



# Hartranft Herald

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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

[www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org](http://www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org)

Celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> Year



 @ Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp#15 Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War



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★ Memorial Day ★

May 2012



### 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 & Brothers, & Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

[Camp 15's next monthly general meeting](#) will be conducted on Sunday May 20, 2012 at National Civil War Museum high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg PA upper level room 222. Meeting begins at 2pm.

#### [Memorial Day weekend Camp activities](#)

On Saturday May 26, camp members will be everywhere in the Susquehanna Valley honoring their civil war ancestors and veterans at large. A contingent of members will be present at cemeteries and parades this weekend.

First, Brothers and friends will gather in Harrisburg for breakfast\* and then mosey over to historic Harrisburg cemetery near 13<sup>th</sup> and State streets. Others will be on site at Northumberland county cemeteries and malls and on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup> several will be in parades in Sunbury area and Gettysburg too.

Blessings to all Brothers who participate in these events to honor America's veterans!

\*Harrisburg breakfast at American Dream Café at 19<sup>th</sup> and Herr Streets, Harrisburg, at 8 a.m. and then

we'll move onto historic Harrisburg cemetery, cross over 13<sup>th</sup> at State Street, a mere few blocks from Café.

#### [Happy Mother's Day](#)

"Nothing in life is more important than God and your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till some other time."

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby...Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct... Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring... Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good"... Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices... Somebody never came out the back

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door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother.... Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first... somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books...Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery...Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten ...or on a plane headed for military "boot camp, or a college dorm."

Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back...Somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married... Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her.... Somebody isn't a mother.

Here's hoping today is better than yesterday and tomorrow is even better!!!!

With a tear in our eye, we send our love to all mothers – [Hartranft Herald](#) staff. Live well, Laugh often, Love much!

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Brothers and Sisters, please mark your calendar and make plans to attend camp annual holiday party on **Sunday December 9, 2012** at Doc Holliday's New Cumberland. If you don't like to party, you at least have to eat. Join us and have a good meal and fellowship together.

## Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2012 or the National Encampment in August 2012, please make sure you obtain a signed card before making either event.

One - The Credential Card for the Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary Larry Sheibley-Beasom and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

**Please contact Brother Larry Sheibley-Beasom, for your Pennsylvania Encampment card!**

"He will be on vacation in the Five States of the former Soviet Union from Monday 7 May until Monday 4 June 2012. You may leave a message by email or telephone."

Call or Email Larry 7 1 7 5 6 7 6 3 0 3  
[larrysheibley@embarqmail.com](mailto:larrysheibley@embarqmail.com)

Or see [Hartranft Herald](#) staff at May meeting or contact [Hartranft Herald](#) staff directly.

Two - Send Pennsylvania pre-registration card below to Brother Charlie Kuhn today. Please make every effort to have these filled out correctly as it makes it easier for those who do the registration to help you...

**Pre-registration card below for Pennsylvania Encampment** – additional version available at Pennsylvania website newsletter at

<http://pasuvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/BC2012fortheWeb.pdf>

Three - Brother Charlie will provide you with the Credential Card for the National Encampment – Charlie's contact data is on Pennsylvania form below. Ask him for your National credential card today.

Four - Likewise for National pre- registration, see form(s) within the winter [Banner](#).

**PRE REGISTRATION FORM**

**Department of Pennsylvania  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Annual Encampment**

Camp No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brother: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member in good standing in this camp and my rank in the Order is:

\_\_\_\_\_ CinC      \_\_\_\_\_ PCinC      \_\_\_\_\_ DC  
\_\_\_\_\_ PDC      \_\_\_\_\_ CC      \_\_\_\_\_ PCC

Attending as \_\_\_\_\_ delegate \_\_\_\_\_ alternate

Pre-Registration fee is \$7.00 by 6/15/12  
\$10.00 at Encampment

Make check payable to: **PA Dept., SUVCW**

And send to: Secretary/Treasurer:  
**Charles E. Kuhn Jr., PCinC**  
464 Lake Meade Dr.  
East Berlin, PA 17316  
717-259-6156  
charlie\_kuhn@comcast.net

[Camp 15 Gettysburg SUVCW Recruiting](#)

Opportunity June 30 to July 1, 2012

Brothers, there will be a Civil War Antique Show (Authentic Civil War Guns and Equipment) from Saturday, June 30 to Sunday, July 1 2012 at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA. There will be over 250 exhibiting tables and thousands of visitors, so this may be an excellent opportunity for Camp #15 to expand our membership rosters. The organizers of this event have generously offered the Camp a free table. Indeed the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) have had a table at this event during past shows. Hours will be 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday June 30 and July 1.

Brother Jeffery Smith has already volunteered to take the 8:30 to noon shift on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is

preferred, but not essential, to participate in uniform, as Brothers in uniform are more likely to draw attention to our recruitment. The Confederate Sons will typically have 3 to 4 uniformed members stationed at the table which certainly draws its share of attention and questions from patrons.

Perhaps you and another Brother can work as a team; if you feel you might be interested in taking your post as a recruiting Brother, please contact Brother Jeffery Smith at (717) 691-3697 or by e-mail at [jjsmith@pmslic.com](mailto:jjsmith@pmslic.com). Brother Jeffery will be happy to provide more details and directions to the event.

[April Camp meeting minutes](#)

Gen. John F. Hartranft  
National Civil War Museum  
Sunday April 15, 2012

Officers Present

Commander.....Stanley Zellers  
Sr.V.Commander.....Scott Debo  
Jr.V.Commander/Council.....Jeffery Smith  
Secretary.....Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC  
Pat.Ins./Hist.....David Klinepeter, PCC  
Council/Guard.....Gregory Kline, PCC  
Guide.....Thomas Bowman

Officers Absent

Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr  
Council ..... Lee Walters, PDC  
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members Present 13

Dave Demmy, Jr, Floyd Demmy, Tony Kline, Dave Laman, Gene Mascioli and Mike Proper.  
Guest Present Diane Debo Camp 503 Auxiliary

Commander Stanley Zellers began the meeting at 2:03 with the ritual opening ceremonies. Secretary Larry Sheibley-Beasom read the March minutes and, substituting for our Treasurer David Demmy, Sr., Sheibley-Beasom reported \$2,104.54 in the camp account with about \$1,747 due at the end of the month to pay department and national

dues.

The camp's annual report is due by the end of the month. In 2011 we gained two new members plus one reinstatement; but, lost two - one honorable discharge to Camp 503 and one for non-payment of dues. Membership is now 60 which includes one junior.

Brother Greg Kline spoke of the March 31 field trip to the GAR Museum in Scranton and plans to offer a repeat trip next year.

Under Memorial Day plans, please contact Brother Deppen if you wish to attend the Norristown ceremonies and Brother Greg Kline if you plan to be in either the 10:00 Hershey or the 2:00 Gettysburg Memorial Day parades.

At the 75<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Civil War celebration, Northern and Southern veterans shook hands across the stone wall. Brother Smith would like a re-enactment of the event for next year's Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 1-3. This activity can be witnessed in a video which he hopes to show at a future meeting. Smith, also, hopes to do a similar activity a Perryville on 8 October 2012.

Patriotic Instructor Klinepeter listed dates for up-coming Civil War activities and round-tables. He distributed a program for the 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Camp Curtin scheduled for Wednesday 18 April, 2012. He read passages from the Timeline of the Civil War, 1862 and from The Training of an Army.

Brother Floyd Demmy told a story about World War II V-mail, and Brother Mascioli stated that the 1,754 blue Union and the 1,723 gray Confederate banners in front of the National Civil War Museum represent the number of dead in the Battle of Shiloh, 1862.

The meeting ended at 3:06.

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC, Secretary, SUVCW  
Camp 15

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR by Dave Klinepeter  
On March 31, 2012 some members of Camp 15 joined members of Camp 503 on a field trip to visit Camp 8 in Scranton, Pa. These are my thoughts: Good weather, interesting conversation on the way up and back. The Scranton Camp 8 has a meeting room and GAR Museum in the City Hall in Scranton. It used to be the old city jail. We were made most welcome; it was really good to see Joe Long, (Camp 15's mentor. He is the one that worked so hard to reorganize us.) We were served lunch and shown around the museum. Though the museum is small it contains many interesting artifact, books and books and books, many very early and rare histories of the Civil War. In a big museum you have a wall with several items hanging on it, here are cases of many items with a card as who donated it. Many were given by the Ole Boys in Blue themselves, for safe keeping, or given by family after the veteran passed on. As I gazed into some of the cases my mind wondered back to the veteran who had brought the piece of equipment or artifact home. The museum also had a separate room devoted to the United Spanish War Veterans Association that had a chapter in Scranton, Pa years ago.

I look forward to someday returning to that museum again, as I found it awe inspiring. After leaving Scranton a number of us stopped at the Edison Hotel in Sunbury for a family dinner. It was a fitting way to finish a very interesting day with delightful folks. Dates of interest:

June 7 WW11 roundtable 7:30pm Grace United Methodist Church  
403 E Main St Hummelstown, Pa

June 8 Harrisburg CW  
Roundtable 8pm Radisson Camp Hill  
Cooper Wingert Battle of Sporting Hill

June 16 NCWM COMMUNITY FREE DAY

June 16-17 Camp Curtin Civil War Days check website

June 21 Hershey C W Roundtable Country Meadows  
Hershey 7pm

Jerry Carrier 1st person of John Hay (Lincoln's personal secretary)

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Camp Curtin Anniversary

April 18, 2012 The 151st Anniversary of the opening of CAMP CURTIN.

Approximately 100 people attended the ceremony. Among the speakers was David Demmy, Sr, Chief Executive Director of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He mentioned how the returning veterans formed organizations, the largest being the Grand Army of the Republic and how the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took over after the Civil War Veterans passed away. The Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church received a bronze plaque as a National Register of Historic Places. Governor Andrew Curtin (your Patriotic Instructor) with the help of a reenactor placed a wreath at Governor Curtin's statue. See accompanying story --- DJK

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AMONG THE SPEAKERS WAS JAMES SCHMICK, PRESIDENT OF CAMP CURTIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WAYNE MOTTS, CEO OF NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM DAVID W. DEMMY, SR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, HARRISBURG MAYOR LINDA THOMPSON AND MEMBERS HARRISBURG COUNCIL.

Placed on National Register

Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist

Church in uptown Harrisburg has been listed on National Register of Historic Places. Also a wreath laying ceremony commemorating the 151st anniversary of the



opening of Camp Curtin in Harrisburg was celebrated. Camp Curtin, located adjacent to major northeastern rail lines, was among the Union Army's most strategic transportation centers and supply depots and served as a mustering in Camp for over 300,000 Union troops from several northern states during 1861-1865.



ONE OF FOUR STATUES OF ANDREW CURTIN!  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Harrisburg Gen. John F. Hartranft, Camp 15

patriotic instructor, Dave Klinepeter, portrayed war governor Andrew Curtin during the April 18th events. --- DJK

THE EVENT MAY BE SEEN ON COMCAST CITY GOVERNMENT CHANNEL 20, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY ABOUT 7:30 FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL PROGRAM. THE EVENT IS REPEATED SAME DAY AND WILL BE REPEATED IN THE COMING WEEKS.

PHOTOS SHARED BY DAVE KLINEPETER

[Annual report to Department of Pennsylvania](#)

remarks from camp Treasurer:

Hartranft camp's Lynn Kyle, Jr., recently had a birthday and is no longer a junior Brother of our grand organization. Happy Birthday to Linnie who is now a full member in our fraternal brotherhood! The Camp paid full per capita on 59 members less our 4 Life Members of the National organization.

If you have PC ink cartridges for recycling, camp 15 will be pleased to recycle them. Camp earns rebates of \$10-\$15, on average, by recycling – bring em to camp meeting.

A forthcoming expense will be a 2012 Hartranft Camp advertisement in Pennsylvania Encampment booklet. – David W. Demmy, Sr.

[GAR HISTORIAN](#) by Dave Klinepeter

HARRISBURG, PA - TELEGRAPH TUESDAY EVENING MAY 30, 1916

WITH BARED-HEAD, CITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO THINNING LINES OF NATION'S HEROES *"Five minutes for memories" teaches lesson of Patriotism and Heroism to thousands throughout the state. Fighters of fifty years ago step by undaunted in spirit, though bent with age: impressive ceremonies mark services where "little green tents" stand ever so silent.*

All Harrisburg today stood with head bared while the survivors of America's greatest lesson in preparedness trudged by with the Flag. The "thin blue line" wavered just a little more perhaps than in years gone by, and the ranks were not so full and compact: but then the green mounds in the cemeteries toward which the procession moved

were more numerous than a year ago and the year before. Memorial Day was just another year nearer to the day of memories only. That didn't prevent the blue-clad fighters of 50 years ago from stepping along any the less gamely: they cheerfully grinned and the combined efforts of the over zealous weatherman and the grave old man with the see the and tramped past--inspirit at least---with the same vigor that won that first Grand Review after Appomattox a place in history.

**"WHEN THEY REMEMBERED"**

For just five minutes today the scores of Grand Army men in Harrisburg "remembered" with 18,000 fellow fighters throughout the State the fellows who fought with them some 50 years ago and in whose memory flowers were strewn and salutes were fired and "taps" were called today. The finishing touches to the big day's program were completed last evening and early this morning. Everybody was busy as could be around the quarters of Post 58 and Past 116 and Post 520 while the Sons of Veterans and the Spanish - American War veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Service had their hands equally full.

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[COMMENTS](#) To see pictures and articles about Hartranft Camp 15



FILE PHOTO OF GAR POST 116 VETERANS PLOT AT PAXTANG CEMETERY, EAST OF HARRISBURG!

Sons of Union Veterans on Memorial Day go to our website [www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org](http://www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org)

and refer to the May and mostly June issues of the previous years. We were very active up till the 1960s. Camp 15 put flags on approximately 18

Cemeteries; they attended a Memorial Day Sunday service at a different church each year, and then paraded in the Progress-Penbrook parade. On Memorial Day we paraded in Harrisburg, Pa with ceremonies at the Harrisburg cemetery. In the afternoon was the Paxtang parade and after that several firing squads went to various cemeteries to fire salutes and play Taps. The Sunday after Memorial Day we paraded in West Fairview-Enola and had cemetery services. DLK

REMEMBER ALL THE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

If you don't ask, the answer is always no!

[Thank you from National Civil War Museum](#) to Hartranft camp for continuation of "in their footsteps" project



1 LINCOLN CIRCLE IN RESERVOIR PARK HARRISBURG, PA 17103

April 26, 2012

Gen. John F. Hartranft, Camp 15  
Sons of Union Veterans Civil War  
1 Lincoln Cir at Reservoir Park  
Harrisburg PA 17103

Dear *David, Dave*

Thank you for your tax-deductible donation of \$160.00 to sponsor "In Their Footsteps: Feeding the Army"! I am keeping a daily journal to document my experiences, the details of which are placed on a daily blog at: <http://feedingthearmy.wordpress.com>. Please be sure to follow my journey by "liking" The National Civil War Museum on Facebook, follow me on Twitter (@civilwarsoldier24\_7) and check out videos documenting my journey on our YouTube channel (InTheirFootstepsNCWM).

The National Civil War Museum provides an educational opportunity to more than 10,000 students and teachers each year. Please be assured that these funds are being put to good use, going directly to our education department to provide an improved learning experience for all visitors.

Thank you again for your support!

*Lynn*

Lynn Smolizer  
Development & Public Relations

*Brett Kelley*

Brett Kelley  
Curator of Collections

*Thank you*

[NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM COMING EVENTS](#)

May 19-20

Living History by 1<sup>st</sup> PA Reserves Co E, 30<sup>th</sup> PVI

June 2-3

Living History by 149<sup>th</sup> PVI Bucktails

June 9 at 3pm

Presentation of Clara Barton – History Alive

June 10 at 2pm

Presentation of Civil War Women at Home and on Field

Community Free Day at Civil War museum

June 16-17

Living History by 42<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi Co F

[A MOMENT IN HISTORY - CIRCA 1960'S](#)

A Special Forces team going into Laos hoping to take an NVA prisoner:

A Chinese Nung team member shoots a messenger on a bicycle hoping to wound him. But the messenger is dead, and the only "prisoner" the team will be returning with is the bicycle.

In his request for an extract, the Team Leader dutifully encrypts every single word except "bicycle."

HQ is stumped by "bicycle" and finally concludes that the Team leader must be using a stale security code that may be several days old. Checking back a day or two, HQ is ecstatic to see that "bicycle" is the code for "general."

HQ promptly sends a fleet of helicopters to make sure the extract is well covered, and a lieutenant colonel is on board to "welcome" the *general*.

He's less than thrilled when the Team Leader hands 'im up a bicycle!



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## On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

**Sunday May 20, 2012** camp meeting at National Civil War Museum!

**Saturday May 26, 2012**, Camp Memorial Day activities at variety of cemeteries!

**May 28, 2011** Camp participates in Susquehanna Valley Pennsylvania parades!

**June 2012 - 132d** annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – June 22, 23, 24 at Four Points by Sheraton at Greensburg, PA!

Sunday, September 16, 2012 General Meeting at National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg!

Sunday, October 21, 2012, General Meeting at National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg! Annual nominations and elections for 2013 camp officers.

**Sunday**, December 9, 2012 annual Camp 15 holiday party at Doc. Holliday's Restaurant, New Cumberland.

Plan to share good time with Hartranft camp today

Continued next month.

Be Proud Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and join us!

Allied Orders of the GAR

- ❑ Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- ❑ Ladies of the Grand Arry 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 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book.  
If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc
- Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting!

Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

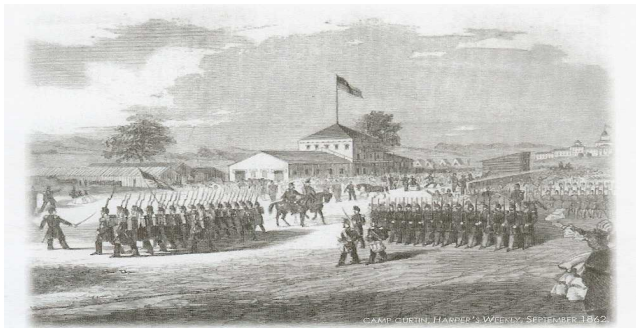
**GENERAL JOHN F HARTRANFT, CAMP 15  
HARRISBURG, PA,**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 11, 1882  
IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY

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**A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY.**

COMMEMORATING THE 151<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF

**CAMP CURTIN**

&

THE 2010 LISTING OF THE CAMP CURTIN MEMORIAL-MITCHELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

CAMP CURTIN MEMORIAL PARK.  
N. SIXTH & WOODBINE STREETS, HARRISBURG, PA.  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012.  
11:00 A.M.

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Mr. James Schmick  
*President, Camp Curtin Historical Society/Civil War Roundtable*

Mr. Wayne Motts  
*Chief Executive Officer, National Civil War Museum*

Mr. David W. Demmy, Sr.  
*Executive Director, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

Ms. Jean H. Cutler  
*Director, Bureau for Historic Preservation  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

**PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE PROCLAIMING THE LISTING OF THE CAMP CURTIN MEMORIAL-MITCHELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.**

Representatives of the Camp Curtin Historical Society/Civil War Roundtable to Rev. Andrew T. Bradley, Sr., Mr. Jeb Stuart and Mr. Lewis Butts, Jr.

**REMARKS.**

Mr. Lewis Butts, Jr.  
*Chair, Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church Preservation Committee*

**MUSICAL SELECTION.**

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
*Men's Choir, Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church*

**LAYING OF THE WREATH COMMEMORATING ALL WHO PASSED THROUGH CAMP CURTIN AND GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNION.**

Living Historians Portraying Civil War Pennsylvania Volunteers and Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin

**BENEDICTION.**

Rev. Andrew T. Bradley, Sr.  
*Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church*

**POSTLUDE.**

*Stars and Stripes Forever*  
*Harrisburg High School Wind Ensemble*

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**CAMP CURTIN 151<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY & NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES RECOGNITION.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012.  
11 A.M.



**INTRODUCTION.**

Mr. Jeremy R. Young, Program Coordinator  
*Student, Millersville University of Pennsylvania & Intern, PHMC - Bureau for Historic Preservation*

**INVOCATION.**

Rev. Andrew T. Bradley, Sr.  
*Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church*

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS.**

Army Color Guard  
*Pennsylvania National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, Fort Indiantown Gap*  
Civil War Pennsylvania Volunteers Living Historians

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Students  
*The Nativity School, N. Sixth & Woodbine Streets, Harrisburg*

**MUSICAL SELECTION.**

*Star-Spangled Banner*  
*Harrisburg High School Wind Ensemble*

**CAMP CURTIN 151<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATIONS.**

The Honorable Mayor Linda D. Thompson  
*City of Harrisburg*

The Honorable Councilman Kelly D. Summerford  
The Honorable Councilwoman Eugenia G. Smith  
The Honorable Councilman Brad Koplinski  
*City of Harrisburg*

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*"In memory of the more than 300,000 soldiers of the Civil War, the flower of the Nation's youth and the maturity of her manhood, who passed into and out of this camp to the field of battle; A United Nation enjoys the fruit of her victory for Liberty and Union."*

- *Camp Curtin Memorial Park and Governor Curtin Statue Dedication*  
October 19, 1922



*A Special Thank You to...*

The Honorable Mayor Linda D. Thompson, City of Harrisburg  
The Honorable Councilman Kelly D. Summerford, City of Harrisburg  
The Honorable Councilwoman Eugenia G. Smith, City of Harrisburg  
The Honorable Councilman Brad Koplinski, City of Harrisburg  
Mr. James Schmick, Camp Curtin Historical Society/Civil War Roundtable  
Mr. Robin Lighty, Camp Curtin Historical Society /Civil War Roundtable  
Mr. Wayne Motts, National Civil War Museum  
Ms. Jean H. Cutler, PHMC - Bureau for Historic Preservation  
Mr. David W. Demmy, Sr., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Pennsylvania National Guard JFHQ, Fort Indiantown Gap  
Rev. Andrew T. Bradley, Sr.  
Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell United Methodist Church  
Men's Choir, Camp Curtin Memorial-Mitchell UMC  
Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Mr. Jeb Stuart  
Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee  
The Historical Society of Dauphin County  
Principal Joseph Conrad & Students of the Nativity School  
Director William Troutman & the Harrisburg High School Wind Ensemble  
Mr. David Klinepeter  
Mr. David R. Maher, PHMC Bureau for Historic Preservation  
Mr. R. Alan Byler, State Museum of Pennsylvania  
Mr. Bradley Swartz, PA Department of General Services - Bureau of Real Estate  
Mr. Stephen Zeigler & the Capitol Grounds Maintenance Staff  
Mr. Joshua M. Young

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# Memorial Day

## Formerly known as Decoration Day - USA

Decoration Day, [a day to honor our Civil War 1861 – 1865 dead], as it was most widely called, was a day for ceremonials and for carrying flowers to soldiers' graves. Our nation still marks this day by having the President lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

As new conflicts broke out and claimed more soldiers, marines, and sailor lives, the Decoration Day services were extended to include those war-dead as well. The parades and speeches devoted themselves not just to those fallen in the War-Between-the-States, but to include the lost lives from World War I, the War to End All Wars. When that proved untrue, the celebrations extended to the dead from World War II as well. Now we all recognize that the day is separate from the conflicts and honor all men and women who fell in the service of the country.

There is dispute about who started Memorial Day. Some say it was in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, and others point to the celebration in Richmond, Virginia. The U.S. Government has officially named Waterloo, New York as the starting place; that town celebrated a Decoration Day on May 5, 1865.

General John A. Logan, who served the Union during the civil war, was a Republican congressman from the State of Illinois. (He was the Republican candidate for vice president in 1884!) He also was active in many veterans' organizations.

In 1868, General Logan, then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (an organization of Union veterans), declared May 30<sup>th</sup> as the day to honor the fallen Union soldiers. Some people believe that date was chosen because it was "The Day of Ashes" in France, marking the day that Napoleon's remains were returned to France after his death on St. Helena. Here is Logan's General Orders 11:

### HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

#### **General Orders No.11, WASHINGTON, D.C., May 5, 1868**

- i. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.
- ii. We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic. If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us. Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

- iii. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to lend its friendly aid in bringing to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.
- iv. Department commanders will use efforts to make this order effective.

By order of

JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief	N. P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant General	Official: WM. T. COLLINS, A.A.G.
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## The Grand Army of the Republic

The custom caught on; even some Confederate States picked it up, although some established their own Confederate Heroes Day. But for most of the country, the last Monday in May became the official Decoration Day, and finally turned it into a Federal holiday in 1971 when Congress passed it into law!



Memorial Day is just not a holiday, it is a time to pause and remember our soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their all for our country. If you can, thank a veteran for their service.

# Pennsylvania Department Encampment Committee

To: Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865  
Auxiliary to the Sons  
S.U.V.C.W.

## *Brothers and Sisters*

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Department Encampment/Convention of the Allied Orders, which includes the Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans.

The 2012 Encampment/Convention will be held on:

*June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2012*

at the

Four Points by Sheraton

100 Sheraton Drive, Route 30 East

Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

(724) 836-6060 – [www.fourpointsgreensburg.com](http://www.fourpointsgreensburg.com)

Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax. Reservations are to be made under **“Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.”** Meeting rooms are: Sons - Keystone #2, Auxiliary - Keystone #3, Daughters - Keystone #4. Reservation must be made no later than May 31, 2012.

### **Once again we ask your support for our Encampment and Memorial book.**

We look forward to seeing you at the Encampment/Convention! Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Joseph Long, Jr., Chairman  
Encampment Site Committee

Committee: Faye Carlisle, Auxiliary,  
Mary Jane Bannon, Daughters,  
Mary Jo Long, Chairmans Assistant

Buffet lunch for Friday and Saturday, **\$14.00 per person-per day.** Send your buffet order with banquet reservations.

Please return this portion with your name, dinner selection and payment for the Joint Banquet of the Allied Orders to be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., **to Encampment Committee, c/o Joe Long, Jr., 505 Marcy St., Duryea, PA 18642. All dinner reservations must be made by June 14, 2012.**

**Dinner selections: Mahi-Mahi or Chicken Marsala – \$28.00    Chicken fingers (for children only) \$10.95**

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