more than 125 years of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. John Hartranft, our camp namesake, built a reputation that led to even greater honors after the Civil War. The men who have served Camp 15 over the years have created a legacy. Finally, and foremost, is our reason for existence - the thousands and thousands of veterans – the 'boys in blue' – that our order lives to honor.

When I consider those things it becomes clear that we must look to the future – the future of our order, and the future of our camp – to continue to honor the past. Hence, continuity!

I ask your help in insuring Camp 15 will remain a strong organization into the future. We are faced with challenges on two fronts: membership, and finances. Your support and ideas are vital.

Membership:

In the years immediately following World War II the veterans came home and formed fraternal organizations – the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are two that come to mind. Membership was strong; those organizations full of vitality. Men banded together to share common experiences and to help each other heal unseen wounds. Their communities were often the beneficiaries of services that would have been absent had those organizations not existed.

How vital; how strong are those organizations today?

Finances:

At the January meeting we discussed ways to strengthen Camp 15's financial position. Since publication and distribution of our (award winning!) camp newsletter is among our greatest expenses some of the discussion centered on it. Did you know that two or three individuals are contributing, out of their own pockets, every month to pay the cost of ink and paper to print the Hartranft Herald, and to pay the postage cost to mail it? There are likely others who have done the same thing in the past.

First, I would like to say 'Thank you' to those individuals. Next, I would say this – while what they are doing is admirable and selfless, it is also unfair. We need to find ways to raise enough revenue that we can cover expenses. The few should not be expected to pay a disproportionate share.

Good ideas were expressed. More are needed. With the breadth and diversity of experience our members possess I have no doubt that we can overcome this problem.

So I ask you to: Support your camp. Come to the meetings. Recruit new members. Honor the legacy.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Brother Stan Zellers, Camp Commander
John F Hartranft Camp # 15, SUVCW

[More photos of camp's 2011 holiday event](#)



FROM LEFT GREG KLINE, PCC JOHN DEPPEN, PCC AND HOWARD WOLFE, DC.



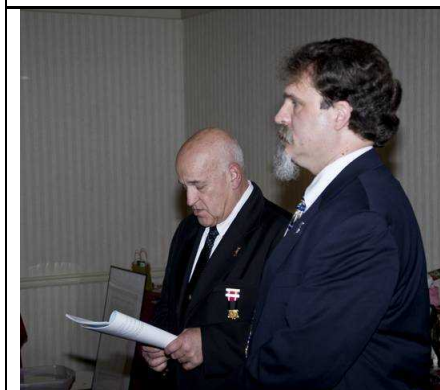
IN PRAYER WITH DEPT CHAPLAIN SCOTT TEETERS.



VARIETY OF CAMP MEMBER'S FAMILY AND GUESTS



INSTALLATION REMARKS BY CHAPLAIN, CENTER!



BROTHER HOWARD *DE-THRONGING* JOHN DEPPEN



THE ASSEMBLY GROUP PHOTO



NOW LISTEN TO THE OLD SARGE. ⬆



GREG KLINE, PCC WHILE PINNING THE PAST COMMANDER'S BADGE UPON JOHN DEPPEN, HE WHISPERED, "THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M GONNA TELL YA! THANK YOU BROTHER FOR YOUR PAST 6 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO CAMP 15 AS JVC, SVC AND CDR.



HURRY UP AND WAIT – AN OLD ARMY ADAGE – GROUP WAITING FOR THE SUPERIOR DINNER TO BE SERVED.



ANNUAL BUTTER DISPLAY DEPICTING AWARD WINNERS. PHOTOSHARED BY [HARTRANFT HERALD](#)

The annual Pennsylvania farm show is the largest event of its kind on the east coast! The original agriculture event was held on the grounds, just north of Harrisburg, where civil war Camp Curtin recruited and trained men for the war machine of 1861 to 1865.

What have you done lately Brothers and Sisters? Shoveling snow? Lying in the sun? Making plans to attend June Pennsylvania Encampment in Greensburg and/or the August National Encampment in LA California?

Send your short story and photos to [Hartranft Herald staff...](#) at DoubledD@Demmy.cc

[Hartranft Herald](#) – in keeping with limiting camp expenditures, Brothers if you have an email address, you may expect your camp news via an email announcement instructing you to go to camp website at www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org and click on MONTHLY NEWSLETTER for your monthly camp news!

[Around the Commonwealth](#)

In 2012, Mount Carmel will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. As part of the celebration, Garfield Camp 34 will be hosting an encampment of the 149th Bucktails. The dates of the encampment are Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day). That weekend, the Bucktails will also participate in Mount Carmel's Memorial Day parade and

[The 2012 Pennsylvania Farm Show](#)



CAMP BROTHERS DAVE DEMMY JR AND GRANDFATHER FLOYD DEMMY REVIEWING WORKS OF ART!



FLOYD WITH DAUGHTERS DEBBIE AND HEIDI IN THE EAST GALLERY AREA OF THE FARM SHOW COMPLEX.

activities. The encampment will be in the Mount Carmel Town Park.

Likewise, in Indiana Pennsylvania, the local camp of the SUVCW is in the midst of selling an appropriate cookbook to finance the installation of a statue earmarked for the lawn or another site of the History House along South 6th street. The bronze statue will honor local veterans of the civil war and their families.

From page 12 of January 20 *Indiana Gazette*.

Camp Dues now due

Don't be uncle scrooge!



PHOTO BY REKNOWN REENACTOR, DAVE KLINEPETER

Camp Dues for 2012 remain at \$35 including per capita for National and Pennsylvania, and Hartranft camp.

Camp 15 earns no noticeable profit on remitted dues!

88% 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 subscription for National *Banner* magazine!

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

Camp Life Member's dues continue at \$9.00.

If you experience a hardship in paying your 2012 dues, you may make an installment payment during January and another in February 2012.

2012 Camp Dues are due now!
Check preferred – made payable to Hartranft Camp 15 – SUVCW.

Please bring remittance to the February meeting or post your dues into the mail at:

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

If you neglect to pay in-full in a timely manner, you will be required to **reinstate** yourself including a \$10 National late fee for *full reinstatement, anytime, during 2012!* Total reinstatement is \$45.00 for entire year!

[National Civil War Museum Page](#)
[The Hershey Company Community Free Day](#)
Feb 18, 2012, 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

FREE admission to Museum galleries for all visitors, courtesy of The Hershey Company!

[Civil War Dance Class](#)

Feb 19, 2012, 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Visitors will learn popular formation dances of the 1860's!

Partners are encouraged but not required. Attendees should wear modern comfortable clothing and shoes. Period attire is not

recommended because of limited space. The classes are a great family activity. Classes are free, but reservations are required. Email CivilWarDance@verizon.net.

Please note: regular Museum admission will be charged for those who wish to visit the galleries. And again on Mar 04, 2012 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM Visitors will learn popular formation dances of the 1860's!

[Book Discussion Group](#)

Mar 14, 2012, 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
Please join us for a discussion on *The Battle of Antietam: The Bloodiest Day* by Ted Alexander.

[Cooper's Battery B Encampment](#)

Mar 18, 2012 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Fire on the Hill! Presented by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865.

[In Their Footsteps: Feeding the Army.](#)

Apr 21 - May 05, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for the third installment of curator Brett Kelley's fundraising and educational initiative and an experience of a lifetime!

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In the summer of 1864 as the Union army prepared to lay siege to the city of Petersburg, Virginia, the need to supply bread to the thousands of troops in the Army of the Potomac was becoming critical. Lieutenant General U.S. Grant ordered that

bread ovens be constructed at City Point, Virginia. City Point was the Union Army's main supply base on the James River. In addition to building massive stocks of supplies, a railroad was built from City Point directly to the front line surrounding Petersburg. With the new bread ovens in full production, over 100,000 loaves of bread were baked daily to meet the army's needs. The process of supplying the troops was so efficient that many troops on the front lines received their bread rations while they were still warm.

Curator Brett Kelley will live the life of a Union soldier on Commissary duty for 2 weeks. He will use brick and stone bread ovens constructed just behind the Museum to bake bread to "feed the troops" each day. Volunteers will also help in the baking process, as a goal of 150 loaves per day has been set!

Sponsor one (or many) **loaf of bread for \$10** and it will be donated to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank for distribution to local soup kitchens.

http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/index_1.php

150th civil war item! If interested go to website below; it is among others with similar offer. An HO civil war train set:



[http://www.ebay.com/itm/Bachmann-HO-Civil-War-Union-Army-Train-Set-New-Box-/180812157185?_trksid=p3284.m263&_trkparms=algo%3DSIC%26its%3DI%26itu%3DMRU-220%252BUCI%252BIA%252BUA%252BFICS%](http://www.ebay.com/itm/Bachmann-HO-Civil-War-Union-Army-Train-Set-New-Box-/180812157185?_trksid=p3284.m263&_trkparms=algo%3DSIC%26its%3DI%26itu%3DMRU-220%252BUCI%252BIA%252BUA%252BFICS%252)

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR by Dave Klinepeter

Being a strong supporter of living history reenactments, (as a way of teaching history of our great country to the younger generations), on Saturday, January 28, 2012 I had the opportunity to visit Fort Indiantown Gap to watch a small reenactment of the "1944 Battle of the Bulge". A number of members from Hartranft Camp 15 met at the Ono Farmers Wife Restaurant, Route 22 East for breakfast, than went over to the Gap. After the battle there seemed to be a group of people gathered around our Brother Floyd Demmy! He was relating his WWII experiences, and checking out the military men's equipment. I would see Floyd as I wondered in and out of the buildings.



I had a number of people shake my hand and thank me for my service in WWII. It does give a fellow a *warm feeling* of appreciation. I visited several barracks that had display units in them. The British Headquarters unit was one, but the most interesting one was the German Hospital. They had a



There was one group after another around Floyd, asking questions. [In background, center, a real ground crew German Veteran].
PHOTOSHARED BY DAVE KLINEPETER, PCC.



doctor, a number of nurses, and a chaplain praying over a Brit on an operating table. I always thank reenactors and other living historians for their time and effort and encourage the public to ask questions and learn about our history. After leaving the vendor area I went to the Pa National Guard Museum, located at bldg T 8-51 on the Fort. The museum is open Monday and Friday, and by special appointment. Phone 717-861-8211 or email c-coellig@state.pa.us There are many artifacts of the early years of the Pa National Guard -- well worth your trip to visit the museum and Fort.

150 ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR

February 16, 1862 Grant takes Fort Donelson. A communication General S. B. Buckner

Confederate Army Sir: Yours of this date, proposing armistice and appointment of Commissioners to settle terms of capitulation, is just received. No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works.

I am, sir, very respectfully
Your ob't se'aaaaaaav't
U. S. Grant, Brig. Gen.

Brig.Gen'l U. S. Grant, U. S. Army

Sir: The distribution of the forces under my command, incident to an unexpected change of commanders, and the overwhelming forces under your command, compel me, notwithstanding the brilliant success of Confederate arms yesterday, to accept the ungenerous and unchivalrous terms you propose.

I am, sir, Your vweery ob't se'v't,
S. B. Buckner, Brig. Gen. C.S.A.

Julia Ward Howe wrote new lyrics to an old song, the result was "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", which first appeared in the Atlantic Monthly's February 1862 edition.

Feb 12, 1809 early in the morning in Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln was born

Feb 22, 1861 Lincoln stops in Harrisburg, Pa on the way to Washington D.C. to be sworn in as president. He is rushed out of town because of threats on his life.

Feb 20, 1862 Willie Lincoln died of typhoid fever at age of 11

Feb 21, 1862 Battle of Val Verde, first major battle in the far west, New Mexico Territory

Feb 27, 1862 Union prisoners started arriving at Andersonville Georgia prison

Feb 18, 1865 Confederates evacuate Charleston, S.C. the site of Fort Sumter

Feb 23, 1945 U. S. Marines raised American Flag on Mt Suribachi, Iwo Jima during WW11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hershey Civil War Roundtable Feb 16, 2012
Country Meadows Hershey Pa 7pm

Speaker David Klinepeter portraying Penna Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin
Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable Feb 24, 2012
Radisson Camp Hill, Pa meeting 8pm
Speaker Uzal W. Ent Brigadier General PNG (Ret) on the Penna Reserves in the Civil War.

GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter
*When the Comrades have departed, when the Veterans are no more,
When the bugle call has sounded on the everlasting shore:
When life's weary research is ended, when the campfires slumber long,*
WHO WILL TELL THE STORY WHEN THE BOYS IN BLUE ARE GONE?

Anonymous

CAN WE AS SONS OF UNION VETERANS DO MORE, AS WE CARRY THE TORCH, HANDED TO US AT INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA IN 1949 AT THE LAST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC?

--- Dave Klinepeter



[Battle of Bulge 2012](#)

[Call for Phillip Morris](#)

This past weekend was reminiscent of General George Patton's 1944 plea for good weather! Just a week ago, in south central Pennsylvania, we had 4-8 inches of snow across the region. Each year, Fort Indiantown Gap, host for the annual reenactment of the famed 1944 Battle of the Bulge is historically cold and snow-covered, January into Spring. We prayed for good weather to attend and experience the annual reenactment of the battle. Following the snow storm, the heavens gave us a warm-up and the snow was all gone by the time the 68th reenactment came to town. In fact the day started out balmy for a January day at the

GAP – twas 34° and no wind. *Oh the power of prayer!*

Since the snow cover was gone and the air warmed-up, the ground was mushy for the spectators of the WWII reenactment. Reenactors included period soldiers, nurses, war correspondents and variety of civilians. The field of visitors included surviving WWII German and American veterans, their families, photographers, teachers, youngsters, local folks galore, and members of the Harrisburg area Hartranft Camp Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The wooded area that held the battle, not only had trees back to back, but was densely covered with thicket's allowing the infantry of both armies to be well hidden from each other and at times, the public too!



PHOTO SHARED BY GREG KLINE, PCC

Following the morning reenactment, we moseyed over to the vendor area and 10th Armored Division (Tigers – the ghost division) veteran Floyd Demmy was engaged by reenactors and the public quizzing him on his activities with the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, one of the many groups within the 10th Armored. He crossed France and Germany with a half-track squad, capturing town after town until they reached southern Germany.

--- Submitted by *Hartranft Herald* staff.

[Camp Schedule of events for 2012](#)

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are held on 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

Sunday, February 19, 2012 camp meeting at NCWM! Advance to Education Gallery for business meeting. Brother Tony Kline, a veteran of the US Coast Guard will be our keynote speaker.

Sunday, March 18, 2012 camp meeting at National Civil War Museum! Cooper's Battery will present an indoor discussion and an out of doors live firing.

April 2012 Appomattox Luncheon – see Pennsylvania Department newsletter for details.

Sunday April 15, 2012 camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

Weekend of April 13-15 - Annual Lincoln Ceremony at Lincoln Tomb, Springfield Illinois and National Council of Administration meeting!

Saturday April 21, 2012 Pennsylvania Appomattox Luncheon, 1 pm Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, PA!

Forthcoming spring field trip to camp 8's GAR and civil war museum in Scranton!

Sunday May 20, 2012 camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

Saturday May 26, 2012, Camp Memorial Day activities at variety of cemeteries!

May 28, 2011 Camp participates in central Pennsylvania parades!

June 2012 - 132d annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – June 22, 23, 24 at Four Points by Sheraton at Greensburg, PA!

Be Proud Wear the Badge

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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**

Camp 15 members will on hand this weekend, February 18, at Army Historical Center at Carlisle

and also at Free Day at National Civil War Museum Reservoir Park. Stop by and support your Brothers in the public eye.

The 2012 Pennsylvania Department newsletter, the *Battle Cry of Freedom* is now available. If you did not receive an email announcement from the editor of the *Battle Cry of Freedom*, please contact [Hartranft Herald](#) for the link or a hardcopy if you do not have access to a computer. See camp news and photos and advertisements in the *Battle Cry of Freedom*.

Additional text and photos on 2012 Battle of the Bulge will appear in March issue of your monthly camp news.

Vehicle License Plate available only from Hartranft Camp.

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, PA.

Aluminum License Plate



Auto License Plate

Aluminum - Full Color SUV CW License Plate.
Blue Lettering on White Background with **Red** Border- very patriotic

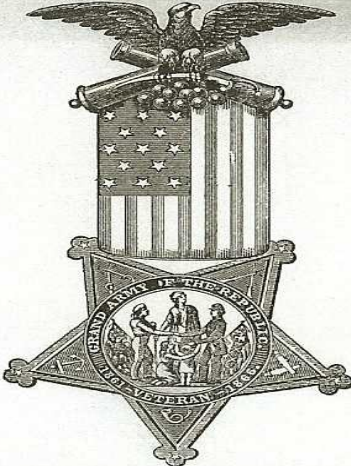
Send check or money order for
\$12 + \$3 S&H payable to:

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Mail to Greg Kline

**205 N. 40th St. - Apt. 203
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271**

An old time GAR message from Harrisburg GAR Post 116 late in 1881 to all Pennsylvania GAR posts, announcing a grand fair seeking relief from the bleak economic situation of the day. Image shared with [Hartranft Herald](#) by our good Brother Joe Long of Camp 8 Scranton.



Col. S. G. Simmons Post,

No. 116,

DEPARTMENT OF PA., G. A. R.

Harrisburg, Pa., November, 1881.

To the Commanders, Officers and Comrades of the Posts of the G. A. R. of the Department of Pa. :
SIR AND COMRADE :

This Post takes pleasure in announcing to its Friends and Comrades the arrangements made for the holding of a
GRAND ARMY FAIR,
*Commencing on MONDAY, December 19th, 1881,
And continuing until DECEMBER 31st, (New Years Eve.)*

The constant and imperative demands upon our Post in the past, all of which have been responded to as liberally as our means would permit, have so far depleted our funds that we find it necessary to replenish it. To this end we invite the co-operation of the charitably inclined and patriotic COMRADES OF THE G. A. R. in making this FAIR FINANCIALLY WHAT THE POST PROPOSES MAKING IT—AN ENJOYABLE AND MAGNIFICENT SUCCESS.

The Committee takes this method of asking the COMRADES of the G. A. R. for contributions of MONEY, FANCY WORK, or SALEABLE ARTICLES for the FAIR, hoping that you will respond to make our FAIR the success it should be.

Respectfully,

JOHN P. RUPLEY, }
GEO. H. VANTILBURG, } Committee.

P. S.—The Post further proposes to have a contest among the different Posts of the Department of Pennsylvania, for a SILK FLAG, regulation size, with name and number of Post on it ; the contest to be conducted by each Post in their own interest, and the Post sending in the largest amount of money will be entitled to the Flag.
Should you elect a contest for this Flag, please notify us by mail, at once, and we will send Contest Book on immediately. Address all communications to

JOHN P. RUPLEY,
No. 926 Penn Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Thanx for sharing Brother Joe! – Camp 15 and the [Hartranft Herald](#) staff!