



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

Brothers or Families in Distress

This good news from Mrs. Art Longnaker:
"I am replying for Art. He is doing well after having had brain surgery on February 16. Please keep him in your prayers". Shirley

An update as we go to press: *On behalf of Art, we thank you for your prayers and concerns. He has "Up" days and "Down" days which the Dr. said is normal. At this point he is having a problem with his legs and is using a walker. He had a CT scan yesterday; don't know the results yet. He sees the Dr. on Wed. for his first check up. His stitches were removed Wed. Mar. 7. They had shaved his head; his hair is growing in and is now about 1/8 inch long. Keep up the prayers. Thank you. Shirley*

And this update from Brother David J. Klinepeter on wife Gloria following her hip surgery: *"Gloria had the staples pulled yesterday and is progressing quite well. She will be house bound another week or so; than outpatient PT."*
More recently, Mrs. K returned to hospital due to Upper Respiratory Infection-- Dave K.



Secretary's Corner by
Larry C. Sheibley

SUVCW Camp 15 Minutes
Sunday, February 18, 2007
The National Civil War
Museum, Harrisburg, PA

Officers Present:

Don Prye, Greg Kline, John Deppen, Larry Sheibley, David Demmy, Frank Haley, Kelly Betz

Officers Absent:

David Klinepeter, Gene Mascioli

Members Present:

Floyd Demmy, Norm Houser, William Kuhn, Lee Walters

Prior to the meeting, William Kuhn, Jr., exchanged his associate badge for a member badge. This status change was a result of his providing documentation of his great-great grandfather's Civil War service.

Welcome Major Russell E. Kratzer, Jr. retired USAR, who transferred from Camp 300, Pennsylvania's Members-at-Large camp. Brother Russell works with the Pennsylvania

Emergency Manage Agency and is quite busy!
We hope to see you in the near future.

Commander Prye called the SUVCW Camp 15 meeting to order at 2:00 pm. He welcomed back Brother [Frank Haley](#) who has been receiving treatment for a tumor. After the opening ceremony, roll was called. The minutes as printed in the January [Hartranft Herald](#) were approved. The camp treasury contains \$2828 as reported by Treasurer David Demmy.

Brother Demmy, camp chaplain, gave a health up-date on members. Brother Klinepeter has the flu and his wife is recovering from hip surgery.

[Norman L. Houser](#), approved for membership last month, was sworn-in at today's meeting. Welcome!

SUVCW PA Department Commander [Lee Walters](#) distributed information about the June 29 – July 1, 2007 Department Encampment in Bethlehem, the April 21 Appomattox luncheon in Williamsport, and the Andersonville medal honoring the 100-year rededication of the PA Monument.

The secretary made available the report of the official proceedings from the June, 2006, Fort Washington Encampment and the minutes of the November mid-term meeting in New Cumberland.

Camp 15 received an invitation to participate in the May Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade. We have marched for the past three years. Anyone interested in carrying our camp banner should contact the secretary by April 22, 2007.

Again this year, our camp's name was misspelled in an advertisement in the [Civil War News](#). H-A-R-T-R-A-N-F-T. Last year we were notified by a Hartranft family member and this year we received notification from Al Gambone, a Hartranft biographer. His biography, [Major-](#)

[General John Frederick Hartranft: Citizen Soldier and Pennsylvania Statesman](#) is available for \$30 plus \$3 shipping.

Three members have not paid the 2007 dues. A final notice will be sent to them. Anyone owing dues after April 1 will be dropped from the rolls.

Discussion on the sale of the seven reproduction 45.70 rifles followed Brother Greg Kline's motion to sell them. Brother David Demmy seconded the motion. Commander Prye gave the background information. Brother Walters recommended that the rifles be offered to Camp 15 members first. Brother Commander Prye will contact a western Perry County gun shooting club to check their interest. The motion passed unanimously. A committee will be formed to oversee the transaction.

Description:

Reproduction Rifle, US Model 1873
"Trapdoor Springfield"

7 ea. S/N per attached invoice

Overall Size (in inches) 52 inches

cal. .45-70

Condition: (Excellent), Good, Fair, Poor)

Date Acquired: 21 MAY 2007

Acquired From: Flintlocks Etc. via

Trop Gun Shop, Ltd.



45.70 rifles in Camp 15's inventory to include a gun safe and a sizable amount of ammo for these 45.70 reproduction models.

Brother John Deppen spoke about the Hartranft gravesite in Norristown which he visited in 2004. It contains an obelisk which is being used for target practice. He suggested that the Montgomery County Historical Society be notified to see if they have any plans on upgrading the area or any interest in such a project. Brother Commander Prye is setting a date for a camp visit to the site and a possible meeting with Society members. Philly cheese steaks will be a part of the tour.

Our Commander closed the camp at 2:56 pm.

Larry Sheibley, PCC, Camp 15 Secretary
larrysheibley@earthlink.net



Honorable Discharge

Camp 15 extends an honorable discharge to Brother [Richard Sheaffer](#) of Waynesboro, VA.

Brother Richard writes:

Dear David Demmy, "Cousin, I have decided to take a leave from Camp 15. I have only been able to attend one meeting -- The one I was inducted into the Camp. (FATHER'S DAY JUNE 2001 ALONG WITH THE LATE REV. MARTIN LANDIS) I joined at the invitation of my college roommate, the late Gilbert Kyle. Since his passing, (JUNE 2006) I have had 7 1/2 hour back surgery; during the surgery, I had a stroke and lost vision in my left eye! This has restricted my ability to drive. I enjoy the bulletin (HARTRANFT HERALD) and the stories by David J. Klinepeter. We grew up together in Penbrook (A SUBURB OF HARRISBURG). Give my love to your Dad and Mom and I shall continue to pray for much success for Camp 15. Sincerely yours, Richard Sheaffer.

Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, prayer is indeed a mighty deed – just ask

brothers our brothers and sisters! God Bless us and God Bless America.

Anyone desiring to write to any of our members, you may obtain addresses from Camp Chaplain, David W. Demmy at e-mail DoubleD@Demmy.cc. Or snail mail at 881 Sunny Hill Lane Hbg PA 17111 4690

Birthdays thus far this year

Kathy Stiffler, of California, and member of Ladies Auxiliary 7 to Camp 15! Happy Day!

Brothers: (in no particular order)

Norm Houser	Gene Mascioli
Stan Zeller	John Martin
Andy Crone	Russ Ottens
Ron Shireman	John Andrews

Happy Birthday to all and many more!

If your name is among the missing for the first quarter of 2007, please inform the *Hartranft Herald*.

News Corner by David W. Demmy, Sr.

The February Camp monthly meeting was held at the charming National Civil War Museum on Sunday, February 18th, Burrrrr, it was blustery on top of Reservoir Park. We appreciate the Brothers who took the time and effort and braved the coldness (after having chipped ice for several days just to get out of their driveways) to fellowship with us!



At this time, we do not have a lead on the weather for the weekend of our March meeting, but, come on out to our meetings and help the Commander formula field trips for us – to learn about and preserve our heritage.

Camp 15's March general meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 18, at 2 pm** in the National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg.

Please update your calendar accordingly with Camp 15 activities for 2007. As needed, contact the *Hartranft Herald* staff at DoubleD@Demmy.cc. If I can't plow snow, then call me 'Come on Spring'.

As your Camp treasurer, I have the following peel and stick item for you to display on your car, truck, RV, loose-leaf binders, tablets, packages, whatever. For a mere one-dollar each you may purchase a handful of these membership identifiers. Silver Certificates are not only welcomed, but appreciated. See me at meeting or e-mail me at DoubleD@Demmy.cc to make arrangements for payment and shipment.

Also, if you move or change your address and/or your e-mail address, please contact me or our Camp secretary, Brother Larry with your new information.

When the *Hartranft Herald* is issued to you at an old address, it costs us, a non-profit organization, \$.75 to obtain your new address. Most often the next edition is issued before the postal service notifies me and they charge me (the Camp) another \$.75.

The \$1 sticker is displayed next:



Shown about 3/4 size!

See additional items for sale by Camp 15, later in this issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.

Thanx to all Brothers who made donations to the Camp along with their 2007 dues remittances. All gifts to the Camp are greatly appreciated!

David W. Demmy, Chaplain, Treasurer, and Editor of your monthly newsletter, the *Hartranft Herald*.

As needed, contact the *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc

[Patriotic Instructor and GAR Historian](#)

By David J. Klinepeter



FEBRUARY 1950 LINCOLN MEMORIAL
WASHINGTON D.C.

MAJOR JOHN H. RUNKLE, (NATIONAL) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (MEMBER HARTRANFT CAMP 15 HARRISBURG) RETURNS FROM PLACING A WREATH AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

He is followed by the National Sons of Union Veterans colors. The color guard on the left is David Klinepeter (presently Camp 15 Patriotic Instructor). The flag carriers are unknown! The color guard on the right is Kenneth Hemminger (Past Department Commander of Penna 1952-1953) He was active in Hartranft Camp 15 many years.

After the program was over we would go to the Soldier's and Sailors Home in Washington for a luncheon and speaker. I particularly remember having time to chat with some of the Veterans of other wars living there. Major Runkle took the Sons of Union Veterans Colors to Washington D.C. for Lincolns Birthday a number of years.

MARCH 4, 1861

An atmosphere of tension enveloped Washington on that date, as President-elect Lincoln and President Buchanan rode from the Willard's Hotel to the Capitol. There was the usual pageantry, gaily uniformed militia companies, carriages filled with jubilant Republicans and so on. But observant citizens noted that far stricter precautions were being taken than in any previous inauguration ceremony. Infantry and cavalry lined the street, there was artillery just north of the Capitol, and sharpshooters were posted in the Capitol windows. The presidential party entered by a special passageway of heavy planks, solidly guarded by soldiers and marines.

In the Senate chamber Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine, took the oath of office as Vice President, administered by John C. Brackenridge, who soon after became a major general in the Confederate Army. About 25,000 people waited in the bright sunlight east of the Capitol, their eyes fixed on a wooden platform in front of the portico. When all was ready Senator Baker stepped forward and announced in his resonant voice: Fellow citizens I introduce to you Abraham Lincoln, President-elect of the United States, who will now proceed to deliver his inaugural address. Lincoln rose, put on his steel-bowed spectacles—a surprise too many, for his photographs had not shown glasses, and began to read. His clear, firm, rather shrill voice carried his words to the extremities of the crowd.

After five minutes, he declared, "I hold that, in contemplation of universal law and of the Constitution, the Union of these States is perpetual". *** Little did they know the war would last one month after his second inaugural in 1865*** DJK

I will have several other short items on Lincoln and information on Ephraim Slaughter at our March meeting. --- David J. Klinepeter.

[Special Announcement - The NARA proposal](#)
from Brother John Deppen

This special announcement is to inform everyone of a proposed increase of fees from the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA).

They are trying to raise the price of Civil War pension

records from \$37.00 to \$125.00 for on-line mail order requests.

Please read the specific information at the following links

The Request for Comments Write up
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-3162.htm>

The Proposed Rule
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-3160.htm>

Link to submit a comment
<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main>

- Enter the National Archives and Record Administration
- * in the Agency field
- Enter Proposed Rules in the Document Type
- Click on Submit



An alternative to the NARA

[Members Corner](#)

For, about, and by our members.

During recent meetings Chaplain David W. Demmy obligated the following brothers by offering the ceremonial oath of membership to them. Camp 15 welcomed these men into our ranks of the Sons:



BILL KUHN, JR., LEFT AND STANLEY ZELLERS AFTER TAKING OATH OF MEMBERSHIP FROM CAMP CHAPLAIN! IN BACKGROUND, BROTHERS KELLY BETZ, GENE MASCIOLI, AND FLOYD DEMMY LOOK ON!



HERE, JOHN DEPPEN APPLIES SUVCW MEMBERSHIP BADGE TO BROTHER STAN, CENTER, AND IN PHOTO BELOW, JOHN STICKS BROTHER BILL.



FRANK HALEY, CENTER, ESCORTED NEW MEMBER NORM HOUSER TO ALTAR. HERE COMMANDER DONNIE PRYE PRESENTS MEMBERSHIP BADGE TO BROTHER NORM.



CAMP MEMBERS, L TO R, KELLY BETZ, BILL KUHN, AND LEE WALTERS VIEW THE MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY OF NEW BROTHER NORM HOUSER.

Free photos available for the asking at the March meeting.



GREG KLINE, RIGHT, ACTING COMMANDER DURING JANUARY MEETING, EXPLAINS RITUALS AND CEREMONIES TO BROTHERS BILL AND STAN. BROTHER JOHN LOOKS ON.



FAR LEFT, BROTHER LARRY C. SHEIBLEY BEGINS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO GREET CAMP15'S NEWEST BROTHER.



BROTHER JOHN EXTENDS HAND OF FELLOWSHIP TO BROTHER NORM.
FROM LEFT BROTHERS JOHN, LARRY, NORM, DONNIE, FRANK AND GREG.

Photos provided by Chaplain David W. Demmy who presents the obligation oath of membership to each new member of Camp 15.

[Washington Tea Party - donation 50 cents](#)



[enjoy the 57 festivities!](#)

[Afterimage with General John F. Hartranft](#)



In honor of the Anniversary of Fort Steadman, March 25, 1865, the Hartranft Division, held their First Reunion on March 25, 1890, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

[A Look Back at Ulysses S. Grant](#)

MAJOR-GENERAL GRANT.

WE publish on page 145 a portrait of **MAJOR-GENERAL GRANT**, the hero of **Fort Donelson**. The following sketch of his life we take from the Herald:

Major-General Ulysses S. Grant was born at Point Pleasant, Clairmont County, Ohio, April 27, 1822, and entered West Point Military Academy from Ohio in 1839, where he graduated with honors in 1843, and was attached as brevet Second Lieutenant to the Fourth Infantry. He was promoted Second Lieutenant at Corpus Christi, in September, 1845, and served as such through Mexico, under General Taylor, at Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and Monterey, and under General Scott from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico, and was twice promoted for his bravery. He was regimental Quarter-master from April 1, 1847; and when he resigned the service, on the 31st of July, 1854, he was a full captain in the Fourth Infantry of regulars. After his resignation he settled in St. Louis County, Missouri, and moved from there to Galena, Illinois, in 1860. Upon the breaking out of the present war he offered his services to Governor Yates, and was appointed Colonel of the 21st Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and served with his regiment until promoted a Brigadier-General, with commission and rank from the 17th of May, 1861. He was engaged as Colonel and acting Brigadier-General in several of the contests in Southeastern Missouri; and his course as commander of the southeast district of Missouri has been thoroughly scrutinized, and among his most praiseworthy acts was the occupation of Paducah, and stoppage of communication and supplies to the rebels via the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. The manner in which he conducted the battle of Belmont is still fresh in our readers' minds. The rest of his course as commander there is too well known to be repeated here, and certain it is that this action in every instance has been applauded both by his superior officers and the people. After the **capture of Fort Henry** a new district was created, under the denomination of the District of West Tennessee, and General Grant was assigned by **General Halleck** to the command of it.

General Grant's performance at Fort Henry, and especially his correspondence with the rebel General Buckner, are fresh in our readers' memories. He was at once appointed a Major-General by the President, and was unanimously confirmed by Congress.

Source: Harper's Weekly, March 8, 1862.

Interesting news from the 1862 Harper's Weekly. Even more interesting is that stories from the old Harper's Weekly are relatively easy to access!

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It's not too late to make Christmas purchases:

December 1862
HOLIDAY GOODS.
Schuyler, Hartley & Graham,
19 Maiden Lane AND 22 John Street,
15 Rue d'Enghein, Paris.
47 Hampton St., Birmingham, Eng.
Are now receiving by every Steamer
New and desirable styles of
FRENCH AND ENGLISH FANCY GOODS,
Suitable for the Holiday trade,
Consisting in part of
BRONZES, MANTEL ORNAMENTS, MARBLE
CLOCKS,
CARD RECEIVERS, PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
PORTMONNAIES,
ODEUR CASES, FIELD AND OPERA GLASSES,
WORK BOXES,
DRESSING CASES, PARTY & BRIDAL FANS,
LEATHER BAGS.
Also, a great variety of
FINE JET AND CORAL GOODS,
To which they invite the attention of all parties purchasing
in this line. A full Stock of
MILITARY GOODS, GUNS, PISTOLS, CUTLERY,
PLATED WARE, WATCHES, DIAMONDS, ETC.
Also FINE ENGLISH SKATES.
Entrance 19 Maiden Lane or 22 John Street.
Source: Harper's Weekly December 13, 1862 p 800

[Feature Article from Harper's Weekly \[SIC\]](#)

This event took place on **March 9, 1862**, and was reported in the The New York Times the following day.

The Monitor and Merrimac clash!

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

Fortress Monroe, Saturday, March 8 - The dullness of Old Point was startled today by the announcement that a suspicious looking vessel, supposed to be the Merrimac, looking like a submerged house, with the roof only above water, was mowing down from Norfolk by the channel in front of the Sowel's Point batteries. Signal guns were also fired by the Cumberland and Congress, to notify the Minnesota, St. Lawrence and Roanoke of the approaching danger, and all was excitement in and about Fortress Monroe.

There was nothing protruding above the water but a flagstaff flying the rebel flag, and a short smokestack. She moved along slowly, and turned into the channel leading to Newport's News, and streamed direct for the frigates Cumberland and Congress which were lying at the mouth of the James River.

As soon as she came within range of the Cumberland, the latter opened on her with heavy guns, but the balls struck and glanced off, having no more effect than peas from a pop-gun. Her ports were all closed, and she moved on in silence, but with a full head of steam.

In the meantime, as the Merrimac was approaching the two frigates on one side, the rebel iron-clad steamers Yorktown and Jamestown came down James River, and engaged our frigates on the other side. The batteries at New Port's news also opened on the Yorktown and Jamestown, and did all in their power to assist the Cumberland and Congress, which, being sailing vessels, were at the mercy of the approaching steamers.

The Merrimac, in the meantime, kept steadily on her course, and slowly approached the Cumberland, when she and the Congress, at a distance of one hundred yards, rained full broadsides on the iron-clad monster, that took, no effect, the balls glancing upwards, and flying off having only the effect of checking her progress for a moment.

After receiving the first broadside of the two frigates, she ran on to the Cumberland, striking her about midships, and literally laying open her sides. She then drew off, and fired a broadside into the disabled ship, and again dashed against her with her iron-clad prow, and knocking in her side, left her to sink while she engaged the Congress, which laid about a quarter of a mile distant.

The Congress had, in the meantime, kept up a short engagement with the Yorktown and Jamestown and having no regular crew on board of her, and seeing the hopelessness of resisting the iron-clad steamer, at once struck her colors. Her crew had been discharged several days since, and three companies of the Naval Brigade had been put on board temporarily, until she could be

relieved by the St. Lawrence, which was to have gone up on Monday to take her position as one of the blockading vessels of the James River.

On the Congress striking her colors, the Jamestown approached and took from on board of her, all her officers as prisoners, but allowed the crew to escape to boats. The vessel being thus cleared, was fired by the rebels, when the Merrimac and her two iron-clad companions opened with shell and shot on the Newport's News batteries. The firing was briskly returned. Various reports have been received. . . Some of them represent that the garrison had been compelled to retreat from the batteries to the woods. Another was that the two smaller rebel steamers had been compelled to retreat from their guns.

In the meantime the steam-frigate Minnesota, having partly got up steam, was being towed up to the relief of the two frigates, but did not get up until it was too late to assist them. She was also followed up by the frigate St. Lawrence, which was taken in tow by several of the small harbor steamers. It is rumored, however, that neither of these vessels had pilots on board them, and after a short engagement, both of them seemed to be, in the opinion of the pilots on the Point, aground. The Minnesota either intentionally or from necessity, engaged the three steamers at about a mile distance, with only her two bow guns. The St. Lawrence also poured in shot from all the guns one could bring to bear, and it was the impression of the most experienced naval officers on the point that both had been considerably damaged. These statements, it must be borne in mind, are all based on what could be seen by a glass at a distance of nearly eight miles, and from a few panic stricken combatants who fled at almost the first gun from Newport's News.

Previous to the departure of the steamer for Baltimore, no guns had been fired for half an hour, the last one being fired from the Minnesota. Some persons declared that immediately after this last gun was fired, a volume of vapor was seen to rise from the Merrimac, indicating the explosion of her boiler. Whether this is so or not, cannot be known, but it was the opinion that the rebel monster was hard aground.

Fears were of course for the safety of the Minnesota and St. Lawrence in such an unequal contest; but if the Merrimac was really ashore, she could do no more damage. It was the intention of the Minnesota, with her picked and gathered crew, to run into close quarters with the Merrimac, avoid her iron prow and board her. This the Merrimac seemed not inclined to give her an opportunity to do.

At 8 o'clock, when the Baltimore boat left, a fleet of steam-tugs were being sent up to the relief of the Minnesota and the St. Lawrence, and an endeavor was to be made to draw them off the bar on which they had grounded. In the meantime the firing had suspended; whether from mutual consent or necessity, could not be ascertained.

The battery at Pig Point was also enabled to join in the combined attack on the Minnesota, and several gates were fired at last from Sewall's Point as she went up. None of them struck her, but one or two of them passed over her.

Modern Day Update. At the USS Monitor Center in Newport News, Va., exactly 145 years after the USS Monitor faced off with the Confederate ship, the Virginia, in the first clash of Ironclads, a \$30 million center dedicated to the Union vessel opened this month. The Center is a new wing of the Mariners' Museum.

[What did you do during the recent Valentine's Day](#) sweetheart snow storm in the northeast?

We know our Commander, Donnie Prye, was out driving around in his PennDot truck,



FILE PHOTO PENNLIVE.COM

but did you know that the Hartranft Herald staff was out over 40 hours plowing and shoveling too.



PHOTO FROM CPUMC CAMPUS VALLEY ROAD COLONIAL PARK.

No time to volunteer at SUVVCW National HQs this week!

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EIGHT INCHES OF SNOW BECOMES EIGHT FEET – SHOULD BE HERE FOR EASTER; BUT RECENT RAINS AND EARLY SPRING TEMPERATURES MELTED A GOOD BIT OF IT AWAY!

Members, if you have documents or a wonderful Civil War story, please share it with us for enclosure into your *Hartranft Herald*.

Stories include news items and activities by your ancestors or whatever you may be doing lately. You may share your story and pictures too!

Send items to DoubleD@Demmy.cc. Or mail to:

David W. Demmy, Sr.

881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111-4690

PHOTOS ARE ALWAYS RETURNED!

Civil War cartoons accepted

Civil War stories accepted
PLEASE PROVIDE SOURCES!

Civil War photos accepted

Stories on your ancestors or your spouse's ancestors are accepted

See list on Camp 15's website.

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our Memorial Day event on May 26th.



Camp 15 has the following nationwide SUVCW items for sale.
Help support your Camp.

Belt buckles for sale



Solid Brass *Belt Buckle*

\$26 + \$4 S&H each \$30 total

Lifetime Guarantee Fits

Up to 1-3/4 inch Belt

Shipped Priority Mail

Make check or money order payable to

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
523 South Fourth Street
Newport, PA 17074-1316

These Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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nationwide by Camp 15 of Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania

Please place your order for your belt buckles
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general meeting at National Civil War Museum.
Then you can readily wear the belt buckle at

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Displays Full Color SUVCW Badge.
Blue Lettering on White Background with Red
Border

Very impressive; just look at other plates the
next time you are at a mall or another busy
parking lot!

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Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Donald W. Prye, II
RR 4, Box 4790
Mifflintown, PA 17059-9663

WHAT'S ON YOUR VEHICLE?

Please place your order for your belt buckles
today or purchase them at the May 20th
general meeting at National Civil War Museum.
Then you can readily display your plate on your
car or truck for our Memorial Day event on
May 26th.

Above 2 items, make great gifts for Mother's Day,
Graduation Day, Father's Day, birthdays, other
activities, and just about any gift giving day.
Order now! Or pick them up at a meeting and save

S & H. Your patronage is greatly appreciated.



[Appomattox Luncheon April 21, 2007 - 1 pm](#)

The annual Appomattox luncheon will be held on April 21, 2007 at 1 pm at Genetti Hotel & Suites 200 West 4th Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 Phone 800-321-1388

Menu Selections are Roast Beef and Roast Vermont Turkey. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Kindly make your reservation(s) and Luncheon selection(s) and remit payment **no later than April 7, 2007** to Faye M. Carlisle, P O Box 23, Cogan Station PA 17728-0023. Contact Faye as needed at 570-998-2591.

Name	menu selection
Name	menu selection
Name	menu selection

If you would like to stay overnight, room rates at \$67 single and \$73 double. Upon registering, please inform hotel that you will be attending the luncheon on April 21.

Note Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Pennsylvania will hold a meeting at Genetti Hotel on April 21, 2007 at 11 a.m.

We hope to see you at the meeting and luncheon.
--- Faye Carlisle

For driving directions, send note to *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc

[For Sale by 2007 Pennsylvania Encampment Committee:](#)

The 100-year re-dedication of the PA Monument Badge at Andersonville, GA. The badge is .999 sterling silver drop; number limited to only 300 badges. A commemorative book, shown below, is

included with badge. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$5.00 S & H. for total cost of \$30.00. See badge below.

Make remittance payable to Encampment Committee PA. Joseph Long, Jr. 505 Marcy Street, Duryea, PA 18542.



The price of silver is worth the cost of this Outstanding Badge to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Pa Monument at Andersonville.

Make your order today before these items go up for sale on  .



Painting by Gary Casteel

**100th Anniversary of the Dedication
of the Pennsylvania Monument
at
Andersonville, Georgia**

**Wednesday, 2:00 PM, December 7, 2005
Andersonville National Cemetery
Pennsylvania Monument**

Here is your invitation to attend the 2007 Pennsylvania Department Encampment Convention

Brothers and Sisters

You are cordially invited to attend the 2007 Department Encampment/Convention of the Allied Orders, which includes the Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons and the Daughters of Union Veterans. The Encampment/Convention will be held on:

June 29, 30 & July 1, 2007

at the

BEST WESTERN LEHIGH VALLEY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Room Rates are \$89 per night (plus tax)

Reservations are to be made under the

"ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC"

Cut off date for room reservations at above rate is **May 28, 2007**

Contact the Hotel directly at Phone: 610-866-5800 Fax: 610-867-9120 or Toll Free: 1-888-222-8512

Or at the following internet address: www.lehighvalleyhotel.com

Meeting rooms are reserved as follows:

Sons of Union Veterans (Lehigh Room)

Auxiliary to the Sons (Cedar Crest Room)

Daughters of Union Veterans (Lafayette Room)

Courtesy (Moravian Room)

Sales for Auxiliary and Daughters (Muhlenberg Room).

Driving directions are as follows:

From Points South:

Take PA Turnpike (I-476) North to Exit 56 (Lehigh Valley Exit). Follow Route 22 East for 9 miles to Route 512-Center Street Exit. From the exit, turn right to go North onto Route 512. Follow Route 512 North to the second traffic light and turn Right onto Gateway Drive. Best Western is the second Hotel on the Left.

From Points North:

Take PA Turnpike (I-476) South to Exit 56 (Lehigh Valley Exit). Follow Route 22 East for 9 miles to Route 512-Center Street Exit. From the exit, turn right to go North onto Route 512. Follow Route 512 North to the second traffic light and turn Right onto Gateway Drive. Best Western is the second Hotel on the Left.

From Points West:

Follow I-78 East to Route 22 East. Travel on Route 22 East for 12 miles to Route 512-Center Street Exit. From the exit, turn right to go North onto Route 512. Follow Route 512 North to the second traffic light and turn Right onto Gateway Drive. Best Western is the second Hotel on the Left.

From Points East:

Follow I-78 West to Route 33 North. Take Route 33 North to Route 22 West. Follow Route 22 West for 9 miles to Route 512-Center Street Exit. From the exit, turn right to go North onto Route 512. Follow Route 512 North to the second traffic light and turn Right onto Gateway Drive. Best Western is the second Hotel on the Left.

Q: Dear *Hartranft Herald* what did it cost to attend the 66th annual Department of Pennsylvania Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 1932? **A:** Here are a few per-day hotel rates in downtown Harrisburg in 1932: The Penn-Harris Hotel \$2.50 to \$5.00; Senate Hotel \$2.00 to \$3.00; Wm. Penn Hotel \$1.50 to \$3.50; the Bolton Hotel \$1.50 and up; Dauphin Hotel \$1.50 to \$2.50; and the charming Alva Hotel \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Note - most of these Harrisburg Hotels are still operating in downtown Harrisburg today. -- *Hartranft Herald*.

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Here is your opportunity to place an advertisement, a dedication, or an honor for an ancestor in the 2007 encampment book.

Follow directions below and send your remittance to Brother Joe, as indicated, by **May 30, 2007!**

See Camp 15 member, David W. Demmy for a sample of ads, dedications or honors at a meeting near you.

Use the information below to order your ad and send checks made out to:

**Joseph Long Jr.
Encampment Committee
505 Marcy St.
Duryea, PA 18642**

Deadline for receipt of ads is May 30, 2007. Rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$40.00
Half Page	\$22.00
1/4 Page	\$13.00
1/8 page	\$ 8.00
Name & Title	\$ 3.00
Name	\$ 2.00

If you are not attending the Encampment, but would like an Encampment Booklet sent to you, please indicate:

Yes: _____ No: _____

The Encampment Committee will strive to provide an enjoyable encampment for everyone. We look forward to seeing you in June!

Please be advised that the Hotel has suggested we have a buffet luncheon on Friday and Saturday. The Hotel has another guest and other events scheduled at the same time as our Encampment. The dining room and its staff can only accommodate a certain amount of space and patrons at lunch time; therefore, by agreeing to a buffet would insure us getting back to our afternoon meetings on time. Prior to the Encampment, we will need to know the number of persons who will use the buffet on the above mentioned days. Kindly let us know at the same time you advise us of your joint banquet reservations. Your prompt response to these requests will be greatly appreciated and will insure that the Site Committee has ample time to do a good job!

For your information.....

The Hotel has a free complimentary breakfast.
The Hotel also offers a continental breakfast at \$6.95, plus tax and tip.

Lunch Buffet: Friday and Saturday - \$10.00 per person (to be paid in advance)
Coffee and tea is included. Cost of soda is \$1.50

Friday _____	Name _____
Friday _____	Name _____
Saturday _____	Name _____
Saturday _____	Name _____

Banquet: **Prime Rib (\$30.00)** _____ **Chicken Cordon Bleu (\$27.00)** _____

_____	NAME	_____	NAME
_____	NAME	_____	NAME

All reservations are to be sent to: **Joseph Long Jr., 505 Marcy St., Duryea, PA 18642** with checks made payable to: **Encampment Committee**. The final date for reservations to be received is **June 13, 2007**.

Brothers and sisters, advertisements in the encampment book help defray the ongoing costs of conducting our annual business. You can submit a mere business card or a **TRIBUTE TO YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR(S)** or other veterans to boot! Send a birthday greeting to your spouse, advertise your business, your brother-in-law's business, or send a greeting to the Allied Orders, for the June 2007 encampment.

[Camp 15's Calendar of Events for 2007](#)

March – This Sunday 18 th	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
April – Sunday 15 th	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
May	Camp Field Trip. TBA
May – Sunday 20 th	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
May – Saturday 26 th	Annual Memorial Day outing at historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Placing flags upon veterans' gravesites.
June	Camp Field Trip. TBA
June	No general meeting. Field trip under consideration!
June 28 th – 29 th – 30 th	127th Annual Pennsylvania State Department Encampment (convention) at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
July – Sunday 8 th	Annual Camp Picnic at Fort Hunter along Susquehanna River.
August 9 th – 10 th – 11 th	126 th National Encampment (convention).
September – Sunday 16 th	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
October – Sunday 21 st	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
November	No general meeting.
November – Saturday 17 th	Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.
December – Sunday 9 th	Annual Holiday Party at Doc Holliday's Restaurant, Limekiln Road, <u>Exit 40A</u> , New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Celebrate the Installation of Officers for 2008 at this annual event. 

Events at THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

March 10 Curator lecture 2 pm

June 23-24 Civil War Trails Discovery Weekend

July 14 Family Fun Day & Camp Out

October 5 Dinner with President Lincoln prepared by former White House Chef Walter Scheib

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 the Civil War,
- ❑ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
- ❑ Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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[New for 2007, a year long Series on the GAR](#)

A continuation from the New England Magazine, August 1890. Vol. II. No. 6. , pages 603 to 633

The ritual was of wearisome length. The latter was soon reformed, and the district attachment was dropped later. There was some delay, owing to local differences, before the members first obligated were organized into a post, designated as No. 2, but this was effected probably in June, 1866, the charter list including twenty-seven names. Contrary to the custom adopted later of ignoring all military titles and designating all members alike as comrades, the rank previously held by the original charter members of Post 2 is given, and it is curious to note that in this list were two generals, two colonels, one lieutenant-colonel, six majors, seven captains, two lieutenants, one surgeon (Dr. Stephenson), and six without titles. Four days after the organization of Post 1 of Decatur, five members were mustered in due form, under date of April 10, and these constituted the first recruits of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As embodying the ideas of the founders of the order, it is of interest to quote here the original declaration of principles and purposes promulgated in connection with the earliest organization, as follows : —

SECTION I. The soldiers of the Volunteer Army of the United States, during the Rebellion of 1861-5, actuated by the impulses and convictions of patriotism and of eternal right, and combined in the strong bands of fellowship and unity by the toils, the dangers, and the victories of a long and vigorously waged war, feel themselves called upon to declare, in definite form of words and in determined co-operative action, those principles and

rules which should guide the earnest patriot, the enlightened freeman, and the Christian citizen in his course of action; and to agree upon those plans and laws which should govern them in a united and systematic working method by which, in some measure, shall be effected the preservation of the grand results of the war, the fruits of their labor and toil, so as to benefit the deserving and worthy.

SECTION II. The results which are designed to be accomplished by this organization are as follows : —



General John F. Hartranft.

1st. The preservation of those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together with the strong cords of love and affection the comrades in arms of many battles, sieges, and marches.

2d. To make these ties available in works and results of kindness, of favor and material aid to those in need of assistance.

3d. To make provision, where it is not already done, for the support, care, and education of soldiers' orphans, and for the maintenance of the widows of deceased soldiers.

The General

4th. For the protection and assistance of disabled soldiers, whether disabled by wounds, sickness, old age, or misfortune.

5th. For the establishment and defence of the

surrection, treason, or rebellion, or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, together with a defence of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men.



General John C. Robinson.

late soldiery of the United States, morally, socially, and politically, with a view to inculcate a proper appreciation of their services to their country, and to a recognition of such services and claims by the American people.

[The Indianapolis Convention of November, 1866, added "sailors" to the first line of section one, and also the following article in the second section:] —

6th. The maintenance of true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon paramount respect for, and fidelity to, the national constitution and laws, manifested by the discountenancing of whatever may tend to weaken loyalty, incite to in-

to those wounded and disabled in the service of our common country.

Resolved, That as we have stood by the Government at the peril of our lives in war, so will we make it ever our care that no known enemy of our country shall wield power in the Republic, but the same arms which defended its sanctuary against open violence will protect it unflinchingly against all secret machinations, and never lay down our weapons until peace based on the principles of universal liberty shall be assured.

Resolved, That treason consummated in rebellion is a crime of the most malignant nature, and that every possible guarantee should be demanded

Later additions as to non-partisanship have already been quoted.

The work of organizing posts was now rapidly pushed, and before the end of 1866 the order had extended into Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Arkansas, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, and Wisconsin. One singular fact, illustrating the crude condition of affairs at this time, is that the original charter of Post 2 of Philadelphia was issued by authority of the Acting Commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

It was deemed advisable to hold a convention, and as the district system of representation would have provided only a small membership, the call for the proposed gathering invited delegates from each then existing post, and in addition representatives generally of the soldiery of Illinois. This convention met in Springfield, Illinois, July 12, 1866. Fifty names were appended to the call, including such representative soldiers as Dr. Stephenson, General John A. Logan, General John M. Palmer, and Chaplain Rutledge. The following resolutions, presented by General S. A. Hurlbut, were adopted: —

Resolved, That we, the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic, recognizing the power of the principles of association, do hereby pledge ourselves, each to the other, to render all material aid and assistance in supplying the wants of the widow and the fatherless, and in furnishing employment to the poor, and

Series to be continued in your April *Hartranft Herald*.

Wear The Badge



Looking Ahead into April:

- Next General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2007.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear in your 2007 *Hartranft Herald*.
- Have you submitted your BIO! (Member's profile) Why not begin work on it today!
- Keep a copy of your schedule of events and calendar handy for reference.
- More on Honest Abe in your April Issue of the *Hartranft Herald*.

In F, C, and L,

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

--- End of March 2007 Hartranft Herald ---

