



Hartranft Herald

The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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--- A Pennsylvania Issue ---

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!

[A venerable moment in history for Hartranft Camp!](#)

The Pennsylvania Line-up – leaders from General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg:

From East Berlin, PA



Charles Kuhn,
Commander-in-Chief

From Mechanicsburg, PA



Lee Walters, Penna. Dept. Commander
and National Executive Director

From Mifflintown, PA



Donnie Prye, Camp Commander
Capital City of Harrisburg, PA.

During August, at the National Encampment in St. Louis, our Brother Charlie Kuhn was duly elected to the position of Commander-in-Chief for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Charlie hails from the Gettysburg area and has worked his way through the ranks of brotherhood in our Order, having served in nearly every office available to him on his way to becoming our National leader and Commander-in-Chief. Above, Charlie exhibits the two-finger, World War II 'V' for Victory symbol. Well done faithful servant of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Camp 15 wishes you well in your endeavors to further the good of this Order and we sincerely invite you and yours to Camp 15's annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9th.



Cover page conceived by Hartranft Camp Patriotic Instructor – David J. Klinepeter, PCC, and WWII Navy Veteran.

[Hartranft Camp attends National Encampment at St. Louis](#) Encampment during August 7, 8, 9 at Peabody, Boston, MA.

We had great weather, great fellowship, great meals, and great meetings too.

According to the Department of Missouri, SUVCW, the encampment was held in the state of Missouri – must be a local Colloquialism!

Revealed in the 1901 GAR annual convention report held in Cleveland that year, Pennsylvania had a membership of over 28,000 the National membership was over 269,000; likewise in 2007, the SUVCW national membership is under 7,000. The average daily attendance at the 2007 encampment at St. Louis was 195.

Native Pennsylvania Son, Charlie Kuhn joins ranks with past Pennsylvania Brothers who have risen to the post of National Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. A dual member of Camp 15 and long-time brother of Gettysburg Camp 112, Charlie became the 26th brother who has hailed from Pennsylvania and served the brotherhood of SUVCW as the National Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Charlie, Camp 15 wishes you well in your new assignment as CinC.

Charlie, God bless you and yours.

-- Camp 15.

[Encampments for Next Year 2008](#)

The 128th Pennsylvania Department encampment will be held in western PA on June 27, 28, 29 and the 127th National

Additional data will be published as it becomes available to the *Hartranft Herald*.

[Omission in August Hartranft Herald.](#)

Oops -- The photos of the Camp 15's field trip to Hartranft gravesite and visit with World War II veteran Sgt. Louis Zotti were furnished to the *Hartranft Herald* by Commander-elect for 2008-2009, Greg Kline, SVC.

[Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7 birthdays](#)

James Brown September

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 September, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* with corrective information.

[Notice to all Veterans - Saluting US Flag change to US Code; eventual change to Flag Code too.](#)

(200 years in the making)

S. 1877: A bill to amend title 4, United States Code by James (Jim) Inhofe, U.S. Senator. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may [NOW] render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of US flag, was passed by Congress on July 25, 2007.

Source:

http://inchofe.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressRoom.PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=04627C79-802A-23AD-43C5-5207C7092C09

Editor's Note: A personal observation: While on active duty, but in civilian attire, we were always required to render the salute on an Army post. Upon returning to civilian life, I was stilled to learn that I could not and should not render a salute out of uniform. God bless Senator Inhofe. –your *Hartranft Herald*.

[Hartranft Gravesite visit continued](#)

Photos by *Hartranft Herald*



VIEW OF HARTRANFT'S 28TH DIVISION SYMBOL

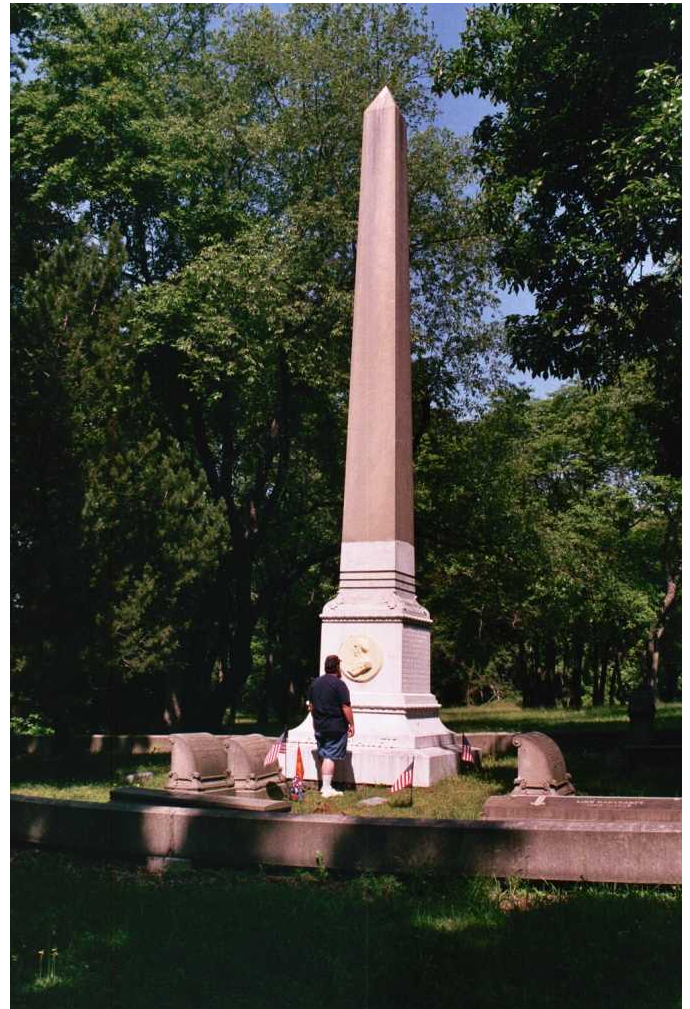


CLOSE UP OF HARTRANFT BUST

[Camp 15's 45.70 Rifles](#)

Camp 15 sold three rifles and traded two 45.70s for 1861 models.

5 down 2 to go! Any interested parties out there contact Commander or raise concern at September meeting on Sunday, **September 16!**



FULL VIEW OF HARTRANFT OBELISK – COMMANDER DONNIE REVIEWING MINOR RIFLE DAMAGE.



FROM LEFT LARRY C. SHEIBLEY, DONNIE PRYE, GREG KLINE, SVC AND OUR GUIDE, MICHELLE M. HARRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND CEMETERY.

[The Office of the Executive Director of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#)

is continued from August issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEE WALTERS, SEATED.
APPOINTED ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CHARLOTTE WALTERS, STANDING.

NOTICE RESERVOIR PARK LANDSCAPE OUTSIDE LEE'S
WINDOW. THE HARRISBURG CITY-SCAPE APPEARS
WESTWARD OF THE TREE LINE.

Q: GUESS WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE!
Photo by David J. Klinepeter, Patriotic Instructor for
Hartranft Camp.

A: THE LADY ABOVE, KEEPING AN EYE UPON, LEE!



Another view of the National Headquarters
office of the SUVCW.

[You can Google a Civil War experience](#)

BY JERRY L. GLEASON Of *The Patriot-News* –
Harrisburg - Monday, August 27, 2007

When Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate army invaded Pennsylvania in 1863, the military campaign touched the lives of hundreds of Pennsylvania residents in small towns, in their homes and on their farms.

Their stories will be told in two tourism projects involving the Google Earth Project -- the Pennsylvania Tourism Office and The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

"This is a deeper immersion into the Civil War, beyond battlefields and generals and into the lives of the people living in Pennsylvania at the time," said Lenwood Sloan of the Pennsylvania Tourism Office.

"People know what happened on the battlefield in Gettysburg, but they don't know about the civilian experience.

"This program, which we are calling 'The Pennsylvania Civil War Trail: Prelude to Gettysburg,' is for the casual traveler who likes history ... and cultural explorers who travel through small towns and on back roads as well as the serious Civil War enthusiast," Sloan said.

Historical markers, including Civil War period photos and a narrative, will be placed at 56 locations from Waynesboro to Harrisburg.

The Google Earth part, which combines the power of an Internet search with satellite imagery and maps, will provide panoramic images and detailed closeup views of the sites.

James Schmick, a Civil War buff who is a member of the Camp Curtin Historical Society and Civil War Round Table and owner of a Mechanicsburg bookstore, "Civil War and More," said the project can only be a plus for Pennsylvania. The society has assisted with research for the project, he said.

"The Pennsylvania trail will hook up with Civil War trails in Virginia and Maryland, and let people know what is available in Pennsylvania," Schmick said.

Jeb Stuart, secretary of the National Civil War Museum, said the museum is providing the Civil War period imaging and stories for the markers.

Many of the sites are unmarked, making them difficult to find for anyone other than serious Civil War buffs, Stuart said.

"The purpose is to promote Civil War sites north of the Mason-Dixon Line," Stuart said. "We will capture the every-day life stories of what happened in Pennsylvania during this period in American history."

Markers will be placed in places such as Fleming Farm, just outside Greencastle, where Confederate and Union soldiers first clashed in Pennsylvania; Mary Ritner's Boarding House in Chambersburg, where John Brown stayed in 1859 before his raid on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va.; and Monterey Pass near Waynesboro, where the second-largest battle of the campaign was fought by 10,000 soldiers during the Confederate retreat.

The Civil War museum will work with the Ben Franklin Technology Partners to provide the photographic and imaging technology on Google Earth.

The museum has received \$350,000 for the project, with \$285,000 coming from the Ben Franklin Technology Partners and the remainder from the state's Pennsylvania Dutch Country Roads tourism promotion initiative.

Local images on Google Earth will include Civil War sites, such as Camp Curtin and the Broad Street Market, which provided food to soldiers at the camp. It will also show the city skyline, baseball stadium, Market Square, Reservoir Park, and other sites.

"The first marker is already in place, in Market Square in downtown Harrisburg," Stuart said. "This is an introductory marker, introducing the Civil War trail."

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[Observance of Civil War's 150th Anniversary Opens Old Wounds](#)

By **BOB DEANS**

Cox News Service - Washington

" Monday, September 03, 2007 Congress has yet to create a federal commission to coordinate a national commemoration. By contrast, a federal commission to commemorate last May's 400th

anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown, Va., was up and running four and a half years before the anniversary.

There have been some low-key attempts to set up a Civil War sesquicentennial commission. Rep. Richard Baker, R-La., introduced a bill last February that would create one. In the seven months since, it has picked up support from just 10 representatives in the 435-member House".

Editor's Note: Where is congress when we need them? Does the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War need Congress?

[PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN](#)

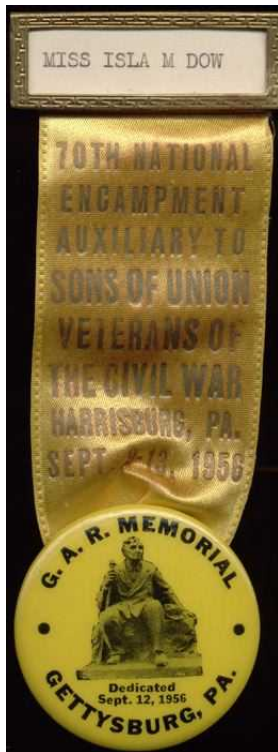
by Dave Klinepeter

SEPTEMBER 17, 1862*** BATTLE OF ANTIETAM*** This year will be the 145th Commemoration of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. It was basically a draw, but did stop General Lee from invading Pennsylvania. There is to be a reenactment on Sept 7-9 of the Battle of South Mountain & Antietam in Boonsboro, Md. Hosted by Western Maryland Heritage Foundation. On Sept 14-16 there will be a non spectator Battle of Antietam 6 miles from Harpers Ferry WV. All reenactors were invited. The last count I heard was approximately 2000 men. There are no battles this year with 18,000 men. The farm that had been used for a number of years was sold. On Sept 14-17 the National Park will be conducting hikes and special programs on the actual Battlefield at Antietam.

I served on the Knaps Battery E, First Penna Light Artillery crew at the 100th Battle of Antietam There were approximately 2000 reenactors involved. By the 135th battle I had become a Sutler's helper, to my son Mike. At that battle there were approximately 16,000 men and quite a few civilian reenactors involved. I wonder at the size of the 145th Battle of Gettysburg next year.

Special note Sept 12, 1956 Dedication of the Albert Woolson monument on the battlefield at Gettysburg. Hartranft Camp 15 was there and I served on the color guard detail. The National

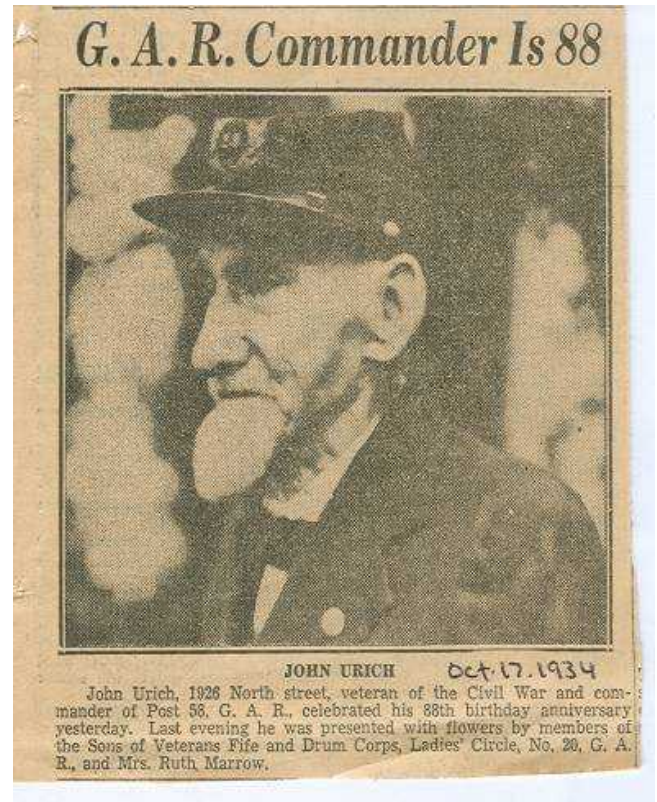
Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans was in Harrisburg, Pa in 1956. DJK



Editor's Note: The badge of the 125th National Encampment, held in Harrisburg in 2006, was designed after the Woolson monument.

[John H. Runkle](#) continued

Below is a picture of John Urich, great uncle to John H. Runkle and brother of Jacob Urich. Both men were members of Hartranft Post 58 Harrisburg, Pa Grand Army of the Republic. In the early 1920s Post 58 would hire Bill Razors Civil War Drum Corp to play for them to march in the Memorial Day parades. I remember on one occasion John Runkle and I talked about Bill Razors Drum Corp. I am sure he paraded with his great grandfather and great uncle in a number of parades. I also believe this is when he came up with the idea to some day to organization a Fife and Drum Corps. So far I have traced the Drum Corp to the 1929 Memorial Day parade. I am still researching this information. There will be more upcoming information of the Drum Corp. Note below the picture the Fife and Drum Corp presented John Urich with flowers.



2007 Remembrance Day Event and Parade



We welcome you to Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania - November 17, 2007

The 2007 Remembrance Day Parade will mark the 51st anniversary of this continuous and venerable occasion sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Units wishing to participate in the parade should complete a **registration form** and mail it to the address on the form. Mounted units participating must **register their horses** on a separate form and forward it to the same address. These forms may be obtained by clicking the hot links located on this page.

Please check the [schedule](#) for the planned events.

- [Click here to view the Invitation Letter](#)
- [Please Review the Remembrance Day Parade Policy](#)
- [Check here for hotel and local information](#)

If above 3 links won't work, go to:
<http://suvcw.org/RembrDay/Invite.html>
and select variety of subjects on Remembrance Day 2007.--- DJK

[Camp 15 gathers for annual summer time picnic](#)

Photos by *Hartranft Herald*



Let's see if the *Hartranft Herald* can name these folks for you:

Left side of table: Lynn Kyle, John Deppen, Floyd Demmy in white hat, Donnie Prye in kepi standing, with son Aaron sporting #25.

Right side of table: Marilyn Demmy, Don Fry and Larry C. Sheibley.



Grand prize fruit basket for dessert shared by Charlotte Walters. Can you imagine the time and effort to prepare such a delightful presentation and it was delicious too.

Also, frozen Barvarian cream puffs (shared by Kyle family?) were another successful dessert enjoyed by all present at the 2007 picnic.

The *Hartranft Herald* thanx Mrs. Sue Prye for arranging to supply the picnic with the main course and many of the accessories around the tables.

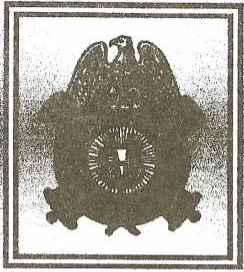
[Housekeeping](#)

Weather information for National Civil War Museum available by calling 717 260 9573.

Museum has new indoor traffic pattern. Inside Lobby Doors are now locked. You must enter thru the Gift Shop to continue to Camp 15 meeting place! Follow posted sign in lobby for meeting place.

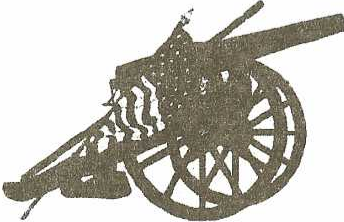
[Thank you from the Smith family](#) and Marilyn Demmy for your prayers, concerns and sympathy upon the death of Marilyn's father, Harry E. Smith formerly of Newport, on August 15, 2007.

You are invited to Commander-in-Chief Charlie Kuhn's Testimonial Luncheon
 Hurry time is running out to register for this venerable event in Central Pennsylvania.



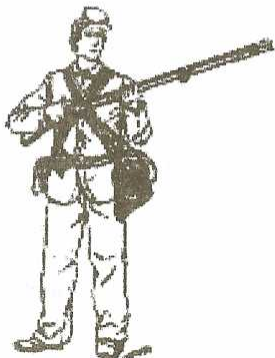
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Commander in Chief Charles "Charlie" Kuhn

PLACE	TIME	RESERVATIONS
<p>Herr Tavern & Publick House (On the Battlefield) 900 Chambersburg Road (US 30) Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-4332 www.herrtavern.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October 6, 2007</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>1:00 - Luncheon 2:00 - Entertainment 2:30 - Closing</p>	<p>Reservations are first come, first served and are \$35.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Please send your reservation request, along with the below form to the address indicated on the form.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCHEON</p> <p>Choices include beef, chicken or Salmon. Indicate your selection on the registration form. Please consider being listed as a sponsor on the program for \$10. Your name will be printed on the program, and you will help us defray entertainment costs.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">ACCOMODATIONS</p> <p>Gettysburg, at this time of year, will have many available hotel rooms, but you should book early. SEE REVERSE for Hotels. Also, consider a stay at the Herr Publick House B& B.</p>

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RESERVATION REQUEST FORM



Name (Please Print) _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Indicate number of each meal:

Fish: _____ Chicken: _____ Beef: _____

Total Nbr _____ Persons: @ \$35 = \$ _____

Optional Program Sponsor @ \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____


Make checks payable to:

Jenny Wade Auxiliary #27

Mail Check & Form to:

Eugene G. Mortorff
 70 Curtis Drive
 East Berlin, PA 17316

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

September – Sunday 16 th	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum.
October – Saturday 6 th	Luncheon for our Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn
October – Sunday 21 st	General Meeting at National Civil War Museum. Selection of Camp officers for 2008.
November	No general meeting scheduled at this time.
Veterans' Day 11 th	Thank a Veteran today for your freedoms.
November – Saturday 17 th	Annual Remembrance Day at Gettysburg.
December – Sunday 9 th	Annual Holiday Party at Doc Holliday's Restaurant, Limekiln Road, Exit 40A, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Celebrate the Installation of Officers for 2008 at this annual event. TIME: social hour 11:30 to 12:30; 1 pm mealtime and fellowship into afternoon. 
	Next Year
January – Saturday 26, 2008 More about this road trip in a forthcoming issue of your <i>Hartranft Herald</i> . Breakfast buffet at The Ono Farmer's Wife Family Restaurant 8:30 a.m., along Route 22 East at Ono.	The World War II Federation and Fort Indiantown Gap Presents the 63d Commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge, January 26th, 2008 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Area 12 - Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA See WWII period re-enacting and vehicles and inside barracks! http://www.wwiifederation.org/

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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Be Proud Wear The Badge



Looking Ahead into October:

- Photos of recent Camp activities as they become available.
- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are received.
- Keep a copy of your schedule of events and calendar handy for reference.

Bring a friend, nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather to a Camp meeting!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

--- End of September 2007 Hartranft Herald ---