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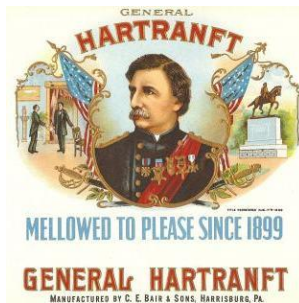


Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15!

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!

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Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm, 3rd Sunday of most months. The Marshall A. Hope author award was bestowed upon *Hartranft Herald* for excellence of a camp newsletter by Brad Schall, Commander in Chief, 2010-2011.

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History is alive in Central Pennsylvania
Father's Day - June 17, 2001

Perhaps you saw him on TV recently or read about him in the Saturday, June 26th edition of *The Patriot-News*.

The Reverend Martin Landis, of Colonial Park, is a son of a Civil War veteran. In 1863, his father, A. Martin Landis, Sr., was allowed, at age 15, to join the Union effort at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. He was mustered into the 187th Regiment, Pennsylvania Voluntary Infantry. In 1865, he was assigned as a guard overseeing the body of Abraham Lincoln. In 1906, when he reached the age of 59, this Civil War veteran's young wife gave birth to young Martin.

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2001, young Martin, now age 94, joyously consented to become a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At the National Civil War Museum, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Brother Landis and other volunteers were administered the oath of membership into the General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of the Capital City, by Camp Chaplain, David W. Demmy, Sr. Brother Landis exclaimed, "I should have done this back in '49". He is the only known living son or daughter of a Civil War veteran in Central Pennsylvania.

Camp member, Floyd J. Demmy's cousin, Richard Sheaffer of Waynesboro, Virginia, [formerly of Penbrook] (next door to Reservoir Park) was among the other men that joined the Capital City Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on this Father's Day, 2001. Richard's childhood friend, Gilbert Kyle, joined Camp 15 on the same day as Brother Floyd Demmy.

The Demmy's and Sheaffer are descendants of David and Levi Demmy, members of Company C, 127th Regiment, Pennsylvania Voluntary Infantry. Brother Kyle's great – great, grandfather, was a drummer boy in the 187th Regiment Pennsylvania Voluntary Infantry. His restored drum is on loan to the State Museum in Harrisburg. Camp 15 is honored and privileged to have Brother Landis as, not only a new member, but he is now recognized as a Real Son, being an offspring to a Union Civil War Veteran.

*General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania,
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Old Days of SUV in Pennsylvania - 1913

Extracts from *Camp News* a publication of the Sons of Veterans Publishing Company of Middletown, Pa., in the interest of the *Sons of Veterans* and the Veteran Soldier! Subscriptions: single copy 3 cents, 12 months 25 cents; "Camp News" 117 Ann St. Middletown, Pa! Press of the Middletown Journal. Vol 4 No 6 June 1913.

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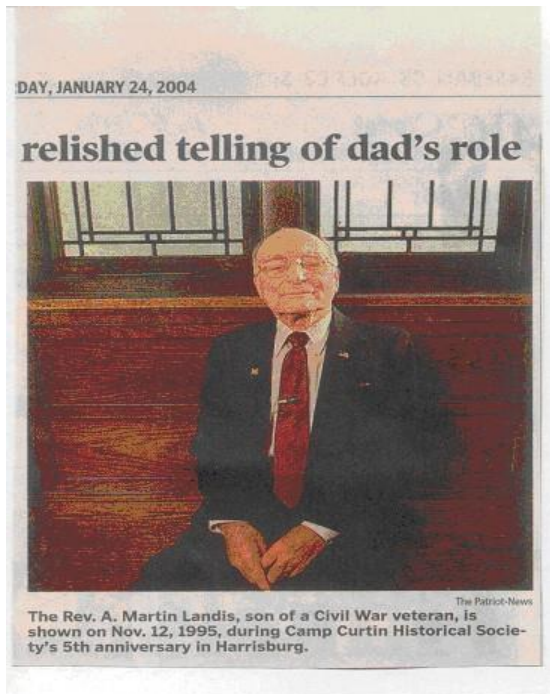
The Susquehanna Association recently organized among the Camps located in the Susquehanna valley met in the hall of Camp 160, Sunbury, May 22 and transacted some very important business. The laws of the association were considered and passed on first reading. Ten Camps were represented and a number of others heard from. The next meeting will be held at Watsontown, July 20, and it is expected that this meeting will be largely attended.

Comrade Geo. W. Reed, of Harrisburg, and a member of Post 116 G. A. R. of Harrisburg, died Memorial Day just as his comrades were passing his door on the way to decorate the graves of his comrades.

Col. Ellsworth Camp No 87, sons of veterans, U. S. A. received from the U S Navy Department, the bronze memorial tablet to the sailors of the battleship Maine, who were destroyed when the ship sunk in Havana Harbor. The tablet which is composed of metals from the sunken ship will be property of Sons of Veterans. The local Camp is one of the first organizations, who have made application for of these memorials, to receive it.

The tablet will be placed in the G. A. R. hall.

The oldest New York veteran of the Union Army paraded with the work horses instead of with the colors May 30th. Emmanuel Oppenheimer, 103 years old, possesses medals for distinguished service in the Mexican war, but he and his 101-year -old wife are prouder of their service to the country through seventy-nine years of married life than through this service at arms. They rode behind Lady Kate, a work



horse, which was driven by their sixty-one-year-old son, Alexander.

The cannon received by Lieut. David H. Nissley Post No 478, G. A. R. of Mt Joy, from the War Department were mounted in the Eberle cemetery. The cannon were [sic] used in the civil war and were [sic] shipped there from Rock Island, Illinois. About forty cannon balls were also received and were mounted alongside the cannon.

Big Reunion of Survivors of civil war at Gettysburg, July 1 – 40,000 expected to attend – men who wore the blue and grey to again gather on ground made memorable by historic conflict.

Over 125,000 veterans of the civil war, members of Pennsylvania organizations or survivors living within the State of Pennsylvania have applied to the State Commission in charge of the arrangements for the celebration of the semi-centennial of the battle for transportation to Gettysburg in July.

According to official accounts the Army of North Virginia on the 31st May numbered 74,468. The detachments which joined number 6,400, making 80,868. Deducting detachments left in Virginia – Jankins' brigade, Pickett's division 2,300 Corse's brigade, Pickett's division, 1,700; detachments from Second corps and cavalry, 1,300 in all 5,300 – leaves an aggregate of 75,568.

According to reports of 30th June, and making allowance for Union Detachments that joined the interim in time to take part in the battle, the grand aggregate was 100,000 officers and men.

The casualties were:

Confederate	
First Corps	1,539
Second Corps	5,937
Third Corps	6,735
Cavalry	1,426
Aggregate	21,637
Union	
First Corps	6,059

Second Corps	4,369
Third Corps	4,211
Fifth Corps	2,187
Sixth Corps	242
Eleventh Corps	3,801
Twelfth Corps	1,082
Cavalry	1,094
Staff	4
Aggregate	23,049
Published in November 2012	

The legend of Private Sparky [2008]

The legend of Private Sparky began with, well, a spark - or, more accurately, a *smoldering bit of refuse from an artillery round stuffed into the pants pocket of an inexperienced Union reenactor*. The ensuing frantic dance performed by the private as hot embers made their presence known generated quizzical looks and, shortly thereafter, knee-slapping laughter that still echoes to this day.

Private Sparky is more widely known as Mr. Gregory Edward Kline, Commander of General John F. Hartranft Camp #15 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Greg is also a member of Battery B, 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery, the unit that blessed - or cursed - him with the nickname Sparky. Greg's love of history and his devotion to the memory of the boys in blue make him a true champion of our Civil War heritage.

Greg's connection to the Civil War extends back to an ancestor, Frederick Kline of the 188th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Frederick Kline lost his life in

June 1864 outside Petersburg, Virginia. Union forces struggled to break through Confederate defenses at Petersburg and move on Richmond. Their gallant efforts failed, and both sides were forced into a long and brutal siege. Frederick Kline is buried in the Sunbury city cemetery at Fourth and Spruce Streets.

Greg grew up in the Susquehanna Valley. We attended Drumheller Elementary School together, and fought some of our earliest cap gun battles wearing Civil War hats purchased at Gettysburg. If I recall correctly, Greg wore a Confederate kepi in those battles in Lenker's Field on Ninth Street, and even today will occasionally switch sides, or "galvanize," in order to provide some balance at living history events.

Now a resident of Harrisburg, Greg remains involved in the Valley's history, serving on the program committee of the Susquehanna Civil War Round Table. As a reenactor, Greg has participated in numerous local events, from Danville's Iron Heritage Festival parade to Sunbury's River Festival.



As Commander of Camp #15 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a proud organization now 125 years old, Greg looks for new opportunities to make a difference, and to render honor where honor is due. On Saturday, May 24, 2008, Greg and I joined Ron and Helen Shireman in laying a wreath at the grave of Major General John F. Hartranft in Montgomery Cemetery in Norristown. Mrs. Shireman is the great-granddaughter of General Hartranft, and, as I escorted her to the gravesite, Greg spoke eloquently of the general's accomplishments and impact on Pennsylvania history.

When Greg and the members of Battery B participated in Sunbury's River Festival in 2007, the unit set up its cannon in a position where its blast would echo across the Susquehanna River. I remember watching Greg work the gun with his comrades while fascinated spectators observed the action. When the command to fire sent a burst of smoke and flame out over the water, I could not help but smile in wonderment at the thought that we had both come a long way since our Drumheller Elementary days.

Greg is proud of his *Sparky* identity - he emblazoned the moniker on a red jacket. We can be proud of Greg Kline, and everything he does to preserve the memory of our Civil War heroes.

Written by: John Deppen, Senior Vice Commander, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 2008.

happy birthday Greg June 5th

“And now you know — the rest of the story”

Paul Harvey Aurandt (4 September 1918 – 28 February 2009) was an American radio broadcaster, famous for his idiosyncratic delivery of news stories with dramatic pauses, quirky intonations, and many of his standard lead-ins and sign offs.

Summer time birthdays of Camp 15

Kline, Gregory Edward
Riegle, Charles William
Diemer Jr, Wesley E
Proper, Michael Scott
Baker, Bruce R
Bruner, Thomas Gene
Klinepeter, David Michael
Demmy Jr, David William
Hall, Nathaniel Allen
Stout, Vernon David
Kyle, Lynn E
Kuhn Jr, William Charles
Walters PDC, Lee Franklin
Hall, Duke Allen
Swanger, Logan Garth
Foster, Barry Elmer

[Lord's Prayer](#)

The Lord's Prayer is not allowed in most U.S. Public schools any more.

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Now I sit me down in school  
Where praying is against the rule  
For this great nation under God  
Finds mention of Him very odd

If scripture now the class recites,  
It violates the Bill of Rights.  
And anytime my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.  
The law is specific, the law is precise.  
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice

For praying in a public hall  
Might offend someone with no faith at all.  
In silence alone we must meditate,  
God's name is prohibited by the State.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,  
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.  
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.  
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,  
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.  
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong.  
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,  
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.  
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,  
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,  
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.  
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:  
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen

Attributed to many a school child author; but original writing may be undetermined!

## The Civil War (1861 - 1865) Camp Life

Submitted by  
David W. Demmy, Sr.

**Author's note: Some terms and spelling used in this article are consistent with usage that was common during the Civil War era!**

Most, and probably all of the members of  
the 127th Regiment Penna. Vols. -

Infantry “familiarily known as the Dauphin County Regiment”, saw their first service as servants of “Uncle Sam” in Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Here the men and line officers were mustered into service, and here too, after the expiration of their terms of enlistment, they were mustered out of service and received their “honorable discharge”.

They strolled singly, or were marched into Camp Curtin in squads, or as separate companies; and while they were inspired by patriotic feelings, and enthused by martial music, they soon learned, after passing the sentinels in camp, that they were now under restraint; so the **first thing they were required to learn was obedience to orders**, and the subsequent **subjection to discipline**.

They soon learned that they were unable to leave camp without a pass, and they were to be punctual, and respond with *promptitude* to the tap of the drum. **The order of an officer was absolute law, required to be obeyed without question, or suffer the penalty of disobedience**, and these citizen soldiers of the war of the rebellion, soon knew that he was no longer permitted to exercise the pleasure of his own “sweet will,” and, however restraining this seemed to be at first, **these young boys and men found that it was good policy to bow to the inevitable**.

According to Cyrus R. Lantz, Company E, 127th Regiment, P. V., “The life of a soldier in camp was something of an indolent life, particularly when he got into the guard-house, or played ‘old soldier,’ or ‘hospital bumner.’ He was not required to do much, if any thinking for himself, as his officers were expected to do that for him. He was simply expected to act a good deal as an automaton; so that his brain was never burdened about ‘*manoeuvres*,’ ‘advances,’ ‘retreats,’ and ‘strategy;’ but **he was simply expected to act when required, and to obey orders.**”

Short as camp life was at Camp Curtin, there was a general feeling of expressed delight when the orders came to cook provisions and fill their haversacks with five days’ cooked rations, ‘strike tents,’ which they seemed to know by intuition meant a change of base; so there were no expressed regrets at leaving Camp Curtin, which was named after the great war Governor of Pennsylvania. The general inquiry was, “where are we going?” and the imagination of each and every one was exercised to its fullest extent; *but* the great bulk of them guessed that they were going immediately to the front, and that it meant fight, for which each and all nerved themselves. So, on the morning of Sunday, August 17, 1862, the regiment marched to the Pennsylvania Railroad and left Camp Curtin and Harrisburg behind. The railway ride from Harrisburg to Washington was a sort of a general picnic; but when the march was made across the Long Bridge into Virginia, **the boys of the 127<sup>th</sup> began to feel that they were approaching the country of the enemy**.

All of the subsequent camps of the regiment were of regimental formation, and the next camp located was in the line of fortifications back of Arlington, and was named “Camp Welles”, in honor of the Secretary of the Navy. Upon occupying this Camp, an order came from Major-General Whipple, at Arlington, requiring the Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel to report to headquarters for orders. The colonel was placed in command of a brigade, and the Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the regiment. During the regiment’s tenure at this camp site, MG Whipple visited surrounding camps in order to select regiments to join General McClellan in his march through Maryland to intercept the Army of Northern Virginia in its threat to invade Maryland and Pennsylvania.

While the selection of green troops was made, General Whipple was careful to retain some of the best material for the *defences* of Washington; and among others, he selected

**the 127th Pennsylvania and assigned it to duty** near Fort Ethan Allen, **in charge of the Chain Bridge**. In short time, orders came upon to the 127<sup>th</sup> to “strike tents.” Camp Welles was left behind as the boys knew not where they were marching, and expected to go with McClellan to participate in the pending great battles, which culminated at Antietam and Short Mountain.

But alas, the 127<sup>th</sup> was not called upon to go into combat at this time\*. The former Adjutant of Camp Curtin, and now commander of the Dauphin County Regiment, Colonel William W. Jennings, selected a knoll of the hill to the right of Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia, as the site of the regiment's new camp, and named it “**Camp Boas**,” in compliment of his patriotic uncle, Colonel F. K. Boas, of Harrisburg.

Camp Boas was in close proximity to the Chain Bridge, where the regiment was assigned duty to guard the bridge to protect Washington from invasion. The associations of the officers at the Fort, as well as division headquarters, made it exceedingly pleasant for the officer of the regiment, and here, at Camp Boas, both officers and men lived in more luxurious style than in any of the other camps.

***When the question was put to Colonel Jennings, “In what time can you form dress parade?” Colonel Jennings, without hesitation, replied, “In two minutes!” The New York Colonel quickly said, “I’ll bet you a box of cigars that you can’t do it”.***

It was a very high compliment to the regiment that it was selected from among upwards of one hundred new regiments, as the one best fitted for the careful and vigilant duty required in guarding an avenue into Virginia, and in performing picket duty, with Stuart's Cavalry in the front.

The requirements of the regiment while in Camp Boas were to guard the Chain Bridge; man Fort Ethan Allen and its sixty-four-pounders during an emergency; perform picket duty from Langley to the Potomac River; and devote time to squad, company, regimental, and brigade drill. [AUTHOR'S NOTE: THE ARMY HAS NOT CHANGED IN OVER 200 YEARS!]

Many of the members of the 127<sup>th</sup> saw service in the *first call* for troops, as members of three-month units; others were proficient in company drill having been members of *home guards*. Also there was school at headquarters for officers nearly every night. The 127th Regiment Penna. Vols. - Infantry was considered proficient in company, battalion, regimental and brigade drill (before it departed Camp Boas) and well fitted for active field service.

It so happens the regimental parade ground was in full view of division headquarters, and the regiment was a favorite with Divisional Commander, General Abercrombie who frequently observed the actions of the field officers perform dress parade. Allegedly, there were few regiments in the service of its size --- 900 men of nine companies – that could compare with it.

The streets of Camp Boas were laid out with mathematical precision, with a grand parade ground. One day, the Colonel of the 127<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment and Colonel Jennings of the Pennsylvania 127th Regiment met at General Abercrombie's headquarters, when the question was put to Colonel Jennings, “In what time can you form dress parade?” Colonel Jennings, without hesitation, replied, in two minutes!” The New York Colonel quickly said, “I’ll bet you a box of cigars that you can’t do it”. “All right,” replied Jennings. Upon his return to Camp Boas, he instructed the company Captains to be ready to double-quick punctually at the first tap of the drum. The regiment formed on Hummelstown's very own doctor, Captain James Henderson's Color Company C, and when the adjutant called out “guides post”, the time was found to be one minute and thirty



seconds. This was a surprise to the New York Colonel, and the bet was secured with thirty seconds to spare, to the admiration of the division headquarters and to the discomfiture of the New York Commander.

Camp Boas and the 127th Regiment Penna. Vols. - Infantry were privileged to entertain hometown visitors such as the Secretary of War, Simon Cameron and later, his son, Major Brua Cameron, the U. S. Paymaster. The camp was a sight to behold. Photographs were taken and plates were. Also, the Camp's likeness was made into postcards.

**\* Postscript:**

The 127th Regiment Penna. Volunteers didn't have to wait much longer to go into combat. The Fredericksburg's Campaign and subsequent Battle of Fredericksburg began in early December 1862. On evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Regiment assisted with the completion of the pontoon boat bridge across the Rappahannock River, which separated the town of Fredericksburg from the union forces at Falmouth, Virginia. The Mississippi sharpshooters played havoc with the union forces attempting to complete the bridge for a full-scale attack upon the Confederate forces holding the high ground behind the town of Fredericksburg on Marye's Heights at the Sunken Road. The following day, Burnside's Army of the Potomac marched across the man-made bridge onto *perilous* danger at the hand of the Army of Northern Virginia.

In the spring of 1863, the 127<sup>th</sup> engaged in the Chancellorsville Campaign and subsequent Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-6. Assigned to II Corps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, the 127<sup>th</sup> participated in Operations at Franklin's Crossing on April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then action at Maryes Heights, Fredericksburg, May 3<sup>rd</sup> similar to the events of December 12<sup>th</sup>. Action at Salem Heights May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. On to Bank's Ford on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Regiment served honorably with the Army of the Potomac.

The end of their 9-month enlistment was rapidly approaching. Preparations were made for the Regiment to return to Camp Curtin to be mustered out. The surviving members of the 127<sup>th</sup> were paid and mustered out on 29 May 1863, just weeks before the Battle of Gettysburg.

The author, who served as a former director with Camp Curtin Historical Society and Civil War Round Table, Inc., is a direct descendant of two members of the 127th Regiment Penna. Volunteer Infantry: David Demmy and his younger brother Levi Demmy, Company C – the Color Guard Company of the Regiment.

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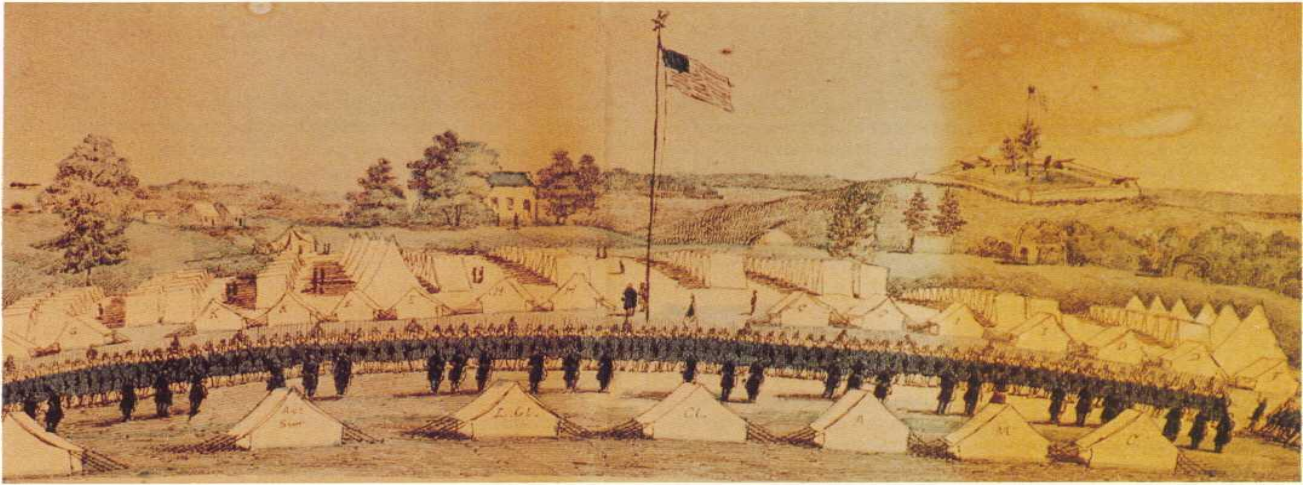
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"It is well that war is so terrible --- lest we should grow too fond of it."

□ Robert E. Lee, 1862

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A rare artist's sketch of the  
**127th Regiment, Penna. Vol., on Dress Parade,  
 at Camp Boas, Virginia  
 September 1862.**

On the left of Camp Boas lay Fort Ethan Allen. The house in front of the camp was General Abercombie's Headquarters. And, to the right of Camp Boas was Fort Marcy.  
 Tents in rear of the camp are assigned left to right

Hospital   Q. M.   Surgeon   Lt.-Col.   Colonel   Adjutant   Major   Chaplain

**The Field Officers** - Colonel, Wm. W. Jennings; Lieutenant-Colonel, H. C. Alleman; Major, Jeremiah Rohrer.

**Staff Officers** - Adjutant, A. L. Chayne; Quartermaster, John F. Orth; Surgeon, E. H. Horner; Assistant Surgeon, Jacob H. Vastline; Chaplain, John C. Gregg; Sergeant Major, Charles H. Small; Commissary Sergeant, Clement B. Care; Quartermaster, Sergeant, D. Campbell; Hospital Stewart, W. P. Oglesby.

The Line Officers and Companies, left to right, as shown on this rare artist's sketch of the  
 127th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers on Dress Parade at Camp Boas:

|                                                           |                                                       |                                                           |                                                     |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Company B.<br>J. Wesley Awl,<br>Capt.                     | Company G.<br>John J. Ball,<br>Capt.                  | Company K.<br>William Fox,<br>Capt.                       | Company E.<br>L. Greenawalt,<br>Capt.               | Company H.<br>John K. Shott,<br>Capt.               |
| Company C.<br>James<br>Henderson,<br>Capt.<br>Co A., was. | Company I.<br>C. A. Nissley,<br>Capt.<br>detached for | Company D.<br>James B.<br>Keene, Capt.<br>Provost Duty at | Company F.<br>W. H. Hummel,<br>Capt.<br>Camp Curtin | Company A.<br>F. Asbury Awl,<br>Capt.<br>Harrisburg |

*The First Brigade consisted of 127<sup>th</sup> Regiment P. V., 27<sup>th</sup> Connecticut, 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> New Jersey, and the 127<sup>th</sup> New York; Abercrombie's Division; and Fort Ethan Allen, Va.*

**On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 1862, the Third Brigade consisted of 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts, 42<sup>nd</sup> (Tammany) and 59<sup>th</sup> New York, and, the 127<sup>th</sup> Regiment Penn. Vols.**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 1862, the Third Brigade placed and crossed the pontoons to  
Fredericksburg, Va!  
Cruel and cold death awaited many of them.

Third Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps  
Army of the Potomac.  
The Corps Badge was a Trefoil



### On the Home Front

We know you have been bombarded with COVID this and COVID that and lots of government control; therefore, we are just passing this along from our longevity brother Dave Klinepeter:

" Doc says I am in good shape for the shape I am in."  
--- Dave K.

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## Coming events at National Civil War Museum

***Lessons in History  
Speaker Schedule***


**This schedule is subject  
to change**

Saturday, August 8, 2020  
**“U.S. Grant, the Meaning of  
the Civil War, and the  
Election of 1868”**




Dr. Joan Waugh, Department of  
History, University of California

Saturday, September 19, 2020  
**“The Jubal Early School”:  
How the Losers Wrote Civil  
War History ”**



Kathryn J. Shively, Associate  
Professor of History, Virginia  
Commonwealth University

Saturday, October 17, 2020  
**“The Supreme Court and the  
Civil War”**



Dr. Rachel A. Shelden, Associate  
Professor of History, Director  
of the George and Ann  
Richards Civil War Era Center

**Programs begin at 1:00 p.m.**

**Please visit our website for  
updates**

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## National General Order No. 31

By now, you may have read or heard about national General Order No. 31 which officially cancelled 2020 National Encampment due to health concerns of our brothers and the restrictions of visiting the state of Georgia!

Next newsletter to be published in time for, hopefully, our end of Summer kick-off September meeting on 9/20/2020 at NCWM, that's the National Civil War Museum which has been open since the PA governor opened, the County of Dauphin, a few weeks ago.

Of note, our National Executive Director, is preparing to close down the temporary Field Office in Colonial Park and resume business at National Headquarters at Reservoir Park.

Picnic by camp 503 in Sunbury, Saturday August 29 noon onward at Sunbury Water Works!

.....Till next time, brothers and sisters, of the Civil War Community!





6/30/2020

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 15  
One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

Dear David et. al.,

Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 received on 6/30/2020 to The National Civil War Museum's **Preserve Our History Campaign**! Your gift, at this time, will have a profound impact on our ability to continue to achieve our mission while we navigate the current health situation.

Because of your generous contribution we can continue to tell the compelling stories of the American Civil War using every medium currently available. Our guests can have a safe and healthy museum experience. You can continue to rely on us as a national center to inspire lifelong learning of the American Civil War through the preservation and balanced presentation of the American people's struggles for survival and healing.

You are the reason we are still here and telling the amazing stories of this pivotal moment in history. Thank you!

This letter verifies that you did not receive anything of value in exchange for your contribution. the National Civil War Museum is a 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution is tax deductible as defined by law. You may wish to retain this letter for tax purposes.

Thank you for being a great friend and generous supporter!

Most sincerely,

Mary Beth Kerekes  
Director of Development

*Thank you for your loyal and generous support!*

Please remember The National Civil War Museum in your estate planning!

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### **Brothers and Sisters in Distress**

by David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain, CPA, and ARNG.

Commander Logan Swanger's ongoing situation required surgery and he is recovering nicely. Blessings for Dave Klinepeter for recent ailment. Greg Kline, Tony Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary; and Rob too. Darlene Alcorn's son; and Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Mrs. Tom McKay and Mrs. Russ Kratz of camp 15!

Mrs. Ellen Kowalski to care for Jerry! Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan among our prayer list

too! God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

We continue prayer for our good helath and protection during this COVID crisis. We honor all those on the front line: medical staff, your local postal worker, the grocery store personnel that provide normal food items for us to purchase, the pharmacy down the road that may be open 24 hours to serve your needs and all of the Police Officers we have not seen since March. Guess they don't wanta deal with car to car people any more than necessary. Who knows who may be behind that mask!

If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them!

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## SIX LITTLE STORIES

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.  
On the day of prayer all the people gathered,  
but only one boy came with an umbrella.

**That's FAITH .**

{2}

When you throw babies in the air,  
they laugh because they know you will catch them.

**That's TRUST.**

{3}

Every night we go to bed  
without any assurance of being alive the next morning,  
but still we set the alarms to wake up.

**That's HOPE.**

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow  
in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

**That's CONFIDENCE.**

{5}

We see the world suffering,  
but still we get married and have children.

**That's LOVE.**

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence  
'I am not 80 years old;  
I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

**That's ATTITUDE.**

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories.  
When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

**"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE...  
DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!"**

God Bless you and yours!

Need a mask or 2, check out:

