



Hartranft Herald

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 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 and Auxiliary 7 annual picnic

The 2010 Camp 15 summer picnic will be held **Sunday 18 July** starting at noontime with lunch at 1:00-ish. As in the past two years, it will be held at Colonial Park Campus Pavilion of CrossPoint United Methodist Church at the corner of Colonial and Valley Roads (Colonial Park), 430 Colonial Park Road, Harrisburg, 17109. Playground!

Look for American Flag along Valley Road – easy access from:

I-83 at Colonial Park exit 50 route 22 east – then take Colonial Road at Red Lobster and drive 2 traffic lights to Valley Road and turn left onto Valley Road.

I-81 at Progress Avenue exit 69 – at end of ramp at Progress Avenue drive straight across Progress Avenue onto Valley Road – then less than 1.5 mile to pavilion on left. If you reach Colonial Road traffic light, you traveled ½ block too much.

TURN INTO PAVILION AREA

Please contact Brother Stan Zellers, Senior-Vice-Commander, before Wednesday 14 July, if you plan to attend!

He can be reached at any of the following:

email - ZELLERS@PTD.NET

telephone - 570-523-0071

Snail-mail - 1007 Bettys Lane, Lewisburg, PA 17837 – allow time for delivery next Wednesday!

As in the past, the camp will furnish the hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and soda. We request that you bring a covered dish to share, bottled water or other drinks, table covering, your own place setting: plate, saucer, cup, knife, fork, spoon, and napkin. You may desire to have on hand your own favorite lawn chair, horse shoe set etc. Please have on-hand utensils for serving the dish you are sharing!

Brothers and sisters we hope you can attend for an afternoon of food and friendship! See you there! Clean air-conditioned restrooms next door. Brother Larry Sheibley, PCC secretary.

THIS NOTICE AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL AND THE JULY ISSUE OF THE HARTRANFT HERALD.

Another letter from our war zone member, Duke Hall

Dear Camp 15 – early spring 2010 from somewhere in Afghanistan.

I am writing today to thank you for the newsletters, correspondence, and packages you have sent to me and my buddies. I greatly enjoy the newsletters and I just received my membership card for the SUVCW.



FILE PHOTO DUKE HALL, LEFT, 2006 AND BELOW 2010



LAST MISSION 2010 – DUKE ON DUTY

My buddies and I often share our letters from home and I told a young man named Aaron Aamot that I had joined the SUVCW [after I returned to Afghanistan from leave]. He became very excited, as back in the states, he was civil war re-enactor and studied the history of the civil war quite extensively.

Just days after I delighted him with tales of my trip to Gettysburg with my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walters, Specialist Aamot was killed in a firefright we were involved in, when the Stryker he was driving was struck by an IED (**improvised explosive device** also known as a roadside bomb). I share this story with you, because as a soldier, I

ponder almost daily what the life of a 'grunt' [EDITOR'S NOTE: foot soldier] must have been like in the past. I believe one thing remains constant, and that is this: Warfare is a relentless constant, an insatiable beast, and those who take part in it learn, at one juncture or another, that she is an untamable mistress. I am positive that our ancestors learnt this while fighting in the bloody conquest that was the War Between the States, and by remembering their sacrifices, we help our nation to understand the true meaning of freedom.



SOMEWHERE IN DIRTY, DUSTY AFGHANISTAN!

Unfortunately, I have to sign off now, as I've got a few more letters to write. Thank you again, Mr. Demmy, and I hope to get the chance to meet you when I return home!

Your friend, Duke Hall

Editor's Note: recently Brother Duke informed us: his unit is rotating back to the States here any day now...just waiting on a plane. We are definitely quite excited! We actually got brought in off of a mission, and had a day to pack up our things. It was very exciting, but quite hectic. In theory, we should have a minimum of 12 months State-side, before we deploy again (next year).

God Bless Duke and his unit.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF HALL AND WALTERS FAMILIES

[2010 annual Pennsylvania Department Encampment held at New Cumberland.](#)

Some highlites:

Pennsylvania enacted a small increase in Department dues; National may invoke a per capita increase at National Encampment in August. Otherwise, camp 15 may consider a nominal increase in dues too to cover the increase of administrative costs and purchases! Camp dues for the past decade have been \$25 of which \$24 per capita for Pennsylvania and National authorities. Camp 15 dues at \$25 are one of the lowest in the Nation! Council has reviewed camp treasurer's suggestion for increase past 3 years and has taken no action.

Department and National increase will probably be \$7 for each Brother in 2011.

We are potentially looking at an increase from \$25 to \$35 to cover all per capita and operational expenses beginning January 2011. Brothers a \$10 overall increase is \$1.20 per month.

[Memorial Day Events](#) at historic Harrisburg Cemetery at 13th and State streets.

GROUP EFFORT PLACING FLAGS FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS



SPIGELMEYER BROTHERS AT ANCESTORS PLOT IN CIVIL WAR VETERANS AREA OF HARRISBURG CEMETERY!



SPIGELMEYER ANCESTOR, FIRST TOMBSTONE AMONG CIVIL WAR VETERANS PLOTS



THE REASON FOR OUR MEMORIAL VISIT – CIVIL WAR PLOTS



BROTHERS OF CAMP 15 AND COOPERS BATTERY READILY PRESENT FLAGS IN CIVIL WAR AREA.





SISTER AUDREY KYLE OF AUXILIARY 7 TO CAMP 15, PAYING TRIBUTE TO ENDERS' SITE FOR OUR BROTHER RUSS OTTENS IN GEORGIA.

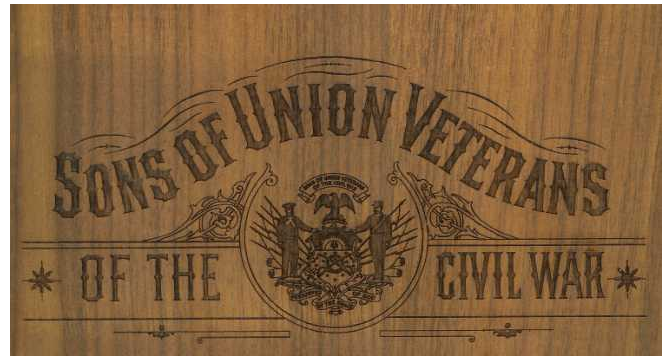


TRIBUTE TO VETERAN LAID TO REST AT INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETERY, ANNVILLE, PA. 2010

READERS MAY ENJOY PHOTOS OF CAMP 15'S MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS DISPLAYED IN PHOTO AREA AND NEWSLETTER AREA AT OUR CAMP WEBSITE AT www.sucwHarrisburgPA.org. MEMORIALDAY PHOTOS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN AVAILABLE IN JUNE AND JULY ISSUES. CHECK EM OUT AT YOUR LEISURE DURING THESE LAZY HAZY DAYS OF 2010.



ONE OF THE FEW FLAGS ON DISPLAY MEMORIAL DAY! WHAT HAPPEN TO ALL OF THE FLAGS ON DISPLAY FOLLOWING 911 EVENTS?



[National Civil War Museum](#) page

[The Heritage Miniatures Display by Malcom McPherson](#)

- Jul 17 - 18, 2010

A display of 1/2 scale working replicas of 18th & 19th century artifacts. Saturday, July 17th: 11am-2:30pm
Sunday, July 18th: 12:30pm-3pm

[The Dred Scott Story: A Slave Who Would be Free](#)

Jul 18, 2010 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM Presentation by Art Straub



ONE OF THE FEW PATRIOTIC HOMES IN THE AREA!

[142nd PA Volunteer Infantry, Co. F with Civil War Era Recruiting Tent](#)

Jul 17 - 18, 2010 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Rebels March on Washington! Governor Curtin calls for Able-Bodies Volunteers! Become a part of history!

["The Civil War Homefront" presentation by Jolene Busher](#) Jul 24, 12:00 01:00 PM

Jolene will talk about life on the home front during the Civil War including the role of women, Victorian etiquette and child rearing.

["The Role of the Church in the North during the Civil War" presentation by Jim Moss](#)

Jul 24, 2010 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

The emphasis is on the role of the Church in the North during the Civil War, and the young men in these churches who were being encouraged to enlist and fight. Book signing will follow the presentation for his book: *A History of the Civil War as presented by the Church Advocate*

[Clara Barton portrayed by professional actress Mary Ann Jung](#) Jul 25, 2010 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Proper ladies of her time were supposed to be quiet, get married, have children, and stay home. Miss Barton would have none of that! She defied society's conventions and risked her life in order to help others, thus becoming a true **heroine**. Audience members portray Yankees and Rebels, "nay-sayers" and believers, in order to discover why Americans fought each other in the Civil War and what that meant on a personal level.

[Living History Encampment - 4th Maryland Light Artillery & 42nd Mississippi Infantry Co. F](#)

Jul 24 - 25, 2010 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Come and experience a soldier's life in the 1860's!

["Victorian Etiquette" Presentation by Myra Reichart](#)

Jul 31, 2010 12:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Learn the ins and outs, the dos and don'ts of Victorian etiquette - from fan and parasol flirtation to the ballroom to the

mourning customs of the day - essentials for every well bred lady and gentleman.

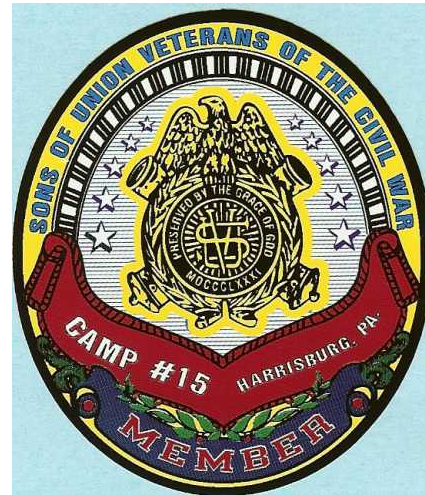
[Songs and Stories of the Civil War by Matthew Dodd](#)

Aug 01, 2010 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Dressed in period clothing, Matthew Dodd takes listeners back in time using songs from the period and related stories to explain what it was like to be a soldier of the North or South. Entertaining and educational for all ages.

[Living History Encampment - 31st Virginia Co. C](#)

Jul 31 - Aug 01, 2010 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM



CAMP 15 MEMBERSHIP STICKER FOR VEHICLE OR NOTE BOOKS!

[Camp 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!

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

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. 430 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

- ❑ 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.

We will eat about 1pm depending on the cooking staff!

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

[August 12 - 15 - National encampment convention, Overland Park, Kansas](#)

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

<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>

October 17, Sunday - Elections for 2011

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


[November – no Camp business meeting!](#)

December 12, Sunday - Annual Camp Holiday Banquet at Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland. Social time 11:30 – 12:30 Meal time approx 12:30 – 2:00.

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

[New Member](#)

Latest personnel profile submitted to Hartranft Herald

Name:	Michael S Proper		
Age: Town: High School: College:	50 Harrisburg Central Dauphin HACC and University of Baltimore - Police Science		
Occupation: Company:	Police Officer – Detective Juvenile Officer at Susquehanna Twp PD - 1984 – 2010 retired and Correctional Officer 83-84 US Army 80-83 Susquehanna Twp PD State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill Military Police Corps		
Organizations:	Fraternal Order of Police, Past President Lodge 78. Perseverance Lodge 21 F&AM Harrisburg Consistory Tall Cedars Boy Scouts of America District Chairman Military Police National Assoc VP Consistory Penbrook United Church of Christ Member church choir Life Member Intern'l Thespian Society and Modern Music Masters Camp Curtain Descendants Brigade		
Hobbies:	Collecting: GI Joes Lighthouses, Police Patches, Comic Books, Lincoln busts! Civil war history reading, boating, saltwater fishing, hunting and camping. Hiking and cycling too.		

Spouse:	Cindy Messner Proper	
Children:	Bryan M Proper 24 (Laura) Tyler S Proper 22 Corpsman US Navy deployed to Afghanistan! Grant R Proper 19	

My Civil War Ancestor and Great Great-Grandfather was Pvt. Charles Lynch. He served with 6th Pennsylvania Reserves, 35th Regiment of Towanda Rifles. He came from Bradford County, mustered into service at Camp Curtin during 1861 and was wounded during Battle of Fredericksburg 1862. Following 2-year hospital stay, he was presented with Surgeon discharge certificate of disability in 1864. Later he became local keeper of Lochiel Lock of Pennsylvania Canal off South Cameron Street in Harrisburg. He died in 1903 and is buried in Baldwin Cemetery in Steelton PA. GAR Post 58 of Harrisburg conducted funeral service for him. He was a member of GAR Post 58, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Another civil war ancestor, my great -great uncle Joseph Michael Proper was a private in Company D, 6th US Cavalry. He enrolled mid1861 at Pittsburgh PA and was discharged in 1864 at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

Another civil war ancestor, great, great uncle Pvt. Horace Proper member of Company M, 15th New York Artillery enlisted in 1864 at Poughkeepsie, NY and was wounded in left arm and shoulder at Petersburg VA. He received his honor discharge in 1865 at Philadelphia, PA.

Another civil war ancestor and great, great uncle Pvt. William H Proper member of Company E of 159th Regiment, US Infantry Volunteers, enlisted in 1862 at Taghkanic, NY., mustered in 11/1/62 was reported at Killed in Action, Port Hudson, Louisiana 5/27/63.

Forty-four Proper's have been reported to have served in the civil war, most from NY. Two Proper's moved south to George and served in the Confederate Army during the war of the rebellion.

Relation to other members of Camp 15 or Auxiliary 7: Donald Fry is a friend and serves on the Boy Scout district committee with me!

How did you learn about our organization? Donald Fry of Linglestown, PA!

Brother Michael, thank you for sharing your profile with the Brothers of camp 15 and the readers of the Hartranft Herald! Time to recruit your family!

Brothers of Camp 15 and Sisters of Auxiliary 7, please contact Hartranft Herald staff at DoubleD@Demmy.cc for an electronic copy of the worksheet to submit your profile. Continued! Upon receipt of the worksheet, you can open the electronic Word Document and save it to your computer. Complete it proofread it, save it again and then email your e-profile along with a likeable photo (preferably a jpg file). DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Profiles are included in future Hartranft Herald when time and space permits.

Next profile to appear has been submitted by Brother Al Spigelmeyer!