



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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-- Loss of Brother Larry Sheibley --

April 2016



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!

Forthcoming Camp Meeting

To be held on Sunday April 17 at NCWM as usual, at 2pm upper level room 222.

The winter issue of, *The Banner* was delivered in the Harrisburg area during the latter weeks of March. If you have not received your copy, please contact us to correct any difference in your address and to provide a replacement to you. The Spring Banner has gone to press and will be mailed according to past delivery dates.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

By Camp Chaplain, David Demmy Please add the following to your prayer list

Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC Camp 15 is continuing his fight with a great illness;

Mrs. Robert Treat and Robert's mother too; Jeffery Smith; Mrs. Robert Manning; Charlie Kuhn Jr,

PCinC, Past Dept of PA Secretary; Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and

Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr and Floyd Demmy, and Tony Kline, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan!

If you have a need or desire a prayer in your name or family member, please share with *Hartranft Herald*. You do not need to express the actual problem or concern if you do not desire to indicate the subject. We'll be *happy and content* to pray for you and yours!

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith
 SVC.....Greg Kline, PCC
 JVC.....Logan Swanger
 Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC
 Treasurer/Chaplain.....Dave Demmy, Sr
 Pat. Instructor/Historian....Dave Klinepeter
 Council.....Scott Debo
 Council.....Tony Kline
 Council.....Tom Bowman
 Guide/Guard....Tom Bowman

Officers Absent

Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr, Paul Drumm, Bill Kuhn, Vern Stoudt, Gene Mascioli, PCC

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Jeff Smith at 2:05 PM

The meeting minutes from February 21, 2016 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Gene Mascioli, 2nd by Brother Bill Kuhn, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr. the checkbook balance of \$3100 was reported of which \$1800 will be paid out in Department and National per capita. Motion to accept by Brother Tom Bowman, second by Brother Tony Kline. Motion approved.

Brothers Ill or in Distress

Brother Robert Treat (Red) emailed that he is in Florida at his Mother's bedside. She had emergency surgery and is not doing well. He asked that she be

remembered in our prayers!

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read communications in the form of National and Department orders. These included Department Order# 9 which suspended Howell Camp# 48 for failure to file annual reporting and Department Order# 10 asking for nominations for the Dr. Mary Walker Award given to women who have given loyal and consistent service to the Allied Orders.

Unfinished Business:

Brother Greg Kline gave an update on the possibility of a joint field trip with Camp 503 to the GAR museum in Scranton. Due to a few potential date conflicts with both Campos, a Saturday, May 21 meeting was suggested. Brother Kline will follow up with Camp 8 in Scranton to see if this is acceptable.

New Business:

Brother Dave Klinepeter made a motion to donate \$100 to support the upcoming Harrisburg Civil War Days. Brother Dave will generously be matching this contribution with an additional \$100.

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter made available brochures for the 43rd Annual GBPA Relic Show. He mentioned that the National Civil War Museum at Harrisburg, has earned Harrisburg Magazine's Reader's Choice Award. TripAdvisor also gives the museum high marks and calls it one of the best Civil War museums in the nation.

Dave mentioned some important March historical dates including the 1912 founding of the Girl Scouts of America and March 3, 1931 when the Star Spangled Banner was made the National Anthem by Act of Congress.

Dave reminded the Camp of the upcoming March 26 ceremony at Soldier’s & Sailor’s Grove to honor Pennsylvania recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Good of the Order:

Camp 15 provided a surprise birthday cake and coffee in honor of Brother Klinepeter’s 90th Birthday which was offered as a way of saying thanks for his dedicated service to Camp 15, the Allied Orders and the Civil War community in general.

The meeting was closed by Commander Smith at 3:17 PM

Faithfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC

Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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A few APRIL DATES

1861

- 12 Fort Sumter fired on
- 15 Lincoln calls for 75,000 troops
- 18 Camp Curtin in Harrisburg, Pa is officially opened

1865

- 4 Lincoln tours Richmond sets at Jeff Davis's desk
- 9 Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House
- 14 Lincoln shot at Fords Theater
- 15 Lincoln dies at Peterson house
- 21-22 Lincoln Funeral train in Harrisburg, Pa
- 26 Booth shot and dies in Virginia
- 27 Sultana explodes many ex-prisoners of war die

1866

6 THE FIRST GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC POST IS ORGANIZED IN DECATUR, ILLINOIS

THIS IS THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GAR

I will have article on the history of the GAR in an upcoming issue of the Hartranft Herald newsletter djk

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter



At the March 20th Hartranft Camp 15 SUV meeting the Brothers pulled a fast one on the ole guy—ME; though my birthday is April 19th they did not know if I could make the April meeting so had the party a little early. They even had *Starbuck* hot coffee and a very fancy cake (see picture).



That picture of Abe Lincoln (James Getty and Governor Curtin (me) was taken a number of years ago at a Remembrance Day parade in Gettysburg, Pa. That is not a photo but all real icing. I kinda hated to cut it but it was delicious, and there was some left over which was taken care of the next day. I suspect the fire marshal suggested they not light up 90 candles so they came up with two numbers which were easier to blow out. Thanks Brothers, it was greatly appreciated. djk

I forgot to list a special date in last month’s newsletter.

"FOR CONSPICIOUS GALLENTY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION AT THE RISK OF LIFE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY."

March 25, 1863--Secretary of War Stanton presented the MEDAL OF HONOR for the first time to 6 of "Anderson’s Raiders" (from the great locomotive chase during the Civil War.) Pennsylvania had 378 Medals of Honor awarded

for Civil war action, only second to New York. A number of them were not awarded till the 1890s when a review of actions and records were reviewed. Many medals were taken back by the government, at that time. One woman, Dr Mary Edward Walker, a civilian, was awarded the medal. She refused to return the medal to the government.

March 26, 2016 A Medal of Honor Day Commemoration service was held at the Soldier's Grove, Capitol Complex, in Harrisburg, Pa.

The program was sponsored by the *Vietnam Veterans of America Novosel Chapter 542* and the *Special Forces Association. [SFC Randall Shugart] Chapter 64*, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. I was in attendance. It was quite impressive, a beautiful day, the only thing *missing was the public*. Mostly veterans, family and a few friends were there. It seems a problem leaving the public know about events coming up. I understand this program is to be an annual event. djk

Change of Address and/or E-mail Address

Brothers and Sisters if your mailing address and/or e-mail address have changed in recent months, please contact us so we may update our records to keep in touch with your and assure you are receiving this monthly newsletter by mail or e-mail notice.

The mailing of the Winter Banner issue nationwide, resulted in over 200 address changes that were corrected by the printer using USPS database updates. Those 200+ addresses had to be manually corrected at headquarters for the next issue, the Spring Banner which will be coming your way latter April or income May depending upon how fast your local post office processes such mail.

Please submit changes, updates, news to DoubleD@Demmy.cc or send updates to David Demmy
881 Sunny Hill Ln
Hbg PA 17111 – 4690



Some of my best friends never say a word to me!

Camp 15 Brothers:

The time has come again to make plans for the 149th Annual Memorial Day Parade in Gettysburg on Monday, May 30, 2016! This year will mark Camp 15's 13th consecutive year of participation in the parade and we hope YOU will join us!

The parade will form at 1:00 PM on Lefever Street and will step off at 2:00 PM, following the typical route to the National Cemetery. A ceremony and distinguished speaker will follow and these are both well worth seeing.

Civilian attire (with the SUVCW badge) and period attire are both welcome for this parade. Just bring your Badge and be ready to parade!

As we've mentioned at the last two Camp meetings, the Harrisburg Civil War Days will take place June 17-19 in Harrisburg. Included in the numerous weekend activities, Cooper's Battery B (of which Brothers Scott Debo & Greg Kline are members) will be camped for the weekend at the National Civil War Museum providing artillery demonstrations to the public. This also presents an excellent recruiting opportunity for Camp 15 since everything is free to the public including admission to the museum. We will be setting up a recruiting table for the SUVCW and would appreciate the support of any Camp 15 Brothers who are willing to help staff the recruiting table....even if only for an

hour or so! Send a reply and let us know that you can make it!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC
Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15, Harrisburg
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!

2016 schedule of Camp 15 business meetings: 3rd Sunday January thru May and then September, and October and 2nd Sunday in December, Camp 15s annual holiday banquet.

No meeting in November, we hope you may desire to visit Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg.

Next Camp Meeting is scheduled for

Sunday April 17 Camp meeting

National officers gather in Springfield for annual Lincoln Tomb Event.

Sunday May 15 Camp meeting and on Saturday May 28, annual Camp outing. Breakfast first and then off to the historical Harrisburg Cemetery to place flags upon the sights of veterans.

Pennsylvania Department Encampment convention

June 23-25

Please update your social calendar now. Mark us down first before you get invited out to lunch.

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

Be Proud - Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and engage with us!

The Allied Orders of the GAR

- Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to 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!

Hartranft Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Your *Hartranft Herald* Staff

Terms and abbreviations of our Order – the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

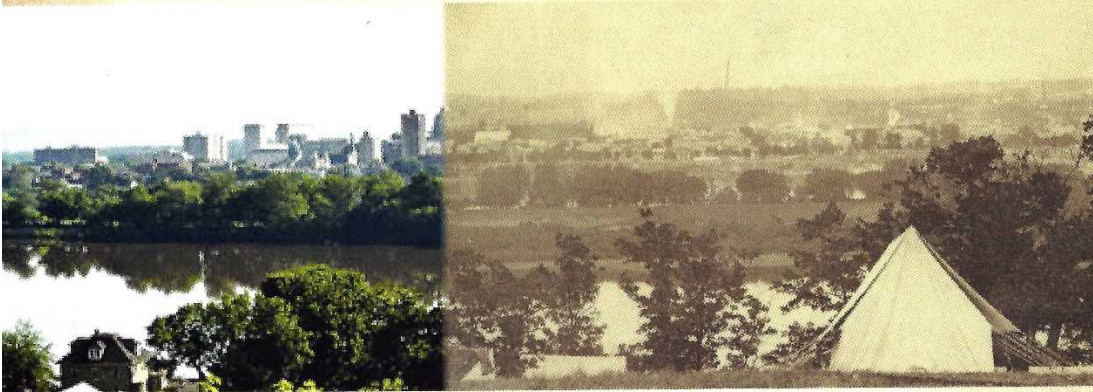
GAR	Grand Army of the Republic
Allied Orders	During its existence the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was aided in its work by five organizations, known as the Allied Orders* of the GAR.
Order	Any one of the 5 Allied Orders of the GAR
SUVCW*	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Sons	Another name for us – the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Brother	A male who is either a Member, Associate, Junior, Honorary Member or Life Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Sister	A member of the other Allied Orders – LRC, LGAR, Daughters, Auxiliary
ASUVCW*	Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Camp	Local organization of the Sons
Department	A state or alliance of states of the United States of America formed to peruse local camps within its purview; eg: Department of Chesapeake
WRC*	Woman's Relief Corps
LGAR*	Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
DUVCW*	Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
CC	Camp Commander – elected leader of a camp
PCC	Past Camp Commander
DC	Department Commander – elected state leader
PDC	Past Department Commander
PNP	Past National President
CinC	Commander in Chief – elected national leader of SUVCW
PCinC	Past Commander in Chief
Rituals	A series of activities for opening, closing and operating the meetings and Encampments of the Order
Encampment	(A convention of) The official body of the National Organization of each of the Allied Orders and of their Departments
BIGS	Brother(s) in Good Standing with our Order
FCL	Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty - The principles upon which the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders were founded, and under which the Allied Orders currently operate!
Charter	A document issued by the Commander-in-Chief giving a Department or Camp the right to exist within the Order and under its regulations
MAL	Members-at-large
SVC	Senior Vice Commander – first officer after Commander
JVC	Junior Vice Commander – second officer after Commander

Coming Soon

New Event!

Save the Date

Civil War Days in Harrisburg ★ June 17, 18 & 19, 2016



**Before Gettysburg, Lee headed for Harrisburg.
So why don't you?**

Join us for an informative and enjoyable experience!

CIVIL WAR DAYS IN HARRISBURG
JUNE 17, 18 & 19, 2016

**CIVIL WAR DAYS
IN HARRISBURG**

A first-ever comprehensive presentation of the critical role the people and places in and around Pennsylvania's Capital City played in the Civil War. Local history, places, people, events and stories come alive to chronicle Lee's Second Invasion of Pennsylvania, his desire to capture Harrisburg and the people's reactions and response to the invasion.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

- ★ Breakfast with Mr. Lincoln ★ Panel Presentations ★ Tours of Civil War Sites in Harrisburg & the West Shore ★ Civil War Narration Cruise on the Susquehanna ★ A Civil War Social

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

- ★ Re-enactors & encampment at The National Civil War Museum (FREE Museum Admission)
- ★ Civil War Authors & Artists Signing Event ★ Narrated Tours of Historic Harrisburg & West Shore Sites ★ Special Panel Presentations featuring John Brown, & Lee's Second Invasion of PA

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016


- ★ Commemorative Service & Luncheon at Camp Curtin Memorial - Mitchell United Methodist Church ★ Civil War Music ★ Special guests including Governor Curtin and others ★ PA State Museum (FREE Admission)
- ★ Period Music & Dance Demonstrations

Three days of informative and fun events for the entire family, including tours of the PA Capitol, the Civil War Flag Conservation Center, Camp Curtin site, Fort Hunter, Historic Harrisburg Cemetery, John Harris/Simon Cameron Mansion and other key locations.

Public Invited to All Events – Corporate Sponsorships Available

Like us on Facebook for Detailed Event Information and updates.

Front photos: (left) Cumberland County Visitors Bureau (right) Historical Society of Dauphin County



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Awarding winning newsletter -- Marshall A. Hope award presented to Hartranft Camp 2010-2011

Citation on the occasion of David J Klinepeter's 90th Birthday and more

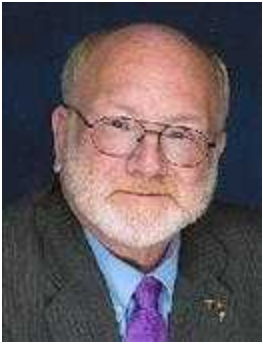


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And as we go to press for this April issue of the *Hartranft Herald*
This sad news on the death of PCC Larry Sheibley-Beasom

Larry Chester Sheibley-Beasom

1947 - 2016 Obituary [Condolences](#)



Larry C. Sheibley-Beasom, 68 years old, of Newport, passed away Friday, April 8, 2016. Larry was born August 6, 1947 to the late Chester F. and Mary (Beasom) Sheibley. He was a 1965 graduate of Newport High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, 1969 graduate of Shippensburg University with a B.S. in Mathematics and Spanish, 1973 and 1975 graduate of West Chester University with a M.Ed. in Instructional Media Education and Secondary Education and 2008 graduate of Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School. He was a retired middle school mathematics teacher in the West Chester Area School District from September 1969 - June 1999. During those thirty years, at various times, he taught 6, 7, 8, and 9 at East School, North Junior, Fugett Middle, Gifted Education Center, and Stetson Middle. At Fugett, he was a Mathematics

Department Chairman and team leader. He co-authored Computer Literacy Success Kit published in 1984 by J. Weston Walch Publishers, Portland, ME. *He was a volunteer in the Emergency Room at Brandywine Hospital and Trauma Center, Coatesville, Pa. 1995-2002, volunteer math and ESL tutor for the Perry County Literacy Council and volunteer GED and ESL tutor at the Perry County Prison.* He traveled to all 7 continents, over 140 countries and all 50 states. He was a speaker at local, state, and national mathematics conventions and since 2008, annually sponsored 3 scholarships to Newport High School Graduating Seniors.

Larry was a member of the Newport First Church of God, Newport Lodge #381 F&AM, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite: Valley of Harrisburg, Newport Royal Arch Chapter #238, Sons of the American Revolution: Halifax Chapter (secretary), **Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War: Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 (past company commander, secretary)**, Perry Historians: life member, Historical Society of Perry County: life member, and Juniata County Historical Society: life member.

Larry is survived by a large, loving family *and many friends*.

Services for Larry will be held from the David Myers Funeral Home, Walnut Street, Newport with a viewing on Friday from 6-8 PM and on Saturday from 10 AM until the funeral service at 11 AM with the Reverend Cheryl Dorman, Reverend Trevor Lightner and Pastor Rodney Bower officiating. Burial will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery, New Bloomfield.

It was Larry's request that no flowers be sent. Memorial contributions are suggested to Newport First Church of God, 334 South 5th Street, Newport, Pa. 17074 or Perry County Literacy Council, 133 South 5th Street, Newport. PA. 17074.

David M. Myers Funeral Home Inc. www.pennlive.com/obits

See more at: <http://obits.pennlive.com/obituaries/pennlive/obituary.aspx?n=larry-chester-sheibley-beasom&pid=179562742&fhid=8413#sthash.Tx9Uf1CL.dpuf>