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*The Newsletter of  
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Celebrating our 133rd Year in Harrisburg Area



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--- *Happy Blessed New Year* ---

January 2015



**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!

This issue of Camp 15's newsletter, *The Hartranft Herald* is draped in memory of the late **Real Son** David Chase, Canada, a member of the Isaac Stevens Members at Large Camp in Washington State. National Special Order and/or his obituary are available upon request.

Happy New Year Hartranft Camp!

Next Camp meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 18, 2015**, in room 222 upper level of Museum building.

**An Interview with our New Commander (CDR) Jeffery Smith**

HERALD: Brother Jeff, tell us where you grew up!

CDR:

I grew up in the Midwest, particularly South Bend, Indiana. This area in the Midwest is known as

"Michiana" (Michigan/Indiana) as it is right on the border of the two states. Before coming to Pennsylvania, I resided in the states of Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin for 98% of my life. The Midwest is a great place to grow-up and live, but the winters are very harsh and Civil War battlefields are few and far between. My family and I are very happy here in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

HERALD: What career path did you take?

CDR:

I have been an actuary (an insurance company statistician) for over 25 years. I went to college (Indiana University) as a Mathematics major, received my BA, and then went to graduate school (University of Iowa) to obtain a Masters Degree in Statistics. While at the University of Iowa, I was employed by the mathematics department to

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teach statistics. Teaching was great, but being an actuary is better. I am an FCAS (Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society) and an MAAA (Member of the American Academy of Actuaries). I had to study for and pass 14 exams to get these designations, and it required a lot of support and patience from my dear wife "Henny". I am currently the Chief Actuary for the NORCAL Group. NORCAL is a group of insurance companies that provide Professional Medical Liability coverage for physicians and surgeons in over 30 states.

HERALD: Sounds like you are one busy person helping folks in your community. What do you do when you have free time?

CDR:

Right now, I spend a lot of time with my daughter, Ilsa who is 15 and a sophomore at Camp Hill High School. Ilsa loves mathematics and makes me check all her work in math and science subjects, usually every night. Physics problems are pretty tough when you haven't done them in thirty years! I also have to create exams for her so she can have practice the night before she takes an exam for any given class. Ilsa is a proud member of the Gettysburg Camp of the *Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW)*. We always march in the Gettysburg Memorial Day and Remembrance Day parades. I usually march with the DUV's (Daughters) so that I can march alongside of Ilsa. The sisters in her camp always welcome me with open arms, and you will see that I am the only male marching with the daughters.

With remaining free time, I often like to visit Civil War battlefields here in the east (Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia) and also out west in Tennessee and Georgia. I also spend a considerable amount of time reading books on history, with a heavy concentration in the Civil War. I prefer firsthand accounts.

HERALD: Please tell us about your qualifications as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

CDR:

I had six ancestors in the Civil War; two grandpas and four uncles. All six were from Michigan and served in Michigan regiments. My two grandfathers served in Michigan Artillery, one uncle was in Cavalry, and three uncles were in infantry. Sadly, three of the four *uncles died* in the war, but fortunate for Ilsa and me, *both grandfathers lived* through the experience. My favorite ancestor is *Martin J. Sehl*, my great-great grandpa. He joined up with the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan, Battery A, Light Artillery in May of 1861, so he was in the first wave of volunteers. Martin went through five battles and several actions. The battles were Rich Mountain (West Virginia), Perryville (Kentucky), Stone River (Tennessee), Chickamauga (Georgia) and the Battle of Look-Out Mountain (Tennessee). Martin served his 3 years, mustering out in May of 1864, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Union was good to its word when they said three years, they meant *exactly* three years, to the day. Of course they mustered him out in the same place his battery was stationed, so they made him work right up to the end. Martin was a German immigrant (as are most my ancestors) and married back in Michigan to a German girl, 5 months after he mustered out.

I am told that Martin did not like to speak of the war, and did not believe in hitting kids, as his father had used harsh German discipline on him as a child. He did keep in active contact with his former comrades in arms, known as the "Loomis Battery".

I was very pleased to learn that Martin, my union grandpa, was very active in the Michigan Department of the GAR. He attended the annual encampments as a delegate for the Department of Michigan and traveled to whatever city the meetings would be held in, year after year. He did this up until the end of his life and attended his last summer encampment in June of 1909 in Jackson, Michigan. He passed away in the following April of 1910.

I was very pleased to learn, from the GAR encampment publications, that Martin was a Past Camp Commander (PCC) of his local GAR camp in Vanderbilt, Michigan. Somehow I feel he would be very proud and glad to know that one of his great-great grandsons would be a Camp Commander of an SUVCW camp.

I am very proud of the Union cause, and only regret that I did not have the honor and privilege to sign my name on a regiment roster and stand shoulder to shoulder with the boys in blue. I believe their cause was the most honorable and righteous cause in which soldiers have ever fought. May God rest and bless all their souls.

Herald: Brother Jeff, what is next on your agenda for Camp 15?

CDR:

I believe it is our privilege and responsibility to keep alive the memory of our union ancestors and the sacrifices they made to this country. Our organization, like ourselves, is the direct descendant of union cause, the SUVCW descending from the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic). To keep their memory and sacrifices alive it is crucial that each of us do our best to keep the ranks filled, or growing in the SUVCW.

I believe we should both actively and passively take any opportunity that may present itself to recruit friends, neighbors, or relatives into our ranks. By keeping our camp, and the SUVCW vibrant and growing, we can pass on to future generations the values of patriotism, sacrifice, and honor that our ancestors knew so well.

Hopefully our camp can be more involved in more tangible aspects of keeping civil war history alive. Recently some members our camp have volunteered to maintain a union monument at Gettysburg to a Pennsylvania artillery battery located on Powers Hill. I encourage all interested

members to join the rest of us in our biannual cleanup of this monument. It is a great opportunity to serve and enjoy the companionship and build on friendship with other camp members.

Finally I also hope to take the opportunity to invite Camp members to share their stories about their ancestors, or how their own interests in the Civil war developed during their lifetime. It would be great to open up the floor to members during our regular camp meetings to hear about their varied and interesting connections to the civil war. This suggestion was given to me by Brother Floyd Demmy, and I think it is a great idea. I might ask Floyd to lead off in our January meeting.

HERALD: Thank you for your time to share your life with us.

Brothers, below is a list of our Camp officers for 2015, elected or appointed by Brother Jeff:

Commander	Jeffery Smith 15-16
Senior Vice Commander	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 15-16
Junior Vice Commander	Logan Swanger 15-16
Secretary	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09
Treasurer	David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-15
Council	Lee F. Walters, PDC 11-16
Council	Scott Debo 15-16
Council	Tom Bowman, 15-16
Patriotic Instructor	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
GAR Historian	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
Guide	Tom Bowman, 11-15
Guard	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-15
Color Bearer	Kelly W. Betz 07-15
Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-15
GAR Highway Officer	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-15
Graves Registration	Logan Swanger 14-15
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Logan Swanger 14-15
ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-15
Past Dept Commander	Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08

### Remembering Robert Branyan Valentine

By Brother Michael W. Smith, Hartranft Camp Harrisburg PA, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 1865 - Dedicated to Robert Valentine's 4th great granddaughters Abria & Tiana Patterson

I am dedicating this piece to Abria and Tiana Patterson. They are the daughters of Autumn

Patterson who is the 3rd great granddaughter of Robert Branyan Valentine. Autumn is a delightful young lady who I stumbled upon through my genealogy research. As a new found cousin, I was certainly the winner in this discovery. Hers is a highly functional interracial marriage that is at the very essence of what the Civil War was all about. The relationship between Autumn and her husband Thomas is so close that it goes to the very heart of great American values. I would be hard pressed to find two more deserving children to dedicate an item for publication in an SUVCW newsletter. It is with great pleasure that I do so and Autumn is on-board and quite enthusiastic about the idea.



Robert Branyan Valentine, left, was best described on May 15, 1922 in the *Harrisburg Telegraph*...

"Survivor of the Bucktails

One of the three surviving members of the Duncannon company {Company B} of the famous Bucktail Regiment, of the Civil War, is Robert B. Valentine, who is living here [Duncannon, Perry County] at the age of 82. He was born in Allen's Cove, Penn Township, Perry County, August 11, 1840, and worked on a farm until he was 18 years old. Then he served an apprenticeship of three years learning stone cutting and mason work. He served two enlistments in the Civil War, the first as a Private in Company B, 1st Pennsylvania Rifles (Bucktails). This company was recruited in Duncannon and vicinity, and as far as known the only other surviving are Charles Kugler, of Carroll Township, Perry County, and John H. Mutzabaugh, of Duncannon. Mr. Valentine's second enlistment was as a Private in Company I, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served almost continuously from 1861 to 1866. On July 1, 1861, he was taken prisoner. He was confined in Libby Prison and Bell Island for eight weeks. He was wounded three times but despite that fact he is a well-preserved man, enjoys his pipe of tobacco and passes much of his time in his little workshop."

Subsequently, the [www.explorePAHistory.com](http://www.explorePAHistory.com) website, that credits the photo of Robert Branyan Valentine displayed above to "Ronn Palm," further described Robert Branyan Valentine as follows:

"As a member of the Bucktails, Pennsylvania's celebrated sharpshooter's unit, Robert B. Valentine fought valiantly during the Civil War. Wounded at Gettysburg and in two other engagements he had also been captured by Confederates and spent time in Richmond's infamous Libby Prison. When he was mustered out of the famed Pennsylvania Bucktails with the rest of his company in June of 1864, Valentine owed the government \$21.65 for clothing overdrawn!"



It was reported in his obituary of May 14, 1923 that he was a member of Lieutenant Allison Post, G.A.R. and an honorary member the V.F.W., both in Duncannon. He is interred in Duncannon Union Cemetery.

References:  
-*Harrisburg Telegraph*, 15 May 1922, Pg. 9

<http://explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerId=1-A-1EA>

-Schroeder, Patrick A. and Ronn Palm. *Pennsylvania Bucktails: A Photographic Album of the 42nd, 149th and 150th Pennsylvania Regiments*. Daleville, VA: Schroeder Publications, 2001.  
-*The Evening News*, 14 May 1923, Pg. 5.

Hartranft Herald continued!

EXTRA - EXTRA

[70<sup>th</sup> WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration](#) [January](#) [2015](#)

the World War II Federation and Fort Indiantown Gap Presents the 70<sup>th</sup> WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA.

**Saturday, January 31st, 2015**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM I-81 North  
Indiantown Gap exit 85b

More data at <http://www.wwiifederation.org/>

This is not a camp function, but you are truly invited if interested in this subject.

See camp photos among past Hartranft Heralds at [www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org](http://www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org)

The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is coming in less than 45 days, 3 hours, 42 Minutes, and 38 Seconds

Prior to this Saturday event, camp members and friends gather at Farmer's Wife Restaurant at Ono, PA, just a few miles east of the Gap on Route 22 East.

From I-81 exit 85A for Route 934 toward Annville; only go  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to ramp on left for Route 22 East! You also may follow Route 22 East directly from Harrisburg area. Restaurant is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to mile from route 934 junction on route 22 east. Turn right at Traffic light for restaurant entrance.

We gather about 8 a.m. at the restaurant and then convoy to GAP parking area.

GAP reenactment is free.

Buffet breakfast available or you may order from large menu – pay as you go.

#### Camp Minutes

No minutes since October due to Camp participating in annual November Remembrance Day at Gettysburg and December Camp holiday banquet.

[www.CivilWarDance.org](http://www.CivilWarDance.org) by Larry Keener-Farley

The National Civil War Ball on Remembrance Day was a great success. The ball has now raised over \$77,000 for Gettysburg National Military Park. We were very pleased to have Acting GNMP Superintendent Rick Kendall attend the ball and join in the dancing. Thanks to everyone who came out to dance for preservation rather than attending events that evening that just put money in a promoter's pocket. Make plans to join us at next year's ball on November 21, 2015. For more photos of the National Civil War Ball and all of our other

events, visit our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Civil-War-Dance-Foundation/164556213606774>. If you would like a high resolution copy of any picture in our Newsletter or on our Facebook, please email us and we will be happy to send it.

For all of our Pennsylvania friends, show your support for preservation at GNMP by getting one of the new Gettysburg Monuments license plate for your car. Proceeds from this plate (\$23.00) goes directly to the Veteran Trust Fund and will support the cleaning, repair and restoration of the Pennsylvania monuments at GNMP. For information and an application, see [http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/license\\_plates/special\\_fund.shtml](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/license_plates/special_fund.shtml)

#### UPCOMINGEVENTS

FREE Civil War Dance Classes at the Penn State Harrisburg Campus in Middletown, Pa. [NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR], 2-4PM, Sundays, January 18, February 22, and March 15, 2015. The classes are free but registration is required because of limited space. To register, email name(s) of participant(s) and date(s) you would like to attend.

12th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building will be held on March 21, 2015. All of the profit from this ball also goes to the Gettysburg Monument Project [over \$75,000 so far!]. A reservation form is attached to the newsletter. FREE Civil War Dance Manual in PDF format is available by email to help you prepare for dances and balls. We originally developed this manual for the Civil War Trust's Teacher Institute. It provides basic instruction in several easy formation dances and has links to online videos and period dance manuals. Email us for a free copy.

Event Sponsors, if you would like to book us for a dance demonstration, fund raising ball, living history program or artifact display, please contact us as early as possible. Our schedule is filling up for 2015 and we are already have several bookings for 2016. Email us for a Sponsor Booklet that explains our various programs and services.

On a somewhat personal note, the Camp Curtin Historical Society has printed a new version of Civil War Harrisburg: A Guide to Capital Area Sites, Incidents and Personalities. I added 38 pages to the book for this fourth printing; it is now 180 pages. All of the profit from the sales of this book goes to the Camp Curtin Historical Society for its preservation and education

programs. Copies are available for \$15.00 see [www.CampCurtin.org](http://www.CampCurtin.org). Regards, Larry  
Lawrence E. Keener-Farley  
Dance Master, Civil War Dance Foundation PCC,  
Hartranft Camp No. 15, SUVCW CIVIL WAR TRUST S  
2011 REENACTMENT UNIT OF THE YEAR EMAIL US AT  
[Info@CivilWarDance.org](mailto:Info@CivilWarDance.org).  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.CivilWarDance.org](http://www.CivilWarDance.org).  
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK AT  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Civil-War-Dance-Foundation/164556213606774>

[National Civil War Museum announcements](#)

Journey to the Center of the Museum

~ For Your Eyes Only ~

Journey to the Center of the Museum is for *members only* and requires advanced registration!

From the mid-point of the giant compass on the spectacular rotunda floor, take ten paces south to the base of the grand staircase. Ascend to the peak with 26 careful steps, then turn again due south and follow the brass rail to the double wooden doors. Give the sentry the secret password and enter a world seldom seen... you have begun a Journey to the Center of the Museum.

Your first stop will be the archives - with letters and diaries written by soldiers of the North & South, in camp & in the field, letters stained with homesick tears and smudged with dirt from the trenches. You will see battle maps, newspapers, Commissions signed by wartime governors and clear photographs that will give never see the light of day, but they will be seen by you.

Next, travel deep within the Museum walls to a place where only a select few are allowed to venture: Collections Storage. This is where we keep & care for the vast collection not currently on you a close up look at the reality of war. Many of the thousands of documents are display in our galleries. You will see muskets, pistols, uniforms, drums, portraits, and artifacts

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too numerous to mention. We promise you will be amazed and inspired!

Your Journey Guide is our Collections Curator, Brett Kelley, who loves enthusiastic visitors, so bring lots of questions! Journey to the Center of the Museum is for members and requires advanced registration. **Plan for a 2 to 3 hour journey...there is much to see & touch.**

The National Civil War Museum  
2015 Journey Tours

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00am

General Tour

Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 10:00am

General Tour

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 10:00am

General Tour

Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10:00am

General Tour

To sign up for the Journey, contact Derek Mills:  
717-260-1861 or [dmills@nationalcivilwar.org](mailto:dmills@nationalcivilwar.org)

Also, 1865 Exhibit Opening

Wednesday January 14

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Join us to celebrate the opening of our new exhibit '1865' with speaker Harold Holzer.

The "1865" exhibit will cover the battles, strategies and civilian lives throughout the fifth year of the American War.

Admission to the wine and cheese reception is \$10.00 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Advance reservations are required and must be made by emailing [info@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](mailto:info@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) or calling 717.260.1861 ext. 1130.

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Camp dues and donations. To all brothers who have paid your dues, your Camp staffers kindly thank you to save us the effort to mail plea notices! Also, your Camp thanks all of the brothers and sisters who have added a donation to their annual dues payment or added a Camp gift to their December payment

for the annual holiday banquet. Donations and gifts help to keep our operating bookkeeping in the black and not have to worry like we did several years ago to keep afloat.

Brothers and Sisters and family in distress. We have a few shut-in Brothers that we have not seen nor heard from lately except for their annual dues payments. We continue to pray for our shut-ins and other Brothers that may be just too busy to attend a Camp event; we pray for our newly elected commander Jeffery Smith, who is undergoing more tests and concerns regarding a medical condition; we continue to pray for our Brothers like Floyd Demmy who remains in remission and we pray for you too who travel, or have aches and pains or other concerns that you wish to keep to yourself!  
God bless all of us and God bless the USA.

[Reenlist for 2015 with Hartranft Camp 15](#)

*Don't be uncle scrooge!*

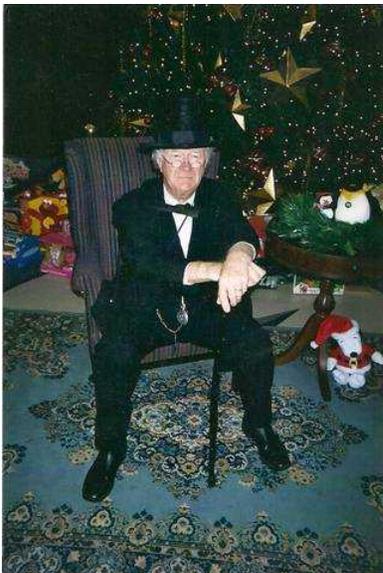


PHOTO BY RENOWNED REENACTOR, DAVE KLINEPETER

[Camp 15 Dues time for year 2015](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> notice

Camp, Department, and National annual  
Dues: **\$35.00!**

National Life Memberships annual dues continues  
to be \$9.00

Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to  
'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.

Save a tree, save a stamp!

You may hand-carry your dues to January meeting

Or mail to

David W. Demmy, Sr.

881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

National Life Memberships are available anytime. Visit our national website at [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org) and select Governance;  
review list of SUVCW FORMS and select Form 9: Life Member Application Form for 1 page application. Easy to complete and submit to national office with your remittance.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc).

### 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!

Next Camp meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 18, 2015**, in room 222 upper level of Museum building.

2015 Battle of Bulge reenactment of 1944 actions!

**January 31, 2015** at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA.

Annual PA Lincoln Luncheon sponsored by Camp 33, York County, Saturday **February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

February Camp meeting – **Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

March Camp Meeting – **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

April 11<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Tomb ceremonies at Springfield, Illinois.

April Camp meeting - Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

May Camp meeting – **Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Hartranft Camp Memorial events:

**Saturday May 24**, breakfast followed with placing flags upon veterans' gravesites at Historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

No Camp meeting in June, instead we hope you may attend the 2015 annual Department of Pennsylvania encampment at Williamsport, PA.

### 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 GAR,
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
- The Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

Established February 11, 1882  
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

January 1865--Atlanta, Ga has fallen, Lincoln has won a second term, General Sherman, celebrates Christmas Day in Savannah, Ga. When starting his "March to the Sea" no newspaper journalists were allowed. They did finally find where his army was and then his name and deeds were all over the papers, some reports good, and some bad.

HARPER'S WEEKLY Saturday January 14 1865  
SHERMAN

*What grander name than his on that fair scroll  
Where, writ in fadeless characters, shall stand*

*The names of those, the saviors of the land,  
Recorded of bright Fame's Immortal roll!*

*Scarce have our hearts ceased thrilling to the cry,  
Which passed from lip to lip, "Atlanta, ours!"  
Then comes the news that on Savannah's towers  
Once more the old flag greets the broad blue sky.*

*Ring out from every spire, ye jubilant bells  
Ring loud and long these Christmas times!  
Let notes of victory mingle with your chimes,  
Till far and wide the pealing chorus swells!*

*Long shall the tale be told by gray-haired sires,  
Of that great march through Georgia's rugged ways,  
For any miles and many weary days,  
To listening groups by winter evening fires.*

*Hail to the Chief who led the venturous ranks!  
Long may he live to wear his well-won fame,  
And hear his children taught to lisp his name:  
For him a people's praise, a nation. Thanks.*

*And hail to those who bore the flag with him.  
Those venturous ranks, of true and manly hearts:  
The old year lingers long as it departs  
To sing their praises with the Christmas hymn.*

*Such men are fashioned after God' own heart:  
Even as nothing to their country's good--  
Of the world's history they form a part.*

*Theirs is a deathless heritage: their deeds  
Blossom, like flowers, upon the page of Time:  
And whether told in prose or glowing rhyme  
Seem writ in shining gold to him who reads.*

On January 15, 1865 Fort Fisher fell and the last Confederate port at Wilmington was closed General Sherman and his troops were rained on for three weeks at Savannah, Ga and did not head for the Carolinas till the end of January. General Grant was in the Petersburg and Richmond VA area.

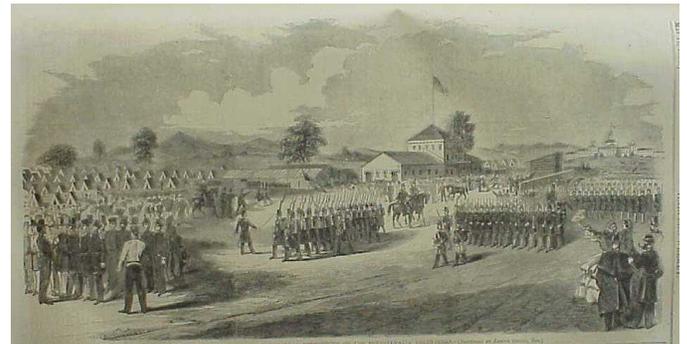
On January 29, 1865 Kansas joined the Union as a free state after much blood shed.

On January 31 1865 Congress approved the 13th Amendment, freeing all slaves.

150 ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR (If you should be interested)

The Civil War News, 2015 Calendar of events list numerous events this year, most will be in the south. The NMP at Gettysburg list speakers each Sat and Sun during January.

The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA has a new display dealing with 1865. The Harrisburg, Hershey, Gettysburg, Lebanon, Lancaster Roundtables all have meetings.



Camp Curtin 1861 – the state lunatic hospital can be seen in background of this depict of Camp Curtin. Today, between the site of Camp Curtin Park and the State Hospital is the huge Pa Farm Show Building – the largest site of any indoor agriculture show in America.

I WONDER IF THERE WILL BE ANY INTEREST IN THE 150TH ANNIV OF THE CLOSING OF CAMP CURTIN ON NOV 11, 2015 ? DJK

And we close this issue of the January *Hartranft Herald* with thank-you's from non-Camp personnel that attended the December banquet, for not only being invited, but for enjoying the meal and annual fellowship!

End of this January 2015 Hartranft Herald