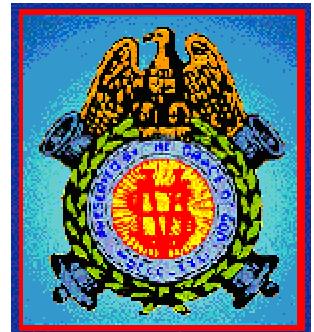




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May 2015

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!

Next Camp meeting Sunday May 17, 2015 at NCWM - Upper level room 222. Meeting begins at 2pm.

Memorial Day is just around the corner. This is a small tribute to all those who have served. May God bless our Military and their families?

[Click here: The Path of the Warrior - YouTube](#)

Dear Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

In Jesus' name -- Amen.



A Day for Remembering the Dead

<http://www.collectingchannel.com/>

Every May, Americans join in a peculiar celebration, our own special commemoration. It's a patriotic testimonial to the country's war-dead, a national bending-of-the-knee in tribute to the men and women who died in the service of their country. This sober intent is echoed in every town and village, in every city throughout the land.

And yet the sorrowful expressions give way to a glorious outcry of joyful patriotism. Instead of spending the day in quiet prayerful reflection, its America's first weekend of summer, filled with barbecues and swimming parties, fireworks and marching bands. We deck our houses not in crepe and mourning weeds, but in star-spangled bunting. We do not fast – we picnic on deviled eggs and baked beans, roast corn and grilled burgers. We flock to the ballparks and to the beaches.

It's our way, our own strange American custom. And we've been doing it this way for more than 130 years.

The grief of the [American Civil War](#) still carries to this day. The rift in the nation was a tearing of the soul for every intelligent American on both sides of the [Mason-Dixon Line](#). To this day, we can't reconcile ourselves to

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the fact that we did this; we grieve that Americans drew steel against each other.

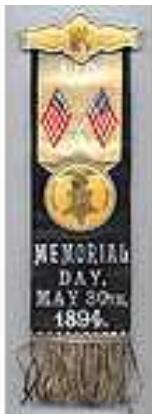
After that conflict ended, after Lincoln was killed, the nation went into a sort of shock. Old angers died hard; tensions continued. It seemed the pain could never be healed – indeed, it took many years to move on after that conflict.

But, there was one thing that unified the country, one thing that North and South had in common, and that was the grief of the loss of so many lives.

All over the country, in a grass-roots movement, the custom sprang up to honor the war dead. Isolated communities from Pennsylvania to New York to Virginia had observances, where they carried flowers to the graves of the fallen soldiers. In some of these, the ceremonies added speeches and hymns.

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 had a Decoration Day on May 5, 1865.

General John A. Logan, who served the Union during the 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.



GAR Ribbon 1894

that Napoleon's remains were returned to France after his death on St. Helena.

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 Congress finally turned it into a Federal holiday in 1971.

Decoration Day, 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



Memorial Day Postcard 1910

As new conflicts broke out and stole more lives, the 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.

Times and customs change. The day evolved to include mourning for all dead. Instead of only decorating the veterans' graves, families took that opportunity for laying flowers on the resting-places of all their deceased kin.

It's possible that the holiday would have gradually altered to be a general Day of the Dead, were it not for the efforts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars



Decoration Day Postcard 1910

But ever faithful, those organizations keep the memory alive. They hold Memorial Day Ceremonies in cemeteries from the Atlantic to the Pacific, playing the bugle and beating the drum over the graves of the fallen heroes. They sell poppies, bright red paper flowers to remind us of the blood that was spilled. And they don their proud uniforms and march to the Town Square, stand straight and tall through the speeches and flag-raisings, and remind the world through their presence of the ones who can't be with us.

We're not a solemn people; we're a joyous, exuberant, free nation. Our eyes may mist at the memory, we may bow our

Head in a moment's prayers for their souls and our own, but then it's our national custom to party down.

And that's just fine, in fact, it's Jim-dandy. It's **the American Way**, to deck our halls with Stars and Stripes and have mammoth sales at the shopping center. We lay a wreath on a grave and take the kids picnicking at the shore. We hold our hands over our hearts to salute Our Banner, then wear our red, white and blue swimming suit to the park.

So every baseball park has a Memorial Day themed game, and every casino has a Memorial Day tournament. Our movie theaters have Memorial Day features, and our television gives us Memorial Day reruns. **It's how we do things; it's who we are.** We are America!



Memorial Day Rolled Penny

Associated with this national day of mourning are red, white and blue and reflective of our family activities. Everywhere there are flowers, from the Veterans' **Poppies**, to the bouquets of roses on our tables and springs of bloom on our sunbonnets. And there are programs from special events, and flags and bunting.

Postcards for this holiday have been saved for over a hundred years; there are hundreds to collect. There are albums of band music and pictures of battlefields and badges and medals.

Spode created an incredible Memorial Plate for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day; this is a handsome piece to own and display. There were only 500 made, so this is a rarity. The center of plate reads "To Commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of D-Day 6th*June*1994". The front of this plate is detailed in 22kt Gold, with tiny stars around the rim along with many insignias: Eagles, Shields, Crowns, and Swords. The Center of plate shows a Flaming Sword. The back of plate reads, "The **D-day** Commemorative Plate 1944-1994. With the approval of the Imperial War Museum, this plate commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the D-Day

Landings. Produced in a Limited Edition of Five Hundred of which this is number -- Spode Fine Bone China England F1685-T". It was originally priced at \$170, but should be worth almost double that by now.

There is a great deal of patriotic folk art, with flags and Uncle Sam, soldiers and cannon. And, there are trays and platters and serving pieces with patriotic themes, appropriate for use on this day. Prices vary from top of the line for art and fine pottery to small sums for paper mementos.

So buy a poppy from the Veteran who offers it to you, and hang your flag above your door. Lay a rose to commemorate a lost life, and build a fire in your barbecue pit.

We cannot bring them back, but we'll never forget that they've gone. And through this American Festival of Joyous Mourning, we keep them with us in our lives

God bless our veterans and God bless America!

Mother's Day

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"!

Hug a mother while you can!

God bless our mothers and God bless America!

Army Heritage Day – Carlisle PA

May 16 is the annual Army Heritage Day at Army Heritage Center at Carlisle PA. Visit and enjoy the generals of the Civil War; 1812, WWI and WWII and other conflicts. See and talk with German, Russian and English living historians. You may even see John Harris in his 3 point hat.

Where: 950 Soldiers Dr, Carlisle PA just off I-81.

More data visit: www.usahec.org

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"

Memorial Day weekend for Camp 15

On Saturday May 23, camp members and family 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 and Monday the 26th too.

First, Brothers and friends will gather in Harrisburg for breakfast and then mosey over

to historic Harrisburg Cemetery, entrance near 13th and State streets.

Breakfast at **8 a.m.** at American Dream Diner [shown this page] on Herr Street between 18th and 20th streets and then, we'll move onto historic Harrisburg cemetery, cross over 13th at State Street, a mere few blocks from **Diner**. If the back room is open, we shall use that space due to the number of Brothers enjoying fully cooked breakfast of their choice! Pay as you go! Wear good walking shoes or boots for the ruff conditions of the old cemetery.

Queries are invited. DoubleD@Demmy.cc

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



Sgt. Harry Ottens in World War II

By Russell J. Ottens, member of Camp 15

Harry Ottens, my father, was born on January 9, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York. He was the only child of Henry John Ottens and Friederike Elise Mohrmann Ottens. Henry and Frieda, as Harry's mother was called, were German immigrants who became naturalized American citizens in 1921.

Harry received his draft notice and entered into active service on Monday, Dec. 7, 1942, precisely one year after the Pearl Harbor attack. He had his basic training in Florida followed by radar training at the Midland Radio School in Athens, Georgia in early 1943. While there, he was housed in the Holman Hotel and ate meals on the University of Georgia campus. He had additional training at Drew Field near Tampa, Florida.

Like so many other American soldiers, Harry crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary. It was January of 1944 and he said that many of the men were horribly seasick and spent much of the six-day journey hanging over the railing. Some of the men made a joke of it and they later spoke of how *they traveled to Europe "by rail."* Harry served with the 555th and the 573rd Signal Air Warning Battalions which were attached to the 9th Air Force. During the Normandy Invasion, Harry and his radar truck were dropped off at Utah Beach by an L.S.T. (Landing Ship Tank). I don't know which company or companies he served in, but I do have some idea of the hell he went through based on the few details my dad revealed to me. He said the Battle of the Bulge was the worst and suffered permanent frostbite damage in his leg during that engagement. The Germans appeared on the brink of capturing a multi-million dollar, high-tech microwave radar unit made by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. No chances of it falling into

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enemy hands could be taken and it was destroyed. It was one of only six in the world at that time. The field antenna weighed 10 tons. Harry's job was to perform 30-60 minutes of routine maintenance on the equipment every 24 hours

The tide of the battle turned and the radar actually could have been spared.

Anyway, the horrible experience in the Ardennes was an event my dad spoke of only in general terms. For his service in the Battle of the Bulge, Harry was awarded the *Belgian Fourragere*.

In his book *Beyond Band of Brothers*, Major Dick Winters described the conditions experienced by veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. "Sickness and trench foot remained recurring problems that reduced our rank and file. Fully one-third of our non-battle casualties resulted from trench foot and frostbite." "Life on the front line defied description. The weather was bitterly cold and the ground frozen solid.



LEFT, SGT. HARRY OTTENS ON A BRIDGE, CHECKING IN WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY!

Digging foxholes was a job every trooper despised, but it was a necessary chore. Unfortunately, our motor movement to Bastogne had been so hurried that many soldiers lacked entrenching tools to dig textbook fighting positions. And the temperature was horribly cold. Cold is cold. You live in a foxhole. Your feet are wet and you're wiggling your toes to keep them from freezing." "As the weather further deteriorated, physical exhaustion combined with mental fatigue to produce an unusually high number of

casualties now classified as combat exhaustion or battle fatigue.

In Normandy I had witnessed lots of stress; some in Holland; but much more at Bastogne due to the cold, lack of sleep, and constant artillery bombardment. I'm not sure that anybody who

Lived through Bastogne hasn't carried with him, in some hidden ways, the scars of fatigue."

Unlike the majority of World War II soldiers, Harry was a non-smoker. Cigarettes were given to the troops along with their food, so he used his tobacco rations in trade for all sorts of things. It's ironic that Harry was the only child of German immigrants, yet sent to fight his parents' people. His German language skills came in handy late in the war when he helped translate for many of the large numbers of German prisoners taken by the Americans. He wrote many letters home during the war, but most of them were lost when his parents' basement flooded.

My grandmother told me of one in which he concluded by saying, "I hope my little Nancy is well." She and her husband had no idea what this meant, but they studied a map of Europe and realized this was a coded message to get past the censors telling them that Harry was in *Nancy, France*.

After V.E. Day, Harry was located in Magdeburg on the Elbe River. This was to become part of the Russian zone and Harry said leaving was one of the saddest days of his life. The civilians all wanted to jump aboard the departing American trucks, but by the terms of the Yalta Conference, this was not permissible. He said he could never forget the tears streaming down the faces of the Germans who knew how harshly the incoming Russians would treat them. I'm not sure exactly where Harry was after that, but I do know he took a tour of Switzerland in the fall of 1945. He went there with his buddies in a captured German Opel and he thoroughly enjoyed it. The war's living hell was the worst time of his life, though his short trip to Switzerland was by far the best part of his wartime service. He returned home on the *U.S.S.*

George Washington, the same ship that took his mother for the one trip she made back to her native Germany for a visit with family in the early 1920's.

Harry arrived at the home of his parents in Brooklyn on Dec. 24, 1945. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant on Dec. 28th. Though Christmas Eve was a joyous reunion,

my grandmother told me he was forever changed and would often stay in his room for hours on end, not wanting to be with anyone. He had a quick temper and would fly off the handle for nearly anything, characteristics that my grandmother said he never had before the war. He tried to forget the war by going to some Broadway shows, including more than one viewing of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" which ran for 2,212 performances from March 31, 1943 to May 29, 1948 at the St. James Theatre in New York City.

Like most veterans of World War II, Harry got on with his life and never made a big deal of his military service. He was extremely nonchalant about the gravity of his part in defeating Hitler, so much so that he used his "Ike Jacket" as a work outfit. I distinctly remember him wearing it while he repainted the outside of our house. To this day, tiny flecks of paint are still stuck to the fabric.

Harry met my mother, Margie Seiders, while working at the New York Telephone Company in Brooklyn. They were married in 1951. Margie's roots were in *Dauphin Co., PA*. She was the granddaughter of Pvt. Joseph Seiders who served in Company A, 172nd Pennsylvania Drafted Militia and Company H, 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. Margie died in 1980 and Harry in 1994. Both Joseph and Harry were a part of American history that should never be forgotten. What a privilege it is to be descended from men such as these!

Another WWII veteran returns to Europe in July

From a notice by Central Pennsylvania WWII Round Table in Hummelstown PA.

"Our April 2014 speaker Floyd Demmy is returning to the WWII European battlefields where he fought with Co.

"B," 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, Patton's Third Army.

His company crossed the Rhine on April 23, 1945, nearly 70 years ago. Demmy has never been back.

He'll be joining December 2014 speaker Nathan Kline, USAF (ret.), bombardier/navigator B-26 Marauders, on the July 2015 tour, planned by *Specialty Tours*. Both are proud Pennsylvania Patriots, and can still "get into" their uniforms!"

www.centralpaww2roundtable.org



Ann Wyatt Little on FOX
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It's always an honor to visit with Richard Overton. He's our nation's oldest living WWII combat veteran. Next month he turns 109!

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

The 150 Anniversary of the Civil War is winding down. One of the last large events will be the Grand Review in Washington D. C. on May 17, 2015. In the original parade there were no colored troops but this time the United States Colored Troops (USCT) will be in the front. There will be other smaller 150th events down south. Some people think the war ended when Lee surrendered April 7, 1865. Not so. There were 4 or 5 Confederate Armies in the field in different areas of the south.



Your Patriotic Instructor had a number of experiences in the month of April 2015 pertaining to the 150th anniversary. On April 6th the Lincoln Fellowship of Penna went on a bus trip to Washington D. C. Our first stop was Fords Theatre. There was a 2 man play about the assassination of President Lincoln. My seat was across from the Lincoln box [above]! It was an emotional experience. After that went to the Capitol --- upstairs,

down stairs, up long halls, down long halls, saw a movie, toured statuary hall at US Capitol.

At first, I was annoyed by the thousands of people there. ((It was the day after Easter, kids off of school, clear warm sky (80), cherry blossoms were coming out) Than I stopped to realize that they were getting some history education.



After that we went to Fort Steven, it is a Soldier's Home and the summer home of the Lincoln family. To finish the trip we made a stop at the Lincoln Memorial. Quite an interesting day.

On the evening of April 21st I went to the Capital here in Harrisburg for a special ceremony. On April 21, 1865 Lincoln's funeral train arrived in Harrisburg. The coffin was taken to the rotunda

of the capital at 8pm. At 8pm on April 21st 2015, portraying Governor Andrew Curtin, I was sitting in the rotunda of the capitol, exactly 150 years later. The original Lincoln funeral train left Harrisburg at 3pm on April 22, 1865. Governor Curtin rode the funeral train

from the time it entered Penna border with Maryland till it left the state after a stop in Philadelphia, Pa.



On April 25, as Governor Curtin, I went to **New Freedom**, Pa train station. They have a replica of a Civil War period train. It was decorated as the funeral train. There were four old time cars full of people. We traveled to Hanover Junction, the same as the original train did. I enjoy going to these historical events and try to stimulate people's interest in our great country!

Memorial Day is coming soon, the government says it is on May 25th. Some of our members will help to install flags at the historic Harrisburg Cemetery on Sat May 23, come on along if you can. Wear good shoes or boots for walking.

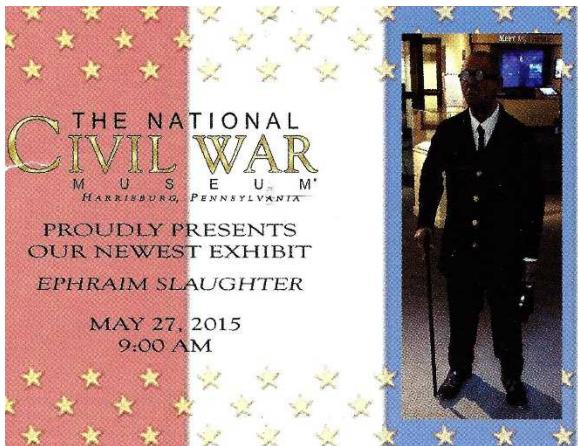


Left, image of 2015 Lincoln Death Ribbon

Great souvenir if you can obtain one – wait a few months and they will be all over Ebay!

If interested in numerous articles and pictures of Camp 15s participation in the past, *there are lots of them in the back issues of the Hartranft Herald*. As in the past, a number of our members will be taking part in several Memorial Day parades, especially at Gettysburg, Pa.

Photos courtesy of Brother Dave --- DJK



Join us as we unveil the
Museum's newest permanent
exhibit!

The museum will dedicate a life-size figure of African-American soldier, Ephraim Slaughter. Slaughter, who enlisted and fought in the Civil War under the name Ephraim Newsome, served in Company B, 37th United States Colored Troops (USCT). He came to Harrisburg in 1869 and died in his 97th year on February 17, 1943. He was one of the last living veterans of Dauphin County to serve in the American Civil War.

1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park
Harrisburg, PA 17103
RSVP:
info@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org
717.260.1861

Veteran Slaughter was the last living
Civil War Veteran of the City of Harrisburg.

Camp Minutes of April Meeting
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, April 19, 2015

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Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith
SVC.....Greg Kline, PCC
Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC
Council.....Scott Debo

Officers Absent

JVC.....,,Logan Swanger
Treasurer/Chaplain David Demmy, Sr
Pat.Inst./Hist.....David Klinepeter
Council.....Lee Walters
Council.....Tom Bowman
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz
Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman

Members attending:

Tony Kline, Robert Treat, Dave Laman

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Jeff Smith at 2:08 PM

The meeting minutes from March 15 2015, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Scott Debo, second by Brother Robert Treat, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Secretary Kline on behalf of Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. The checkbook has a working balance of \$823. Motion to accept by Brother Robert Treat, second by Brother Tony Kline, motion approved.

Brother Robert Treat asked that the Camp keep his wife, Denise, in our prayers as she continues to struggle daily with various medical issues. Angelica Showalter of Cooper's Battery B was recently diagnosed with Leukemia and Brother Treat's sister was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep these ladies in your prayers. Commander Smith updated the Camp on his immune disorder and noted that his condition is not pancreatic cancer as had been feared originally.

Applications for Membership:

Application received from **Vernon Stout** of Hershey, whose ancestor served in the 58th Pennsylvania Infantry, Company K. Motion made by Brother Tony Kline, seconded by Brother Robert Treat to instruct the Camp Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Mr. Stout's Membership on behalf of the Camp. Motion approved unanimously. Brother Stout indicated to Secretary Kline in email correspondence that he would be available to be initiated at the May meeting.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read a note of thanks from Auxiliary Sister Mary Jane Bannan thanking Camp 15 for the card of condolences sent after the passing of Sister **Kate Sienert**. Sister Mary Jane enclosed a \$30 donation to Camp 15 in memory of Sister Kate.

Secretary Kline read correspondence from the Pennsylvania Department and from National in the form of Department and General Orders. These included the following:

General Order# 5 regarding the passing of Past Commander-In-Chief Richard Greenwalt.

General Order# 6 establishing the Department of the Columbia, which will include Camps in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Department Order# 17 highlighting the serious bitterness between several Brothers, Sisters and Camps within the Department. He is asking for unity among all Brothers and Sisters. If the problem continues, the Department Commander will take corrective action against offending parties as outlined in the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

Old Business:

Adopt-A-Position: a date needs to be set. This was deferred to the May meeting when there will hopefully be more Members in attendance to make a decision.

New Business:

Brother **Robert Treat** mentioned that Panama and Grenada are not available as service bars for the War Medal and is asking who we could address to make these available. Motion made by Brother Treat, seconded by Brother Tony Kline to make a motion a the Department Encampment to advance the issue to the National Encampment of adding these bars, pending investigation by Commander Smith and Secretary Kline.

Memorial Day activities were discussed including our annual breakfast and decorating of graves as well as the Gettysburg Memorial Day parade, which we are now registered for. More discussion and details in May.

Good of the Order:

Commander **Jeff Smith** gave a very interesting presentation on Appomattox and displayed numerous artifacts from his personal collection, including an Enfield rifle and a Spencer rifle that has been identified to the 27th Michigan. Commander Smith noted that Confederate General Johnston surrendered a larger Army to Union General Sherman in the same month and discussed this as well.

The meeting was closed by Commander Smith at 3:48 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

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!

May Camp meeting – **Sunday May 17th.**

Hartranft Camp Memorial events:

Saturday May 24, breakfast followed with placing flags upon veterans' gravesites at Historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

No Camp meeting in June, instead we hope you may attend the 2015 annual Department of Pennsylvania encampment at Williamsport, PA.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff DoubleD@Demmy.cc.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

Please add the names mentioned above and any others to your prayer list.

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 GAR,
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
- The Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of 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!

Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!