



*Hartranft Herald*  
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 Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park! A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7. Come One, Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

This issue of the *Hartranft Herald*'s draped in honor of the life of our late National Real Son Col John Cox! His death was announced by national General Order #11 1/28/14; copy available upon request!

And also for our late Life Member Camp 300 Brother, Neal Hinton of Pitcairn, PA. Brother Neal served the SUVCW from April 1979 to July 2013!

Next Camp meeting is on Sunday March 16, 2014.

In lieu of normal room 222, Camp Meeting location this Sunday, will be in **Museum Education Gallery** to your immediate *left* upon entering Museum *Rotunda*.

Junior Vice Commander Jeff Smith will speak on General William Tecumseh Sherman.

Army Heritage Days 2014; is Back!



The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) is excited to announce its annual Army Heritage Days Event is back this year and bigger than ever! Army Heritage Days, scheduled for May 17 & 18, 2014, is a timeline living history event, which examines nearly every era of U.S. Army history. This year's event features an expanded look at World War I and showcases living historians representing Soldiers from before the French and Indian War through the Vietnam War. After a hiatus, over 200 re-enactors from all periods are eager to return to the Army Heritage Trail to bring Army history to life once again.

Throughout the two day event, historical equipment, vehicles, gear, and live demonstrations will fill the USAHEC's Army Heritage Trail. New additions in 2014 include the unique experience of a World War I bi-plane flyover, and a two-day military music tattoo program, featuring performances of military and patriotic music by local and historical bands. While Army Heritage Days will feature exciting new programming, some favorites from the past several years will return, including the used book sale, the children's passport activity, and the meet and greet with Army veterans from WWII through current operations.

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The majority of activities occur on the USAHEC's outdoor Army Heritage Trail, but both days offer additional events inside the Visitor and Education Center (VEC). The hallways and exhibit spaces in the VEC will be full of displays, activities, and demonstrations with lectures from notable military historians topping the list of indoor attractions. As always, the USAHEC museum store will be open.

Army Heritage Days 2014 is a FREE event and includes FREE parking. The event opens to the public at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 17 and on Sunday, May 18. The event will end at 5:00 PM both days, as well. Food vendors, including the USAHEC's Café Cumberland, will offer a wide variety of refreshments. For more information, please call [717-245-3972](tel:717-245-3972) or visit [www.usahec.org](http://www.usahec.org).

Shared by in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Logan Garth Swanger, Camp 15 JVC

### MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA  
Sunday, February 16, 2014 – balmy cloudy 26 °

#### Officers Present

Commander.....Scott Debo  
SVC..... Jeffery Smith  
JVC..... Logan Swanger  
Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC  
Treas./Chap.....David Demmy, Sr.  
Pat. Inst./Hist....David Klinepeter  
Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC  
Council.....Jeffery Smith  
Color Bearer.... Kelly Betz

#### Officers Absent

Council.....Lee Walters, PDC  
Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman

Members attending:

Terry Mills, Tony Kline, Dan Lute, Floyd Demmy.

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Scott Debo at 2:04 PM

The meeting minutes from January 19 2014, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother

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David Demmy, Sr, second by Brother Terry Mills,  
m o t i o n a p p r o v e d .



Treasurer's report by Brother David Demmy, Sr. The checkbook balance stands at \$3760.00 of which \$1440 is dedicated to payment of National per capita and Department dues, leaving a working balance of \$2320. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, second by Brother Terry Mills, motion approved.

#### Orders, Communications and Bills

Department Order# 6 was read regarding the passing after her battle with cancer of Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary President Lucille Coe.

National General Order# 11 was read regarding the passing of Real Son Charles A. Cox of Indian Nation Camp# 3, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

National Special General Order# 2 was read regarding the passing of Vermont Department Past Department Commander Merlin Thomas "Tuffy" Doyle.

#### Old Business:

- 1) Brother Greg Kline discussed the difficulties in obtaining sufficient reservations to proceed with Camp 15's proposed bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery. As of the meeting, only half the needed reservations were accounted for and interest seems to have dried up. The Camp would be financially responsible for covering the cost of any shortfall in the 35 bus seats that the quote by Wolf's Bus Line was based on. Motion by Brother Greg Kline to cancel the trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother Dave Klinepeter, motion approved.
- 2) Camp 15 staffed a recruiting table at the Community Free Day at the National Civil War

Museum on Saturday, February 15. Brothers participating included, Greg Kline, Jeff Smith, Michael Proper, Dave Klinepeter and David Demmy, Sr.

- 3) The recruiting table for February 8 at the US Army Heritage Center at Carlisle was canceled. They had higher than expected table bookings and all that was still available were outdoor tables. Will need to book before January next year to ensure a space.
- 4) Camp# 15 Members are continuing to show interest in and are completing the online course for the Youth Protection Training offered online by the Boy Scouts of America. At least 4 Brothers have completed the training and one other is in the process of doing so.

New Business:

Junior Vice Commander Logan Swanger will be speaking at numerous local historical societies and has sent notices to other historical groups, roundtables, etc offering to speak on the SUVCW as a recruiting opportunity.

Patriotic Instructor:



Brother Dave Klinepeter discussed President Lincoln's Birthday and other historic events that occurred in the month of February. He displayed several Currier & Ives prints of predominantly naval battle scenes and pointed out features on a model of the CSS Hunley which was borrowed from the Civil War Museum and discussed among other things, it's sinking of the Housatonic.

Good of the Order:

Senior Vice Commander Jeff Smith announced that he will be speaking on William Tecumseh Sherman at the next Camp meeting on March 16.

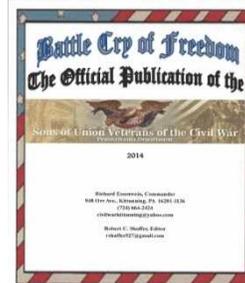
The meeting was closed by Commander Debo at 3:04 PM

Faithfully submitted, In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC, Secretary  
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**The Pennsylvania Department's newsletter,**



The *Battle Cry of Freedom* has been issued to all Pennsylvania Department Brothers with an e-mail address. If you do not have e-mail access or want a hardcopy of the Pennsylvania News, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* editor, David Demmy 717 232 7000 for a copy. *The Battle Cry* includes Camp 15's article

indicating our Camp activities during 2013.

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN**

by Dave Klinepeter

In the January 2014 issue of the Hartranft Herald I mentioned acquiring a bound, ten volume set of *Harpers Weekly* newspapers dated 1861 to 1865. Leafing through the various issues, looking at the wood cuts, (no photos at that time), and reading select articles gives me a strong feeling of connection with the people involved, the events that transpired, and the after affects. I will be putting numerous articles in the upcoming newsletters with material taken from *Harpers Weekly*. Maybe you will begin to feel a closer kinship also to those whose gave so much to save our great United States of America. Is this not a basic factor in our existence as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Allied Organizations?

HARPERS WEEKLY JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION  
taken from March issues of 1864 (150 years ago)

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## ARMY AND NAVY ITEMS

The President has commuted the sentence of the deserters heretofore condemned to death to imprisonment during the war.

The Negroes of Baltimore, Maryland, have held the first of a series of meetings for the purpose of calling the attention of the contraband to the matter of enlisting in our army.

Admiral Dahlgreen is in Washington. It is rumored that he has been relieved from the command of the ironclad fleet off Charleston. Admiral Farragut will probably be appointed to succeed him.

A commission has been appointed by the Secretary of War to visit the camps where all rebel prisoners are confined, and administer to them the oath of allegiance under the President's recent Amnesty Proclamation.

Committees from different Districts in Pennsylvania are now visiting the Army of the Potomac to offer an additional bounty of \$200 to veterans, the money to pay the same having been raised in their Districts.

Twenty five of the thirty thousand veterans of the Army of the Potomac, whose terms of service expire within the next nine months, have re-enlist.

There is a great rush of Major and Brigadier Generals out of employment for active duty to avoid the effect of the bill to dismiss such from the service.

It is estimated that the cost per man of the army is nearly if not quite \$1200 per annum.

It ought to be generally known that the Government will furnish each soldier who loses a limb in its service with another one free of expense, and take care of him while the limb is be fitted, through the medical director, New York.

A traveling wagon for the Adjutant-General's Department of the Cumberland has just been completed at the Government shops in Washington. It is a new invention, and accommodates seven clerks and a driver, is drawn by four horses, and can be taken apart and put together in five minutes. A similar one will be shortly completed for General Pleasanton, Army of the Potomac.

The Secretary of War has directed that no volunteer shall be rejected on account of height, who is at least five feet.

Over 12,000 Negroes have already enlisted in Tennessee. Enlistments in the middle district average 500 per week. It is said that an army of seventy five thousand Negroes will be ready for the campaign in the spring.

Major Malone, Paymaster in the United States Army was robbed, in Washington, recently of \$10,000, which he had drawn from the Treasury for the purpose of carrying to the front, in order to pay certain regiments there.

The gunboat De Soto has thus far proved herself the most successful of all the vessels on the Atlantic blockade, she has captured seventeen blockade runners.

*The examination of the Congressional War Committee into the management of the battle of Gettysburg by General Meade has failed to sustain the charge that that General gave an order for his army to retreat after the first day's fight. General Warren has testified distinctly that no such order was given, and that the incidental charges against General Meade are altogether unfounded. (See March 23, 1864 in date section)*

Each weekly issue has a list such as this, giving a variety of information.

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### Some happenings in MARCH

1861

4 Inauguration Day for Abraham Lincoln as 16th President

1862

4 General Halleck, in a snit because Grant got the glory for the capture of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, accused Grant of not reporting properly during those operations and other unspecified misconduct. Halleck received authorization from Washington, and placed General C.F. Smith in charge of the Union forces going up the Tennessee River.

6 Battle of Pea Ridge

6 The Monitor departed from New York

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- 8 Battle of Elkhorn Tavern
- 9 Battle of Hampton Roads - The duel of the ironclads, the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia.
- 14 Battle New Bern
- 23 1st Battle of Kernstown
- 1863
- 3 The Conscription Act (Draft Act) is signed in to law by President Lincoln. Congress requires quotas of draftees by state, but allows wealthy Americans the right to buy their way out of service for \$300.00
- 4 Battle of Spring Hill
- 5 Battle of Unionville
- 8-9 Raid on Fairfax Court House, VA - Capture of General Stoughton
- 17 Battle of Kelly's Ford
- 29 Battle of Gloried (Pass) New Mexico
- 1864
- 2 U.S. Senate confirms U. S. Grant as Lieutenant General
- 9 U.S. Grant promoted to Lieutenant General and given command of all active United States forces.
- 12 General Halleck is relieved of duty by his own request
- 21 Lincoln signs legislation allowing Nevada and Colorado to become states
- 23 Some congressmen request Gen George Meade be removed as commander of the Army of the Potomac
- 1865
- 3 Freeman's Bureau established
- 4 Lincoln outlines his second term in office
- 8 Battle of Kinston
- 13 Confederacy allows the introduction of "negro soldiers"
- 16 Battle of Averagesborough (Taylor's Hole) N C
- 19-21 Battle of Bentonville N C

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- 25 Battle of Fort Stedman N C
- 27 Battle of Spanish Fork AI
- 31 Battle of Dinwiddie Court House VA

This is just a small partial list of the many many battles and actions that our Soldiers and Sailors had to endure during just one month. Submitted by --- DJK

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[Pennsylvania Veterans NOW can obtain Veteran Status upon PA driver's license!](#)

2014 Requirements for adding a Veterans Designation while renewing or *duplicating* your Driver's License or Identification Card (ID).

PA Governor Corbett signed Act 176 2012 into law allowing for the issuance of a Pennsylvania Driver's License or Identification Card that clearly indicates that the bearer is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. This is being accomplished by adding a Veterans Designation directly to the bearer's Driver's License or Identification Card.



Qualified applicants for a Veterans Designation on their Driver's License or Identification Card include those who have received a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty/DD214 or equivalent for service in the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component or the National Guard, who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

Once the Veterans Designation has been added to your license or ID, it will automatically appear each time your license or ID is renewed.

There is no fee for the Veterans Designation; however qualified applicants must pay any initial issuance, renewal **or at \$17.00 a duplicate Driver's License** or ID fees.

Warning: Misrepresentation will result in the cancellation of your driver's license and/or identification card. Only applicants who have who have received form **DD 214** or equivalent for service in the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component or the National Guard, who were discharged or released from such service under conditions *other than dishonorable*, should apply the Veterans Designation to their Driver's License or Identification Card. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will audit submissions to verify veteran status. Claiming veterans' status when not a veteran has serious consequences including loss of Driver's License or ID. **Please select an option below to continue:**

[Renew Your Driver's License/ID Card](#)

[Request Your Duplicate Driver's License/ID Card](#)

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[National Civil War News and events](#)

Saturday, March 29

"Guns of 1864" with author and firearms expert [Joseph Bilby](#)

Saturday, April 5

"US Colored Troops in the Virginia Theater" with [Hari Jones](#), assistant director and curator of the African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation & Museum

Continued

Saturday, April 12

"The 48th Pennsylvania and the Battle of the Crater" with [John Hoptak](#), author and interpretive park ranger at both Antietam & Gettysburg

Saturday, April 26

"Monocacy: The B&O's Battle" with [Dan Toomey](#), author and guest curator at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum

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**[Cooper's Battery B Completes Monument Capstone Replacement Project](#)**

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After years of planning and fundraising, the monument capstone replacement project undertaken in 2010 on East Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg by members of Cooper's Battery B has been completed. The dedication was held at 9AM on Saturday, November 23 (Remembrance Day Weekend) 2013, and included both current members of the Battery B reenacting unit and many descendants of the original Battery members. General John F Hartranft Camp 15's Commander Scott Debo, Secretary Greg Kline, and Guide Tom Bowman are members of Cooper's Battery and took part in the ceremony.



The monument is one of the 10 oldest on the field of the Gettysburg National Military Park and is the first dedicated to an artillery unit, having been placed in August of 1879 by surviving members of Battery B. Wind, weather and time had slowly eroded the marble capstone making the Battery's war service all but illegible.



The modern day Cooper's Battery, led by its Monument Chairman Keith Foote, obtained the permission of the National Park Service and raised the needed \$10,000 to replace the worn capstone with an **exact** duplicate. The National Park Service sent the capstone to a government

lab which used laser technology to read its surface and accurately determined the original writing. This was accomplished on 5 of the capstone's 8 sides and these 5 sides were engraved on the replacement. Regrettably, 3 sides were illegible even to the laser and had to remain blank on the replacement. Old Battery B meeting minutes have not indicated what the original writing was, but we will continue to look!

Remembrance Day weekend of 2013 will always be particularly special to the members of the modern day Cooper's Battery B. As a reenacting unit we will always have the satisfaction of knowing that we helped to preserve the legacy of the original Cooper's Battery B on East Cemetery Hill and we are thankful for the pleasure of dedicating this new monument in the presence of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

### [On the Road with Camp 15](#)

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

**Sunday March 16, 2014**, Camp Meeting location will be in **Museum Education Gallery** to your immediate *left* of entering Museum *Rotunda*, in lieu of normal room 222.

**Thursday April 3, 2014** WWII Round Table Meeting at Hummelstown.

**Sunday April 13, 2014**, Camp Meeting - note change of date; the usual 3rd weekend this month is Easter Weekend; therefore need for change!

**Saturday, May 17 2014** Army Heritage Days 2014 is a FREE event and includes FREE parking. The event opens to the public at 9:00 AM.

**Sunday May 18, 2014**, Camp Meeting

**Saturday May 24, 2014** – Traditional day for Hartranft Camp to pay tribute to veterans at historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Preceding the placing of flags at the cemetery, we gather for breakfast at 7:30-8:00.

No Camp meeting in June due to Father's Day weekend. Please make plans to attend the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Williamsport **June 27 and 28**.

No Camp meeting during July! Enjoy your summer.

National encampment **August 15 and 16** at Marietta, GA.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 calendar available upon request. Send e-mail to Hartranft Herald staff.

### [Be Proud - Wear the Badge](#)



Come out to a meeting and engage with us!

- The Allied Orders of the GAR
- Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.

Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125th Anniversary history book.

If you prefer, [and your Hartranft Herald wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

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