



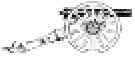
Hartranft Herald

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 125th Anniversary



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--- Brrrrr a bit chilly – come to our meeting and warm up inside the Museum ---

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!

Commander's Report by Greg Kline

Greetings, Brothers!

It may be early March, but Camp 15 is already getting over the winter blues and preparing for a successful and active 2008. The February meeting was very productive. We settled on a format for our soon to be published Camp history which will be available shortly to our members in this, our 125th year of service to the Capital region. After much discussion and debate over possible alternatives, I was happy to see the Camp choose to produce the history in full color and to have this done in house, where we can maintain control of publishing costs and quantities in the future. The Camp history will soon be available to all Brothers who request a copy and will also be distributed to local libraries, the Mayor's office, etc. to ensure that Camp 15's proud history is available to future generations.

I would ask that you all pay particular attention to Senior Vice-Commander Deppen's article which appears in this month's Hartranft Herald. It deals with an issue which many of you may already be familiar with, the destruction of the

diorama depicting the Battle of Palmetto Ranch which was donated by the students of Highland High School in Gilbert, Arizona to the Texas Military Forces Museum in Austin, Texas. I won't summarize the article here but will leave it to each of you to read it and act accordingly. Let's just say, my letter is already in the mail.

Hope to see you all at the March meeting!
Yours in F, C & L, Greg

Happy Birthday to Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7 March birthday personnel:

Norm Houser – Halifax, PA
Lynn Kyle, Jr. – Linden, PA
A Blessed Easter to All.

Ladies of the auxiliary, wanta share your birth month with us so you can be recognized in this publication!

If your name is missing from this birthday roster for this period, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* with corrective information.

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SUVCW Camp #15 Minutes

Sunday, February 17, 2008
Pennsylvania Ballroom
National Civil War Museum

Officers Present:

Greg Kline, John Deppen, Larry Sheibley, Dave Demmy, Dave Klinepeter, Kelly Betz, Don Prye

Officers Absent:

Stan Zellers, Frank Haley, Gene Mascioli

Members Present:

David Demmy, Jr.; Floyd Demmy; Lee Walters

Camp Commander Kline called the meeting to order at 14:03.

Camp Secretary Sheibley read the January minutes which were approved. He showed a certificate that Camp #15 purchased a National Civil War Museum brick in honor of General John F. Hartranft. This brick will be paced in the museum walkway.

Camp Treasurer Demmy, Sr., reported \$3400 in the treasury. To be taken from this stated amount, in April, will be state and national dues for each member. Five brothers have not paid their 2008 dues. A second dues notice will be sent to each one of the five.

PA Department Commander Walters reminded brothers of the 12 April Appomattox luncheon to be held in Scranton, sponsored by Camp #8.

Camp #15 accepted the membership of Robert L. Shadle, Jr., by unanimous vote. He is from Selinsgrove, PA, and great grandson of Civil War veteran Daniel Snyder. The camp welcomes brother #51. He was not present to be initiated.

Discussion of the Camp #15 history booklet followed. The book is finished and awaiting printing. It was decided that the history book would be printed in color and in-house by Brother Dave W. Demmy, Jr., one of our newest members. It would have an 8.5" X 11" format with a clear plastic cover and plastic spine. The printing cost will be about \$900. Brother Klinepeter donated \$100 toward these

printing costs. The Camp Commander called a 10-minute break for brothers to see book samples and to discuss the project. Brother Prye moved that the Camp history book be printed; Brother Klinepeter seconded the motion.

Brother Demmy, Sr., stated that each member will receive a postcard which must be returned in order to obtain a book. [This procedure will save the Camp about \$10 on each person who does not wish to have a book]. Anyone wanting an additional history booklet may purchase one.

Camp #15 will send representatives to the Saturday, May 24, 2008 wreath-laying ceremony at General John F. Hartranft's grave in the Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown. It was suggested that Brother Shireman and his wife, Helen, attend. She is the great, great, granddaughter of General Hartranft. Other brothers will be flagging graves at the Harrisburg Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Brother Klinepeter, Patriotic Instructor, stated that on Remembrance Day in Gettysburg he donated a Camp #15 belt buckle and license plate to Brother Kuhn, National Camp-in-Chief and Camp #15 brother.

It was mentioned that the Camp may participate in the Armed Forces Day celebration on City Island, Harrisburg, 17 May 2008.

Patriotic Instructor Klinepeter spoke about the plot to assassinate President Lincoln during his Civil War visit to Harrisburg.

Department Commander Walters noted that the latest state newsletter, The Battle Cry of Freedom, has a touch of color on the first page. Saturday, March 1, there is a Civil War Re-enactment Expo and help is needed.

The Commander closed the meeting at 15:38.

Larry Sheibley, PCC
Camp #15 Secretary

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[Brothers or Families in Distress](#)

Note from Frank Haley: "Couldn't make the last meeting as I was in the hospital. Hopefully that might be my last Chemo. I will now be starting to have radiation treatments. At least I won't have to stay in the hospital these treatments. Yes I hope to be getting back to attending the meetings soon. It sure is different living alone. [I] Miss Marge very much"! -- Frank

Editor's Note: The *Hartranft Herald* saw Brother Frank visiting CrossPoint church recently. He looks and sounds well! He still has that firm hand-shake. We hope to see you at a meeting Frank, if you're not too tired to venture out after your radiation treatments.

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[Patriotic Instructor and GAR Historian](#)

by Dave Klinepeter

THE CANTEEN SYMBOL AND THE G.A.R.
For the old soldier of the GAR, the canteen, the simple, yet iconic symbol of their military service, so common yet so significant and, necessary for survival. Many remembered back to the days on march and in battle when the canteen and its contents were what kept them alive, and since the men were willing to share this vital commodity to stay alive or lessen pain, that in the post-war memorial period, they looked back fondly on the canteen as the shared symbol of their service and sacrifice.

Thus above all other insignia or symbols, the humble canteen carried a sense of honor, duty, comradeship in hardship and sacrifice. It became a common symbol and device associated with their military or army service.. In Late Victorian period, insignia, badges ribbons and other memorabilia became iconic in society, so it is not unusual that the old veterans loved the display of military service in the form of ribbons, badges and symbols.

At every unit reunion, post gathering, Memorial Day ceremony, departmental or national encampment, they would collect and wear souvenir badges – the fashion of wearing badges and ribbons had become very popular with the

nationwide organization. Editor's Note: [Printers, manufacturers of badges and ribbons and jewelers too loved the notion]. Most of the badges were not authorized by the GAR organization, but were produced en mass for purchase and display. The canteen and memorial verse "we drank from the same canteen" symbolized the shared experience in military service, the pride of the honorable service and comradeship embodied in that humble but symbolic icon, the canteen.

(from the newsletter of the Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia , PA.) Provided by David J. Klinepeter, Camp 15.



GAR canteen

GAR canteen pendant

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[No respect for World War I veteran](#)

By KAREN BRANCH-BRIOSO, The Tampa Tribune

Published: February 7, 2008

TAMPA - World War I veteran Harry Landis has died in Sun City Center at the age of 108, leaving 107-year-old Frank Buckles of West Virginia as the nation's last known surviving World War I veteran.

Landis died Monday at Sun Terrace Health Care Center in Sun City Center, his caregiver Donna Riley said. Until his final week, when he had trouble swallowing and left his apartment for Sun Terrace, the famously healthy Landis' only medication was eye drops for glaucoma.

"He only took eye drops and a vitamin," Riley said. "He would laugh and say he always had a better immune system than just about all his family members. He said it had to do with eating fresh vegetables, growing things himself." Editor's Note: where is the respect for this veteran! Very little appeared in Pennsylvania newspapers

except for a letter to editor implying flags across America should have been lowered for this patriot! One veteran remains!

[New Rifles for sale by Camp 15](#)

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 2003

Acquired From: Flintlocks Etc. via
Trop Gun Shop, Ltd.



Photo

Camp 15 has 2 'repro' rifles for sale!
Contact Greg Kline, Cdr with queries.
Rifles are currently under lock and key in
Central Pennsylvania.

[Busy SUVCW Brothers at Camp 19](#)

Remembering Civil War vets
Group seeks funds for burial site



A Civil War-era cannon stands at the Grand Army of the Republic burial site in **Lancaster** Cemetery, Lancaster, PA.

..... Until 1995, **John Heine** knew nothing of the heroics of these men — his great-grandfather and his two great-uncles — or the three other members of the Hanson family from Manayunk who fought for the Union in the Civil War.

Since then, **Heine**, who moved to **Lancaster** from Philadelphia in 1962, has been on a mission to preserve their memories — and those of other Union veterans of the bloody conflict.

Heine is working to raise money for the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George H. Thomas Camp 19**, which plans to restore a Civil War-era cannon that stands watch over the graves of 206 Union soldiers in **Lancaster** Cemetery.

Their remains are clustered in the Grand Army of the Republic burial site, a scruffy patch of grass in the northeastern corner of the sprawling city cemetery.

Heine's organization — which cares for that GAR site and a similar one with 76 Union soldiers in the city's Greenwood Cemetery — has raised about \$1,500 toward its \$4,800 fundraising goal.

The money will pay for the replacement of a dilapidated concrete foundation beneath the cannon. If repairs aren't made, **Heine** said, the cannon, built in 1844, may collapse.

Stevens College of Technology has agreed to help by donating materials and the skills of its masonry students, who plan to install a new concrete foundation and a brick wall around its perimeter.

They also plan to add decorative brick pavers to the surface of the base and create a walkway around a flagpole that marks the grave site.

But more money is needed to pay for removal of the concrete base beneath the cannon.

Heine, treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans, has approached several local construction companies for donations of labor or materials but said he hasn't heard back from any of them.

"There's a lot of charitable people in **Lancaster**, but it seems like the money's running dry," he said. "I've been working on this for two years, and the repairs need to get started."

While most local Union veterans are buried in family plots, some chose to be interred with their comrades in cemeteries established by the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization for Union soldiers, Heine said.

The GAR also provided low-cost or free burials for indigent veterans and those with no surviving family members. Many soldiers buried in Greenwood were living in an almshouse, or poorhouse, when they died, he said.

As veterans began to die off, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was formed to continue to honor Union soldiers.

Today, Camp 19 has 42 members, who maintain a database of nearly 8,000 Lancaster County Civil War veterans. The members work with local Boy Scout troops to replace illegible headstones in the GAR cemeteries with new ones.

The two groups also maintain the grave sites and adorn them with U.S. flags on Memorial Day and other holidays. In 2005, the Sons of Union Veterans erected a new flagpole at the Lancaster Cemetery GAR burial grounds.

"Our main purpose is to honor the men who fought to preserve the Union to make sure they're not forgotten and to take care of their grave sites," Heine said.

He joined the group after learning about his family's Civil War history from a relative doing genealogical research.

Those interested in contributing to the cemetery project can send a check payable to "SUVCW Camp 19" to John Heine, 751 Emerald Drive, Lancaster 17603. For more information, contact Heine at 397-0051.

Source: **Intelligencer Journal**, Published: Feb 12, 2008 - 01:03 EST, Lancaster, PA
Shared by John Deppen, SVC – Camp 15.

[Who We Are – the SUVCW!](#)

"We are the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are the descendants of the men who fought to save the Union. We are not about "representing" Civil War soldiers; we, as descendants and legal heirs to the G.A.R., are a direct link to these men. We honor our ancestors by keeping alive the memory of their service and sacrifice in a way no other organization can. We are not a reenactment unit or a living history organization. We are the "real deal". We are as close as you can get to a Civil War soldier. When we wear the uniform we are not

"representing" or "portraying". We are remembering. The blood of our ancestors cries out to us from the grave. We must not, we cannot, forget.

"Because we remember, some part of them lives in us. Because we remember, their sacrifice was not in vein. Because we remember, the nation they fought to save endures and thrives, and they can rest contented in their graves – Because We Remember."

- Lee F. Walters, PCC - Camp #15, SUVCW,
Department of Pennsylvania
Remembrance Day – November 20, 2004

"If you can read this, thank a teacher - and, since it's in English, thank a trooper, a United States of America soldier, sailor, or Marine – who sacrificed for our freedoms"!

God Bless our Veterans who have given so much for our Nation. Hug one today before it's too late. America is loosing its World War II veterans at the rate of 1,000 a day.

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[More from Days Gone By – And you are there.](#)

NEWS: Items from the Harrisburg Telegraph, January 8, 1892, Dauphin County, PA

Contributed and transcribed by S Palmer
<aunt_woo@yahoo.com>
Harrisburg Telegraph, Friday, January 8, 1892

General John L. Gregg Dead

Washington, Jan. 2 - General John L. Gregg who distinguished himself during the late war as the Colonel of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, died yesterday afternoon. He was a cousin of General D. M. M. Gregg, recently elected Auditor General of Pennsylvania, and was retired for disability, incurred in line of duty, in 1879.

Ravages of Yellow Fever 1892

New York, Jan. 7 - Every vessel arriving from Santos, Brazil, has lost some of its crew from yellow fever. The disease is epidemic in the town and out of a population of 10,000 there are nearly 400 deaths a week.

The "Advocate" "Agin It."

The Steelton Advocate thinks that Front street from Iron avenue to Sycamore street should not be vacated by the city, but on the other hand should be opened its entire length and extended through Cameron's field by way of Cedar and Second streets to Steelton, connecting with Main street on the west side of that town. This would make a level and east road and a route covering about the same distance to Market Square, this city, as over the turnpike. The opening of this street would give a fine driveway all the way from Steelton to Rockville. Editor's Note: Present Day, this roadway passes the State Farm Show Complex and is named Cameron Street, thru Harrisburg and Front Street thru Steelton to Highspire.

Contagious Diseases

Mayor Fritchey requests that cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria or other contagious diseases be reported to George Osler, secretary of the Sanitary Committee.

Installed by a Harrisburger

Past Captain D. D. Hammelbaugh, of **Gen. Hartranft Camp, No. 15, S. of V.**, [SONS OF VETERANS – BEFORE THE SUVCW CAME TO BE], installed the officers of Col. Ellsworth Camp, No. 87, S. of V., at Middletown Wednesday evening. He afterwards addressed the camp briefly on the important [importance] of co-operation.

Hartranft Herald Source:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/pa/dauphin/>

[Recap Camp 15 for 2007](#)

Camp #15 ended the year 2007 with its annual Christmas Party and a special cake to celebrate the start of the camp's 125th anniversary; it was founded February 11, 1882, as Liness Camp #15, Harrisburg, PA. In June, the camp sponsored a field trip to Montgomery Cemetery in Norristown to view the grave of Gen. John F. Hartranft, our namesake.

As in the past, the camp participated in the Memorial and Remembrance Day parades in Gettysburg, the flagging of Civil War graves in the Harrisburg Cemetery, and the annual picnic at Fort Hunter Park. The Camp participated in the dedication of a Gettysburg Sycamore Tree at the Highspire Church of God Cemetery and the

rededication of the Civil War Monument in West York in May. In August they were part of the dedication ceremony for the John W. Geary Monument in Gettysburg.

Brother Norm Houser presented a program on his participation as an extra in several Civil War movies and Brother John Deppen portrayed Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock in his oratory "Onward to Gettysburg".

We believe Camp #15 is the first SUVCW camp to have three members elected to esteem positions in our Order, 1) Charles Kuhn, elected Commander-in-Chief AND 2), Lee Walters, elected as PA Department Commander AND 3), Donald Prye, elected as Camp Commander, three ranking commanders from the same camp in the same year. Camp brothers, also, participated in testimonials for Brothers Kuhn and Walters.

Brothers of Pennsylvania, you can help Camp #15 celebrate its 125th Anniversary by purchasing one of its SUVCW brass belt buckles or aluminum SUVCW license plates.

Larry Sheibley, Camp #15 Secretary

[125th Anniversary History Book](#)
[Attention Camp 15 members, auxiliary 7 and readers of the *Hartranft Herald*.](#)

Camp 15 has completed the recording of our 125 years of history in Harrisburg.

Our Camp history book is 8 ½ x 11 with full color. We desire to keep the publishing costs under \$900. To enable us to keep costs at a minimum, our book is freely offered to all current members of Camp 15 and auxiliary 7 of Harrisburg, along with select readers such as the Mayor of Harrisburg, the State Library and Archives, and the Department of Pennsylvania SUVCW.

Due to this expenditure and the cost to mail the book to interested parties, **it is imperative for you, if you desire a book, to request your copy in writing.** Enclosed with this mailing of the *March Hartranft Herald* (or separate mailing for readers who receive their *Hartranft Herald* via an e-mail notice), is a **postcard**. If you desire a Camp history book,

complete the card and bring it to our next meeting or mail it to Camp 15 for your book.

Other readers desiring a personal copy of the book may send a \$10.00 check payable to General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, SUVCW, to Hartranft Herald 881 Sunny Hill Lane Harrisburg, PA 17111-4690.

Or make arrangements with the Hartranft Herald staff to pick up a book at a Camp function upon submission of your remittance.

From the National Civil War Museum

Friday, April 11 - Shenandoah Valley Tour!

Chartered bus trip to the Shenandoah Valley, visiting the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, the Lost Creek Winery and the Fairfield Inn

Please visit www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org for registration and information.

Texas Destroyed diorama upsets high-schoolers

Museum official called project 'historically inaccurate' - by Stephanie Anderson - The Arizona Republic - Feb. 16, 2008 12:00 AM

The Gilbert Highland High community is outraged that a diorama they helped build has been destroyed after Texas museum officials said it was historically inaccurate.

The 10- by 5-foot diorama of the Battle at Palmetto Ranch, the last land battle of the Civil War, was shipped in August to the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin to be on display along with four other

dioramas built by Gilbert students.



Museum officials are not commenting on the subject, which has drawn spirited responses in support of both the Highland students and the museum since it was posted on azcentral.com on Thursday afternoon. In its first 24 hours online, the story drew more than 14,000 page views on azcentral.com and 23,000-plus on FARK.com. It elicited more than 130 comments on azcentral.com. Highland history teacher Glen Frakes is especially outraged because more than 7,000 hours were put into the project by his students and other volunteers. He supervised the after-school project, which involved more than 200 of his students. They helped build, paint and complete the diorama in a little more than three years. "The students did it all for pride and patriotism," said Frakes, a 35-year teacher who has overseen the work of 21 dioramas featured at museums across the U.S., including the Smithsonian Institution. He is also a life member of the Texas museum. "Our payment was to have our work displayed for our kids to see it years later," he said. Students and staff assembled and hand-painted more than 750 soldier figures about 2 1/2 inches tall of the 2nd Texas Cavalry Regiment. "You could see the grimaces on their faces and the buttons on their uniforms, the tiniest details," Frakes said.

The diorama cost about \$23,000, with labor worth between \$60,000 and \$130,000, Frakes said. A spokesman for the museum said the diorama pieces will remain protected until a decision is made on what to do with the remains. The museum, which belongs to the Texas National Guard, had a change of leadership, and the new director, Jeff Hunt, told Frakes in November that the diorama was historically inaccurate and that he had dismantled it. Hunt wrote his master's thesis on the Palmetto Ranch battle and also wrote the book The Last Battle of the

Civil War: Palmetto Ranch, which Frakes said he and his students used as a guide while constructing the diorama.

Highland students, parents, teachers and Gilbert Public Schools administrators have written more than a dozen letters to Charles G. Rodriguez, the adjutant general of Texas, who oversees the museum. Rodriguez and Hunt did not return calls Friday. Col. Bill Meehan, a Texas Military Forces Museum public-information officer, admits the situation could have been dealt with better. "We wish things had been handled differently," said Meehan, saying just because the diorama was historically inaccurate doesn't mean it had to be dismantled in that manner. Lt. Col. Wallace J. Savoy, a member of the museum's board of directors, says Hunt's academic credentials do not justify the actions. "It looked like someone took their arm and back-swapped the whole thing," Savoy said. "A master's thesis doesn't give you the right to destroy a diorama."



Retired Maj. Ted Aanenson, who volunteered at the museum for 12 years, took photos of the diorama's aftermath in January.

Response - Wednesday, February 27, 2008 by John Deppen, Pennsylvania

History needs defenders. Historians need to do more than educate – they must advocate, and even more importantly, inspire others to do the same.

History does not need people like Mr. Jeffrey W. Hunt, Director of the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin Texas. When the students of Highland High School in Gilbert, Arizona donated a hand-crafted, painstakingly detailed diorama of the Battle of Palmetto Ranch to the Museum, Hunt, who wrote a book on the battle, noticed "historical inaccuracies." Rather than suggest changes or

encourage the students to make improvements, Hunt took decisive action. He destroyed the diorama.

Glen Frakes, a history teacher at Highland, described the reaction to Hunt's brutal act. "A lot of people are being crushed by this. It was like a death. It was terrible. Not wanting it and destroying it are two different things...It's irrational and it's an act of vandalism." One of the Museum's Board of Directors, Lieutenant Colonel Wallace J. Savoy, said, "It looked like someone took their arm and back-swapped the whole thing."

The diorama, depicting the last land battle of the Civil War – a Confederate victory, ironically – required more than 7,000 hours of labor and \$23,000 dollars in materials. Teacher Frakes supervised the project, which involved more than 200 students. When completed, the diorama measured 10 feet by 5 feet.

Hunt's destruction of the students' work is generating outrage across the country. On Friday, February 15, MSNBC commentator Keith Olbermann included Hunt in his nightly "Worst Person in the World" segment, saying, "How in the hell does he still have a job?"

What lends astounding irony to the story is that the students used Hunt's work as a guide in creating the diorama. If "historical inaccuracies" existed, whose fault were they?

In more than ten years of making appearances in schools and talking about the Civil War, I have heard many incorrect responses to my questions about the era. I have seen a few errors on pictures and printed materials in classrooms. I have never – *never* – willfully inflicted personal embarrassment or emotional pain on a student for being "inaccurate." Adults who do so do not belong in classrooms, and they do not belong in charge of museums.

The Board of Directors of the Texas Military Forces Museum should take decisive action and back-swap Jeffrey Hunt from his director's chair. What apology could Hunt possibly make to the students and teachers of Highland High School that would be sufficient for his callous blunder? If the Board of Directors is unwilling to take such action, then serious questions need to be asked about just how much support the institution deserves from its donors and volunteers.

To contact the Museum, visit www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org. To contact the Adjutant General of Texas who oversees the museum, write to Major General Charles G. Rodriguez, P.O. Box 5218, Camp Mabry, Austin, TX 78763-5218, call 512-782-5006, send a fax to 512-782-5578, or email charles.rodriguez@tx.ngb.army.mil.

Gentlemen, here is clearly one good reason to support the wonderful organization and staff of the National Civil War Museum, in our backyard, right here in Central Pennsylvania. The National Civil War Museum offers several levels of membership to fit any budget!

Hurry!



THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM®

Private Member-Only Tour of the Museum Artifact Storage & Archives!*

2 dates to choose from:

Friday, March 14 at 1:30pm

OR

Saturday, March 22 at 1:30pm



Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Lynn Smolizer:

ismolizer@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

**Please allow a few hours for the tours. Our Curator, Brett Kelley has much to talk about!*

✓ DO YOU WANT TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN THE CAMP,
BUT FEEL THAT YOU LIVE TOO FAR FROM THE CAMP TO TAKE PART?

You can help by participating the National Graves Registration Project!

Nearly every community has a cemetery and within many of them are interred Civil War vets. The goal of this project is to record the final resting place of every last Union veteran. This is indeed a mighty lofty goal and only through the help of Brothers from every corner of the country can we come closer to reaching that goal. Won't you please help with this worthy project? Go to your local cemetery and record information from those veterans' graves and send it in!

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Your collected data can be input at the National SUVCW website under Graves Registration. Contact our Camp Graves Registration officer, John Deppen for more information.

2008 Camp schedule of events below – please update your calendar accordingly.

[Camp 15's Calendar of Events for 2008](#)

March – Sunday 16 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
April – Sunday 20 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
May – Sunday 18 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
May – Saturday 24 th Annual Memorial Day	Old Decoration Day at Harrisburg Cemetery at 13 th & State streets Placing of flags upon veterans' gravesites
June	No general meeting; Predicting road trip to Hartranft gravesite!
June 19-21	Annual Pennsylvania State Department Encampment (convention) at Ligonier.
July - TBA	Annual Camp Picnic – 11 am to 4 pm – begin eating about 1 pm
August 7 – 10	National Encampment (convention) – Boston
August – Saturday TBA	Visit ancestral flag display Harrisburg & a Senators ballgame!
September – Sunday 21 st	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
October – Sunday 19 th	General Camp Meeting w/speaker
November	No general meeting – Camp to participate in Remembrance Day
November – Saturday 22 nd	Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg
December 7 th – Sunday	Annual Camp Holiday Dinner – Pearl Harbor Day 1941

2008 Camp calendar available on our Camp Website

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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"Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history." - President Abraham Lincoln, December 1862

Be Proud Wear The Badge



Looking Ahead into April 2008:

- Photos, as they become available, of recent Camp activities.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.
- Keep a copy of your 2008 schedule of events and calendar handy for reference.
- Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Contact *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc


--- End of March 2008 Hartranft Herald ---

One morning you will never wake up
Do all your friends know you love them?

I was thinking...I could die today, tomorrow or next week,
and I wondered if I had any wounds needing to be healed,
friendships that needed rekindling, or three words needing to be said.
Let every one of your friends know you love them. Even if you think
they don't love you back, you would be amazed at what those
three little words and a smile can do.

And just in case GOD calls me home before I see you again.....
I LOVE YA!!!

Live today to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised

 Sending an Angel to watch over you !
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God Bless America !

Annual **Appomattox Luncheon** invitation – **RSVP by March 20th**

Home Of.....

Camp #8
S.U.V.C.W.

Aux. #10
A.S.U.V.C.W.

Tent #59
D.U.V.C.W. 1861-1865

The annual **Appomattox** luncheon will be held on **April 12, 2008, at 1:30 P.M.**, at
The Clarion Hotel
300 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

Exit 184 off 81

Menu selections are **Chicken Cordon Bleu** or **Sliced Top Round of Beef**. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Kindly make your reservation(s) and luncheon selection(s), and remit payment no later **than March 20, 2008** to

Joseph Long
505 Marcy Street
Duryea, PA 18642-1625

If you need to contact me, I can be reached at 570-457-8438.

(Name)	(Menu Selection)
(Name)	(Menu Selection)

If you would like to stay overnight, room rates at the Clarion Hotel are \$75.00 plus tax. If registering, please tell the hotel that you will be attending the luncheon on April 12, 2008. The hotel phone number is 570-344-9811.

Note: The Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Pennsylvania will hold a meeting at the Clarion Hotel on April 12, 2008, at 12:00 P.M.

We hope to see you at the meeting and luncheon.

Dedication of new home of Camp 8 also.