



# 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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Celebrating our 131<sup>st</sup> Year in Harrisburg

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



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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 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!

Welcome back Brothers and sisters from a long hot  
summer and lots of civil war traveling.

[Camp 15's next business meeting](#) is scheduled for  
this **Sunday, September 15, 2013**. THE THIRD  
WEEKEND ARRIVES EARLY IN SEPTEMBER!

### [150<sup>th</sup> Civil War Celebrations](#)



FIRING MISSION, 1ST PA LIGHT ARTILLERY, COOPER'S  
BATTERY B, AND CELEBRATION OF 150<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL  
WAR EVENTS AT GETTYSBURG 2013.



INDIVIDUALS AWARDED ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR 50  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CIVIL WAR COMMUNITY AS  
RE-ENACTORS – LIVING HISTORIANS!



HONOR GUARD FOR UNVEILING OF A CIVIL WAR  
MARKER TO BE PLACED IN LEMOYNE, PA NEAR NEGLEY  
PARK – THE HONOR GUARD ARE MEMBERS OF 1ST PA  
LIGHT ARTILLERY, COOPER'S BATTERY B.

## Dispatches from Camp Brothers

Brother Gene Mascioli passed along the following announcement to camp secretary, Greg Kline, PCC! As many of us know, Gene is very interested in circuses having performed as a clown and served as past president of the Circus Fans of America. His Circus Model Builders group will have a display in conjunction with the Royal Hanneford Circus at the York Fair from September 6-15th, Noon to 10 PM. Gene said that he'd be there during the day on the weekends!

Bonus points go to Gene also for sending his announcement on a postcard for the Petersburg National Battlefield, where my Civil War ancestor was killed in action. That's putting the 'F' in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!! Thanks again, Gene ---- Greg Kline, PCC

The World War II round table meets the first Thursday of each month at 7pm at UMC church just outside of Hummelstown, just past the ice cream Soda Jerk Shoppe.

'Life may not be the party we hoped for... but while we are here we might as well dance!'

*Life is short, Break the rules, Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly, Love truly,*

*Laugh uncontrollably, And never regret anything that made you smile!*

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

The 150th Battle of Gettysburg has gone into history. Yes it was a very high spot in history but there are many other 150th events taking place. Most will not have large numbers of people involved, but each will be very important to the local communities especially in the teaching of our American history. Maybe YOU could be involved in some of these events. Some of the events I participated in were: For the Battle of Gettysburg I was only able to attend 2 days, July 5 and 6, due to other commitments and also weather conditions. Met many SUVCW Brothers participating, talked SUVCW with numerous people, who to contact, where to research.

On the Saturday afternoon, before the battle, 35 old timers were lined up in front of the grandstand filled with thousands of people. A special congratulation from the Pennsylvania Senate was

read. Each person was called out by name and was presented a copy plus a large metal inscribed **REENACTOR GETTYSBURG 100TH GETTYSBURG 150TH 1963-2013.**

Your Patriotic Instructor received one. I felt quite honored.

On July 25th Brother Greg Kline took me to Sunbury for the meeting of the Susquehanna Valley Round Table. After a family-style dinner at the historic Thomas Edison Hotel and then a brief business meeting it was Governor Curtin's turn. Several members of Camp 15 including Greg Kline, Tony Kline and Scott Debo were there to support me.

On July 27th Governor Curtin took a trip to Baker Mansion in Altoona, Pa. for a Civil War event. Camp 15 Commander Scott Debo and Coopers Battery there. I also spent time at the display of the local SUVCW Camp.

On July 28th made a trip to Landis Valley Farm Museum in Lancaster, Pa for Civil War day. August 10th went to Camp Curtin Historical Society picnic. Attending was a direct descendant of Governor Andrew Curtin. He lives in New York, gave him info on the SUVCW.

There were Civil War week ends on Aug 17 and 18 in Hanover and Eckley Coal Mine Town, Aug 24 and 25 CW week end at Indiantown Gap. Up coming Aug 21 and 22, CIVIL WAR Train ride at Middletown, Pa.

The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and the National Military Park in Gettysburg has speakers listed every week end. As noted above, if you are interested enough, there are numerous events on the horizon! DJK



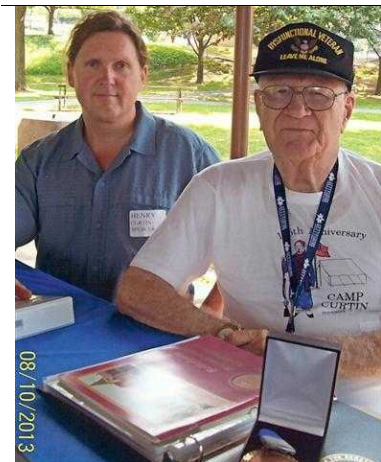
TONY KLINE, LEFT, REGISTERING AT 2013 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT. SON GREG KLINE ESTEEMED CREDENTIAL OFFICER, HAVING A 'MOMENT'! "DAD, ARE YOU SURE YOU PRE-REGISTERED"?



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY ROUND TABLE AT SUNBURY  
L TO R: GREG KLINE, DAVE KLINEPETER, SCOTT DEBO  
AND TONY KLINE!



L TO R: PAM KLINEPETER, WIFE OF MARK, THE  
CONFEDERATE, GRANDSON OF DAVE KLINEPETER AND  
FARRIGHT, MIKE KLINEPETER, SUTTER AND SON OF  
DAVE.



HENRY CURTIN SPENCER, LEFT, IS A DESCENDANT  
OF WAR GOVERNOR, ANDREW G. CURTIN; WITH DAVE  
KLINEPETER DISPLAYING HIS REENACTOR BADGE.



**REENACTOR**  
**GETTYSBURG 100TH**  
**GETTYSBURG 150TH**  
**1963-2013.**



SCOTT DEBO ON DUTY AT BAKER MANSION, ALTOONA,  
PA SUMMER OF 2013.

EDITOR'S NOTE: BROTHER SCOTT IS SMILING BELOW  
THAT BEARD!

### [Camp 15's Annual Holiday Gathering](#)

BY GREG KLINE, PCC, CAMP SECRETARY

The holiday season is just around the bend and it's time to mark your calendars for Camp 15's annual Christmas holiday event.

We no longer have the option of Doc Holliday's, as we did for many years gone by; but we certainly turned lemons into lemonade by *relocating the party to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg at Reservoir Park!*

Over the river and thru the woods to Reservoir Park we go!

C & J Catering of Harrisburg will provide a buffet style dinner which will include tossed salad, turkey & filling, glazed ham, mash potatoes, green bean casserole and an assorted dessert tray. The holiday event will run from 12:00 to about 4:00 on **Sunday, December 8** and will include the installation of 2014 Camp officers and our usual prize raffles and special bingo just for you.

The meal expenditure is **\$25 per person!** Sales tax and gratuity included. Please RSVP with payment or deposit by **November 1** to Brother David Demmy Sr:

Make your check payable to Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW and bring to September or October camp meeting or mail directly to Camp Treasurer at:  
David Demmy  
881 Sunny Hill Lane  
Harrisburg PA 17111-4690

The ballroom rent has been paid and a down-payment to the caterer has been remitted also based on 35 people in attendance: Reserve your seat and meal now before they sell out!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Greg Kline, PCC, Camp Dispatcher

[What did you do over the summer?](#)

Please submit your visit, story, photos, and text to *Hartranft Herald*. Or perhaps you have an old story from an old *Banner, Times, Post, Glamour, Live and Life*, you would like to share!



HIGHWAY EXIT TO FORT BENNING, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA



THE MORE THE US ARMY CHANGES, THE MORE IT STAYS THE SAME! DAVID DEMMY AND FAMILY ATTENDED DAVID'S 3RD ARMORED DIVISION US ARMY REUNION AT FORT BENNING DURING JULY.



WWII HALF-TRACK, AT ARMOR MUSEUM, WAITING TO BE REFURBISHED ALONG WITH MANY OTHER VEHICLES.



SHOWN ARE DIRECT HITS BY US FORCES UPON THIS AXIS TANK. EIGHTY-TWO .50 CAL. INDENTIONS ARE VISIBLE.

THE 2014 REUNION WILL BE HELD NEAR FT CAMPBELL; WHILE THE 2014 SUVCW ENCAMPMENT WILL BE NEAR ATLANTA, GEORGIA. WHO IS FOLLOWING WHOM?



At the National Encampment in Milwaukee, CinC Perley, left, presents Pennsylvania Brother Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC with Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star for his contributions to the SUVCW and the civil war community at large.



Brother Perley also awarded Pennsylvania Brother Joe Long Jr with Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the SUVCW and the civil war community at large. Congratulations and well done Brothers.

Editor's Note: Brothers Charlie and Joe are former dual members of Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15.

### From 1885

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	DIVISION
15	Gen. John F. Hartranft	Harrisburg	Penna.
Application Approved	Jan - 85	No. of Applicants	35
Date of Muster	Feb 11 85	Number Mustered	35
Charter Issued by	Division Commander.....		
Charter Approved by	Commander-in-Chief.....	July 1 87	
Charter Forwarded by	Adjutant General.....		
Camp Disbanded.....			
Charter Revoked.....			
Charter Fee..	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-chartered..		
Former numbers and names of Camp.....			
References: Vol. 2 Folio 114 Vol. 19 Folio 683 Vol. .... Folio..... Vol. .... Folio.....			

## On the Road with Camp 15

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

Sunday, September 15, 2013 camp business meeting!

Sunday, October 20, 2013 camp business meeting!

### Remembrance Day at Gettysburg 2013

Change of date: Saturday, November 23, 2013, SUVCW Headquarters will be at Wyndham Hotel at Gettysburg!

### December camp annual party

Scheduled for Sunday December 8, 2013 at National Civil War Museum ballroom!

## Be Proud Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and join us!  
The 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 Civil War,
- ❑ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- ❑ Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Camp Officers & authors, the first Friday of each month is the Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, and photos for Hartranft Herald.

- Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.
- Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book. If you prefer, [and your Hartranft Herald wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc
- BRING A NEPHEW, UNCLE, BROTHER, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND TO A CAMP MEETING!

Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

GENERAL JOHN F HARTRANFT, CAMP 15  
HARRISBURG, PA,  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 11, 1882  
IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY



You and yours are invited to break bread with General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at our annual Christmas Banquet gathering.

When                    Sunday, December 8, 2013

Where                  National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg

Cost                    \$25.00 per person, prepaid - payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

Payment              Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/1/13

Fellowship hour      12:00 – 1:00 Mealtime approximately 1:15 pm.

Activities             Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for 2014

Entertainment       Holiday Bingo



Don't fall asleep, RSVP now

Please RSVP by email to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc) or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174 leave your full name and number of persons attending no-later-than October 20<sup>th</sup> with your full payment no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> for a full accounting for preparation of our annual event.

Continued!

All participants: please bring 1-3 items for the gift table; ITEMS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED FOR VIEWING! Each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item. Return to your seat and play again – good luck!

Items may be, eg: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, Roy Clark country album, gift certificates, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, eg: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – you may make it interesting for all of us by making unusual choices! Any items remaining and suitable for our fighting forces will be sent to overseas military service personnel.

Likewise, if you are interested, bring some cash to engage in the Camp's 50/50 opportunity! 50/50 Tickets are \$.50 each; or 12 for \$5.00 – that's 2 free.

## Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://WWW.NATIONALCIVILWAR MUSEUM.ORG/VISIT.ASPX](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/visit.aspx)

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR THREE DIFFERENT SETS OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2014 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along! Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!  
Have a safe trip!