

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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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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♣ Memorial Day ♣

May 2014

Attend 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!

Month of May Camp Meeting

Next Camp meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18. The following Saturday May 24 is our annual Memorial Day event of placing flags upon veteran's graves at Historic Harrisburg Cemetery just off State and 13th streets.

Prior to this event we gather together to break bread and enjoy breakfast together and then we convoy to Harrisburg Cemetery. Breakfast details post later in this newsletter.

Note on Mother's Day:

Mother's Day was born thanks to Philadelphia citizen Anna Jarvis on May 8, 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson appointed the second Sunday in May for the holiday. Jarvis led an eleven-year campaign to have a holiday to honor the memory of her mother and mothers everywhere. May's second Sunday was chosen because that was the day, Jarvis' mother died on, in 1905. The carnation was chosen as the customary

flower because Jarvis' mother's garden was full of them. God bless our Mothers.

Memorial Day

"Memorial Day is a day when we weigh the cost of freedoms we now have. Every right we have, was purchased with the lives of American Patriots," reflects our own Charlie Kuhn, Jr. PDC, and Chairman, Gettysburg Joint Veterans' Day Memorial Day Commission.

Source: *HARRISBURG MAGAZINE*, MAY 2004
VOLUME 10, NO 5, PAGE: 24.

Credential Cards

If your intention is to attend either the **PA Department Encampment in June 2014, at Williamsport, PA** or the National Encampment in August 2014 at Marietta, Georgia near Atlanta, please make sure you obtain a signed card before traveling to either event.

The Credential Card for the **Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary** Greg Kline and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

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Contact Brother Greg or write to him at:

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205 N. 40th St. Apt. 203
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271
(717) 571-6877
gregsuvcw@yahoo.com

continued:

The Credential Card for the *National Encampment* must be filled out fully and signed by the *Department Secretary* before you are able to participate. So please contact our Department secretary for your card:

Charles E. Kuhn Jr., PCinC
464 Lake Meade Dr
East Berlin, PA 17316
717717-259-6156
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Memorial Day weekend for Camp 15

On Saturday May 24, camp members 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 near 13th and State streets. Others will be on site at Northumberland county cemeteries and malls and on Monday, the 26th several will be in parades in Sunbury area, Harrisburg and/or Gettysburg too.

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

* Breakfast at Harrisburg *American Dream Diner* on Herr Street between 18th and 20th streets, near old **Herr Street Arsenal**,

Harrisburg, at 8 a.m. [shown this page] 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! Queries are invited. DoubleD@Demmy.cc

National Civil War Museum Notes

Temporary Exhibit - "In the Service of Our Nation: Conscription during the Civil War"
May 15, 2013 - June 1, 2014

This new exhibit will examine the events and reasoning that led the Union and Confederate governments to pass conscription acts during the Civil War, exemptions attached to them, and the reaction of the people.

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The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Scott Debo at 2:05 PM

1864" Exhibit

January 16, 2014 - December 31, 2014

This is the fourth changing exhibit of a series of commemorative exhibits for the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War.

The exhibit contains some of our rarest artifacts from 1864 that are not regularly on display. The exhibit will cover the battles, strategies.

Camp Meeting Minutes

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, April 13, 2014

Officers Present

- Commander.....Scott Debo
- SVC.....Jeffrey Smith
- Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC
- Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC
- Council.....Jeffrey Smith
- Council.....Lee Walters, PDC
- Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman

Officers Absent

- JVC.....Logan Swanger
- Treasurer/Chaplain David Demmy, Sr
- Pat. Inst./Hist....David Klinepeter
- Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

- Floyd Demmy, Tony Kline, Don Frye, Robert Treat

Guests attending

- Sister Charlotte Walters, PDP

The meeting minutes from March 16 2014, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Tom Bowman second by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read on behalf of Treasurer Dave Demmy, Sr by Brother Greg Kline. The checkbook has a working balance of \$1882.24 Motion to accept by Brother Don Fry, second by Brother Floyd Demmy, motion approved.

Commander Debo introduced Sister Charlotte Walters, PDP as a guest at the meeting

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read correspondence from Derry Township inviting Camp 15 to participate in its Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26 at 10AM with formation between 8 and 9AM. Secretary Kline will send a Camp Dispatch to seek interest in marching.

The Camp received correspondence from the Adopt a Position Program at the Gettysburg National Military Park which is seeking volunteers to help maintain the areas around the monuments and other general areas of the park. As this program is ongoing with no deadline, Commander Debo ordered the discussion tabled until a later meeting with more Camp Brothers in attendance.

Correspondence was received from the Historical Society of Montgomery County via Past Commander John Deppen inviting Camp 15 to their annual Memorial Day observance in Montgomery Cemetery from 11AM-1PM on Saturday, May 24 in Norristown. Secretary Kline will send details in a Camp Dispatch.

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Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

1. Discussion was had regarding Camp 15's annual ad in the Pennsylvania Department Encampment booklet. A motion was made by Brother Greg Kline, seconded by Brother Don Fry to again run a full page ad. Motion approved.
2. Discussion was had regarding Camp 15's annual Memorial Day weekend activities. As has been tradition, we will again be assisting with the decorating of veteran's graves—the GAR plot in particular—at the old Harrisburg City Cemetery on Saturday, May 24 at 9AM. For anyone interested in meeting for breakfast beforehand, we will meet at 8AM at the American Dream Diner. Secretary Kline will send details in a Camp Dispatch.
3. Camp 15 will again be marching in the Gettysburg Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26. The parade will form on Lefever St at 1PM and step off at 2PM. Secretary Kline will send out details in a Camp Dispatch.

Patriotic Instructor:

In place of the Patriotic Instructor's remarks, Brother Greg Kline gave a presentation on Civil War tokens, privately minted coins used by merchants to make change when this was made difficult due to wartime hoarding of government issued copper cents

Good of the Order:

Commander Debo congratulated Brother Floyd Demmy on an excellent program on his World War II adventures which he gave to the Greater Harrisburg World War II Roundtable on Thursday, April 3. Six Camp 15 Brothers were in attendance to hear Floyd speak to a crowd of over 150 people and his program was well received and left many attendees wishing it could go on for a few more hours. Well done Brother Floyd!

The meeting was closed by Commander Debo at 3:37 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

meeting or contact [Hartranft Herald](mailto:HartranftHerald@Demmy.cc) at DoubleD@Demmy.cc. One thin buck each!



Sons of Union Veterans organizational name prior to the changeover to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



John Frederick Hartranft
1830 - 1889



Weatherproof, colorful camp sticker, [lasts and lasts for years] for display upon your vehicle, brief case, loose-leaf binder, house window, file cabinet, doorway, baby buggy, first born! Purchase 'em anytime at camp

- 1861 - Raised 4th and 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers
- 1865 - Special Provost Marshall for Lincoln Conspirators
- 1866 - 1872 Auditor General of Pennsylvania
- 1873 - 1879 Governor of Pennsylvania, State Constitution Revised
- 1879 - Father of Modern National Guard of Pennsylvania
- 1886 - Medal of Honor for Valor at 1st Battle of Bull Run

WWII military discharge symbol the famous ruptured duck:



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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

Saturday, May 17 2014 **Army Heritage Days 2014** at Carlisle is a FREE event and includes FREE parking. The event opens to the public at 9:00 AM.

Sunday May 18, 2014, **Camp Meeting**

Saturday May 24, 2014 – Traditional day for Hartranft Camp to pay tribute to veterans at historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Preceding the placing of flags at the cemetery, we gather for breakfast at 7:30-8:00.

Monday, May 26, Government Memorial Day 2014 – support participants who will be marching in a community parade near you.

No Camp meeting in June due to Father's Day weekend. Please make plans to attend the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Williamsport June 27 and 28.

No Camp meeting during July! Enjoy your summer.

National encampment August 15 and 16 at Marietta, GA.

Please update your social calendar now.

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 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 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!

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ARLINGTON AT 150

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

MEMORIAL DAY THIS YEAR WILL BE ON MONDAY
MAY 26, 2014.

Back in June 28, 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Holiday bill moving Memorial Day to the third week end of May.(I believe this was done to help the tourist) We the Sons of Union Veterans and other organizations have tried to have it moved back to May 30th , but with no avail. The largest group, after the Civil War, to set a date for Memorial Day was the Grand Army of the Republic with their Commander in Chief, General John A. Logan reading his order #11 setting aside the 30th day of May, 1868 for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. This date continued on May 30th for many years. It is now only fitting we remember all veterans of our country who have died.

For information and many pictures of Hartranft Camp 15 participation in Memorial Day activities over the years past go to our web site we are still active. See other information in this newsletter. I have been invited to attend the services at Midland Cemetery, Steelton Pa. on May 24, hope to go to Indiantown Gap on May 25, and have been invited to ride in the carriage with President Lincoln on May 26 Gettysburg for their Memorial Day parade to the National Cemetery

On April 3rd I went to the World War 11 Roundtable in Hummelstown, Pa. To me it was a special event, our own brother Floyd Demmy gave us a talk on his service. He sure did a lot of walking around in Europe. People were quite interested, after the meeting a number came up asking questions and posing for pictures. Like most veterans, he came home, got married and raised a family. Of course we all know his number one son, David Demmy, Sr. Camp 15 Chaplain, Camp Treasurer and National Executive Director, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Floyd Demmy, will be offering a talk on his life during WWII with the 10th Armored Division, General Patton's Third Army at our May 18th Camp meeting!

Arlington National Cemetery is hosting a series of events to commemorate its 150 anniversary. ANC 150 will begin on May 13 with a wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of Army Private William Cristman, the first burial at Arlington, and conclude with a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns on June 15, the day Arlington officially became a national cemetery. The cemetery will also offer lectures and tours highlighting U.S. history through the eyes of heroes buried at Arlington and the military conflicts that shaped the cemetery and the nation.

(From *American Legion Mag* issue May 2014)

There are numerous other 150th anniversaries of 1864 taking place. If interested, check the Civil War News, or a computer.

THE SONG OF GRANT'S SOLDIERS

Pile on the rails! Come, comrades, all,
We'll sing a song to-night:
To-morrow, when the bugles call,
Be ready for the fight.
Be ready then with loud hurrah
To battle or to die:
When Grant shall yield, the Northern star
Will fade from out the sky.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
Before us lies the rebel host,
Their watch fires we can see;
We laugh to hear the traitor boast
Of Southern victory.
Three cheers for Grant, and one more cheer,
Until the woods ring back!
Ah, well the rebel chief may fear
The blood-hound on his track.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
In Freedom's cause our blades were drawn;
The traitor yet shall feel
Before the day of Peace shall dawn:
How strong is Northern steel?
Three cheers for Grant, my gallant men,
Give three loud, roaring cheers!
Until the foe within his den
Shall tremble while he hears.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
Thus far we've come through fire and flood,
Still further on we'll press,
Although the way be red with blood
As through the wilderness.
Than cheer, brave comrades, let the night
Ring with your loud hurrahs,
For Grant, who knows so well to fight?

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And for the Stripes and Stars.
 Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
 Our longing eyes shall yet behold
 Proud Richmond's slender spires;
 Our children's children will be told
 How fought their valiant sires.
 Look well to cap and cartridge, too;
 And as we onward press
 We'll cheer for Grant, who brought us through
 The bloody wilderness.
 Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
 Brave soldiers of the Lord are we,
 In solid ranks we came!
 The Southern traitors yet shall see
 How fought the "Northern scum."
 Be ready, then, with loud hurrah,
 To battle or to die;
 When Grant shall yield, the Northern star
 Will drop from the sky.
 Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
 (*Harpers Weekly* Saturday, May 28, 1864)
 Submitted by Brother Dave Klinepeter



Theater after Germany's surrender, Floyd impressed everyone with his amazing recall of his honorable service to our country. I truly hope that we can persuade him to do the same for us soon at a Camp meeting!

Of all the wonderful moments that the evening provided, one that I remember best is seeing a young boy of around 10 years of age, [Dylan Kriner of Palmyra], shown above, who was hanging on every word that Floyd spoke and couldn't wait to pose for photos with him after the program. Floyd added one more piece to his service to our country that night by passing along his story to the next generation. The boy left the meeting that night with not only a deserved pride in his country but a better knowledge of the men and women who helped to make it great. Thank you, Brother Floyd.

So often we are encouraged, especially around patriotic holidays, to "thank a veteran". We may want to start at our next Camp meeting. Just look around the room—there are plenty to choose from.

Submitted in F, C & L, Gregory E. Kline, PCC Secretary, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15, Harrisburg Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brother Floyd Demmy, has consented to present his life during WWII with the 10th Armored Division, General Patton's Third Army, at Camp 15's May 18th Camp meeting. Photo compliments of Central PA WWII Roundtable.

[Floyd Demmy, April 2014 Speaker at Central Pennsylvania World War II Roundtable meeting.](#)

On Thursday, April 3, six Brothers of Camp 15 explored a different facet of American history and attended a meeting of the Greater Harrisburg World War II Roundtable in Hummelstown. The featured speaker that evening was none other than Camp 15's own Brother Floyd Demmy! Brother Floyd held the audience of at least 150 people in the palm of his hand as he told the tales of his adventures with the 10th Armored Division, [Patton's Third Army] in Europe during World War II.

I've often believed that the best and most interesting way to teach history is by telling stories and Floyd is a master story-teller. He not only presented the facts of his unit's wartime history but sprinkled in enough *personal and humorous details* to keep everyone wishing the program would last all night. From shipping out aboard the Aquitania (sister ship to the famous Lusitania) to narrowly missing being re-deployed to the Pacific

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Dates to Remember

Remembrance Day

Wyndham Gettysburg 1-717-339-0020

Courtyard by Marriott Hotels 1-717-334-5600

11/22/13 & 11/23/13 Single/double room rate \$113.00

11/14/14 & 11/15/14 Single/double room rate \$114.00

11/20/15 & 11/21/15 Single/double room rate \$115.00

11/18/16 & 11/19/16 Single/double room rate \$116.00

Lincoln Tomb Observance

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center

1-866-788-1860 - 1-217-544-8800

4/11/14 & 4/12/14 Single/double/triple/quad room rate \$92.99

4/10/15 & 4/11/15 Single/double/triple/quad room rate \$94.99

4/15/16 & 4/16/16 Single/double/triple/quad room rate \$96.99

4/14/17 & 4/15/17 Single/double/triple/quad room rate \$98.00

4/13/18 & 4/14/18 Single/double/triple/quad room rate \$100.00

4/12/19 & 4/13/19 Single/double/triple/quad room rate \$102.00

2014 National Encampment Marietta, GA.

Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel, 1-770-427-2500

8/12/14 to 8/16/14 - Standard room rate \$105, Jr. King Suite \$155.00

Note Encampment Changed to 3rd weekend

2015 National Encampment, Richmond, VA

Omni Richmond Hotel, 1-804-344-7000

8/19/15 to 8/23/15 - Standard room rate \$99.00

2016 National Encampment, Springfield, IL.

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center

1-217-544-8800

8/10/16 to 8/14/16 - Standard room rate \$106.00

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Brothers and Sisters, your 2014 Hartranft Camp Officers and Staff

<p>2014 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander Secretary Treasurer Patriotic Instructor GAR Historian Council 1 Council 2 Council 3 Guide Guard Color Bearer Chaplain GAR Highway Officer Graves Registration Eagle Scout Coordinator ROTC Coordinator Past Dept. Commander Pennsylvania Commander</p>	<p>Scott Debo 12-14 Jeffery Smith 12-14 Logan Swanger 13-14 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09 David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-14 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 10-12 Lee F. Walters, PDC 11-14 Jeffery Smith 11-14 Tom Bowman, 11-14 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-12 Kelly W. Betz 07-14 David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-14 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-14 Logan Swanger 2014 Logan Swanger 2014 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-14 Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08 Richard Essenwein, PCC 12-14</p>
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Pennsylvania Allied Order G.A.R. Encampment - June 26 – 29, 2014

Genetti Hotel and Conference Center

200 West 4th Street

Williamsport, PA 17701

Room Reservations: 1-800-321-1383

Cutoff date: May 26, 2014

Room Rates: \$99.95 + \$6.00 room tax + \$3.00 local tax = \$109 per night

*Please mention you're with Allied Orders of G.A.R.

*Full breakfast buffet included

*Visit www.genettihotel.com for a list of other amenities

Saturday Night Banquet June 29, 2014

Price: \$28.00 per person

Choices are as follows:

Names	Stuffed Chicken Breast	Filled Pork Chops	Vegetable Stir Fry
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Children's Menu: Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Beverage, Dessert - \$12.00			
Names	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Reservations by: June 10, 2014

Faye M. Carlisle-Thomas, PNP A.S.U.V.C.W.

Box #23, Cogan Station, PA 17728

(570) 998-2591

Make payments to Penna Dept. S.U.V.C.W.

If interested in Lunch time menu and fees, contact *Hartranft Herald* at DoubleD@Demmy.cc

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