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The Newsletter of

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Place another log on the Fire

October 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!

Brothers and Sisters October Camp meeting

Camp 15's October business meeting to be held on Sunday, October 19th will be conducted in the [Education Gallery](#) first level of the National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park 2 pm. Note change of site above!

Gettysburg Autumn Civil War show

October 25 and 26 next to Eisenhower Inn

Again, for this autumn, we have received an invitation regarding the Gettysburg Autumn Civil War show. I just called the director of this event, Jim Thomas, and he has once again very *graciously offered us a table gratis*. I believe these tables usually go at around \$120, so this is very generous of him. I propose to bring this up at this month's meeting, as it would be good to have volunteers for the event. I will be there for both days, but will not be able to be at the table full time. Are there any volunteers? Shows run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday. The days are Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26. The shows are very interesting with numerous authentic Civil war items on display, and a free

entrance name tag will be provided for those who volunteer; so this is an opportunity for brothers to peruse the show items while they are not on duty!

Questions and to sign up, Contact Brother Jeff at Jeffery J. Smith, FCAS, MAAA, CPCU, ARe

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"Well, another day has passed and I didn't use *Algebra* once"! -- Author unknown, but well-known!

Hall Family proud of their soldiers

Camp 15 boasts 2 active duty soldiers among our brotherhood: Lee Walters' grandsons: Duke and Nathaniel. Duke Hall is on recruiting duty in Georgia and couldn't make the national encampment held at Marietta in August; and —

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younger brother, Nathaniel Hall recently returned from deployment.

"I am so proud of Nathaniel. Below, is the front/back of a coin he was awarded in front of the Battalion by the Lt Col, who gave a great speech and told him the Brigade Commander sends his thanks and approval! Nathaniel and 2 of his buddies spent Nathaniel's 21st birthday (the whole night) talking care of a soldier they found in town who was in need of help. Nathaniel is a Tomahawk" – Angela Hall.



Editor's note: below are 2 typical military challenge coins purchased as souvenirs or presented to a soldier by higher authority for a job well done:



Platoon Sergeant

3rd Infantry Division

Originally circular in design [similar to a coin], not all challenge coins are circular! Our SUVCW has multiple coins available; check out our national Quartermaster at www.suvcw.org.

Real heroes don't wear capes! They wear dog tags.

Duke Hall will be applying for Ranger School in the near future. Of course the Rangers are considered the cream of the crop of the US Army! God bless you Duke and Nathaniel too and we thank you for your service.

Hartranft Camp is blessed with a long history of veterans of the US Armed Forces! End!

Hartranft Deceased

Hartranft, John Frederick (1830-1889) — Born in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 16, 1830. A Republican, he served in the Union Army during the Civil War; was Pennsylvania state auditor general, 1866-72; then Governor of Pennsylvania, 1873-79; and candidate for Republican nomination for President, 1876. He received the Medal of Honor in 1886 for action at Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861. The General died October 17, 1889. His interment is at Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, PA, which Camp 15 has often visited. The General, of course, is our Camp's namesake!

Department Order #3 - Series 2014 -2015

July 23, 2014 -

Brothers,

In compliance with Pennsylvania Department By-Laws, Article II, Section 7:

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2014. This year the meeting will be held at Hoss's Steak House in Carlisle PA just off the PA Turn Pike.

All Department Officer and Committee Chair reports are due to the Chief of Staff, Paul McMillin, PCC no later than September 27. Submissions by email are preferred. Send to paul.mcmillin@hotmail.com.

Brothers attending the meeting may enter the building at 10 AM and proceed to the banquet room. At 11:30

AM a brief break will be called to allow the attendees to order lunch for themselves from the regular menu. The wait staff has been advised that all meals will be on separate checks. A break will be called at 12 Noon for the serving of lunch. The meeting may last to 3 PM.

It is the request of the Department Commander that the committee for the training videos have the first videos available for preview at the meeting.

The Educational Committee will be given time to present the program layout and progress and call for volunteers as needed. A report on the progress of the SVR muster project with the 2nd Military District, SVR will also be given.

Fund raising efforts for the rescue of the Soldier's Monument in Gettysburg's Soldiers National Cemetery will be discussed.

All brothers of the PA Dept are encouraged to consider attending this meeting. This is your chance to see what is happening, ask questions, and make connections. These meetings are your chance to have a voice at Department. Please make use of the opportunity.

So ordered this 23rd day of July, 2014, Douglas P. McMillin, Commanding, Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW.

Brother Dave Klinepeter – awardee!
You may recall, that Camp 15 honored Brother Dave with a proclamation of his 70 years of service to Camp 15 and the SUVCW in 2012. The Camp also presented Dave with his own Brick at the Friends walkway at NCWM at Reservoir Park.

At the recent national encampment in Marietta Georgia, our immediate past, commander in Chief, Ken Freshley, awarded Brother Dave with Meritorious Award with Gold Star for his great works in the civil war community and the SUVCW since 1943. Since Dave was not present in Marietta, Pennsylvania department commander Doug McMillin made the presentation in person at Camp 15 business meeting on September 21. Friends, associates and Camp members witnessed the presentation on the 21st.

See copy of the award later in this newsletter.

Camp 15 also congratulates Brother James Getty, the famous interpreter of Abraham Lincoln. Brother James too was awarded the Meritorious Award with Gold Star for his great works in the civil war community.

What did the barber Say? "Next" !

New Hartranft Herald Readers

New readers, please go to our website <http://www.demmy.cc/Hartranft15/HartranftHerald.html>

Upon opening the site, review table of contents far left on screen. Select Monthly Newsletter. It lists all of **all our known** newsletters. Select any monthly newsletter and open it to peruse it.

At bottom of first screen of each opened newsletter you will see:

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Historically our December or January issues have photos of November Remembrance Day activities, and our December holiday banquet. Likewise, the June or July issues have photos of our Memorial Day activities. Past issues have profiles submitted by a variety of our Brothers and Sisters of camp 15 and auxiliary 7 to Gen. John F. Hartranft camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Harrisburg. Contact [Hartranft Herald](mailto:HartranftHerald@demmy.cc) at DoubleD@Demmy.cc to request a worksheet to submit your personal profile for posting into a future [Hartranft Herald](#) issue.

“I am still learning” – Michael Angelo

Future sites of National Encampment Conventions:

2015 Richmond VA

2016 Springfield IL

2017 TBA somewhere in MI

Eyewitness Account of Sgt. David Johnson, Gettysburg July 3rd, 1863 – Seminary Ridge, near present day Lee Monument.

On the afternoon of July 3, 1863, at approximately 1:00 PM, two confederate signal guns announced the beginning of the two hour confederate artillery bombardment of cemetery ridge. 145 Confederate guns opened up on the center of the Union line. The purpose of the bombardment was to inflict damage to the Union infantry posted on the ridge, and damage Union artillery batteries so that they would not be able to punish the 15,000 Confederate infantry that would follow-up on the bombardment and advance the 1 mile of open fields towards cemetery ridge. In response to the 145 Confederate guns, approximately 105 Union artillery guns began their counter battery fire.

Confederate infantry men, took what limited protection they could from the Union guns, by laying close to the ground, behind the ridge and in the woods scattered along their lines. One Confederate soldier, Sgt. David Johnson, of the 7th Virginia, very vividly describes the effect of the Union fire. He describes how they had to endure the two hour duel between Confederate and Union batteries that afternoon. In his words:

Union shells *“came hissing and shrieking, fiery fuses and messengers of death, sweeping, plunging, cutting plowing, through our ranks, carrying mutilation, destruction, pain, suffering and death, in every*

direction. Turn your eyes wherever you would, and there was to be seen at almost every moment of time, guns, swords, haversacks, human flesh and bone, flying and dangling in the air, or bouncing above the earth, which now trembled beneath us as if shaken by an earthquake”.

Shortly before 3:00 PM the firing began to slacken. David Johnson lifted his head to look around, and his Lieutenant Brown, yelled at Johnson: *“Better keep your head down, or you might get it knocked off!”.*

A second or two later, a shell exploded right above, David’s position. Brains, bones, and other human debris hit David in the face. He felt sharp pain. At first he thought the colonel of the 7th Virginia was hit, but then heard the colonel yell out to him: *“Are you OK?”*. Sgt David Johnson was not OK, his ribs were broken and with some ribs detached from his spine. David look to his left, and saw that two soldiers in his company had the top parts of their heads missing, thus explaining the brains and skull fragments now in his face.

As David lay in pain and wounded, his regiment began to rise, to make the one mile track toward Union lines. He would not be able to join them in the charge. He did see General Pickett ride up to the front of the men at a gallop. General Pickett, then uttered those immortal words: *“Up men Up, and to your Posts, and don’t forget today you are from old Virginia!”*

David was not the only one to hear the cannonade that afternoon. The combined firing of Union and Confederate batteries was heard as far away as Pittsburg and Philadelphia, more than 120 miles distant.

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New Ulm Battery, New Ulm Minnesota, founded 1863.

Story and photos shared by commander-elect Jeffery Smith!



Dept. of PA., Commander Doug McMillin introducing Awardee. Brother Doug thank you for visiting!



David Klinepeter accepting National Meritorious Award with Gold Star! Well done Brother Dave!



Typical Camp meeting setting with Camp charter!



Chaplain David Demmy administers oath of obligation to Camp 15's new Brothers, Devin DePamphilis and his uncle Kevin Williams; escort Brother Tom Bowman looks on!



Camp officers preparing for ritual opening of September Camp meeting.



New Brothers Kevin and Devin



One of many display settings by Camp GAR Historian and Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter!

Photos by Hartranft Staff and/or Dave Klinepeter!

[Beginning of Pennsylvania's smallest park – Camp Curtin](#) in uptown Harrisburg - shared by Brother Robert Clements of Texas formerly of Carlisle area, PA.

Patriot-News, February 24, 1964, interview regarding October 19, 1922

By PAUL H. BEERS

There is a story to be told about the Uptown's Curtin Park and Curtin statue, and an 87-year-old named Elmer W. McClain may be the last living man to tell it.

McClain, of 2642 Jefferson St., was one of 10 men to meet just prior to 1917 to formulate plans for a park at Sixth and Woodbine Sts. The men agreed to ask the state to have a park and a statue to the Civil War governor, Andrew Gregg Curtin.

Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh favorably mentioned the memorial in his legislative address of 1917 and in July 25 of that year a bill passed both houses of the Legislature for the park and statue. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Edward E. Beselmann, of Harrisburg, the political predecessor of Sen. M. Harvey Taylor.

The Legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the memorial. Gov. Brumbaugh later had to cut the appropriation to \$12,000, but the Legislature in 1919 added \$8,000 to that and the sum in 1921, \$2,000 more.


THE STATUE WAS UP and dedicated on Oct. 19, 1922, with the then Lt. Gov. Beselmann presiding.

McClain cannot remember the names of the nine other men who met to suggest a memorial. He does recall that eight of them, including himself, were members of the nearby Camp Curtin Memorial Methodist Church. It is probable that he is the only one of the 10 still living.

The church adjoins the park and many persons think it is a church park. Others believe it is a national park. It is neither. It is a state park, only 100 feet square.

The state still maintains the park, cuts the grass and keeps it in excellent shape.

McClain was there at the dedication in 1922 when Gov. William C. Sproul gave the address.



ELMER McCLAIN

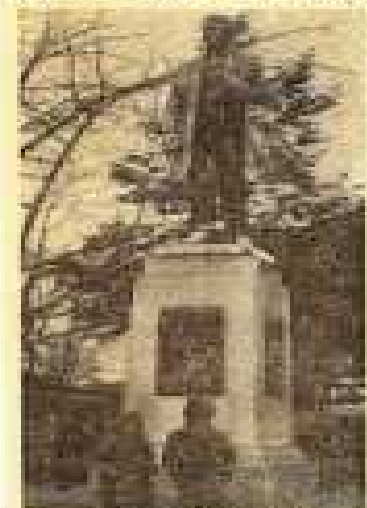
THERE WERE TWO REASONS for asking for the park, McClain says. One reason was to honor the site of old Camp Curtin, the Civil War camp, and to honor Gov. Curtin. On the base of the statue are their words:

"In memory of more than 300,000 soldiers of the Civil War, the Father of the nation's youth and the majority of his countrymen who passed into and out of this camp in the field of battle. A united country enjoys the fruits of their victory for liberty and union."

The old camp was bounded by Watts Co., the railroad tracks, Mackay St. and 12th St. Al Mackay and Stage Co. own the well for the camp, and the many barrels of that well is now at the Curtin church, as is Gen. Curtin's desk. Where the church is, the camp's hospital stood.

It was first suggested that a memorial arch be built on Mackay and 12th Sts., but the statue and park proved more valuable.

THE SECOND REASON for the park is that members of the church, McClain included, had heard that an apartment house would be built at the site. A park, they thought, would save the good looks of the new church, which had been dedicated in 1918. The old portion of the church, still in use, was erected in the 1850s.



McClain had a personal reason for the memorial too. His father, a veteran of Bull Run and other Civil War battles, had encouraged an a soldier at Camp Curtin. The older McClain became a politician after the war, and returned to Susquehanna and Lawrence counties to practice his attorney.

The church had a good argument for getting the memorial. Sometime around 1918 it had started a practice of having Memorial Day dinners for the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. These dinners went on for 28 or 29 years and McClain took part in every one of them. For the first one, McClain remembers, they served free of charge to 125 old army or navy dimes of bean soup, coffee and hard tack, the latter which McClain had to go to Philadelphia to get.

The dinners were discontinued in later years when the GAR dissolved its right arm and it became too painful to have the gathering and remember the comrades of old who had faded away.

GOV. CURTIN

dismantled to right now and it became too painful to have the gathering and remember the comrades of old who had faded away.

McCLAIN IS AN OLDTIMER himself. He came down to Harrisburg on March 1, 1861, from the woods of Susquehanna County and on March 2 of that year signed on with the Pennsylvania Railroad as a shop man. He was the first air braked gas or DRE train and he remembers the creation of the first electric light in a train. The train was called the "Yellow Kid" and the light had been installed in Alabama. When the "Yellow Kid" came through Harrisburg, the crowd gathered at the tracks to see the wonder of wonders.

McClain retired from railroading in 1942. The Andrew Curtin statue and park is pretty much ignored these days. This kind of history doesn't get a second glance these days.

One interesting point is that Curtin, who died in 1881 at age 73, is the only man to have two statues in town. There is a marble one of him in the Capitol rotunda.



Governor Andrew Curtin statue restored by Camp Curtin Historical Society and Civil War Roundtable circa 1990. Photo: file copy!

Patriot-News again – Veterans grave concerns

Not too long ago, the *Patriot-News* featured a column known as "Answer Line" and a reader wrote a query regarding the marking of a veteran's unmarked grave.

Answer Line reply: '... advise reader to contact County Veteran's Affairs Office to report the concern'. Such county offices maintain a list of deceased veterans and where they buried, and in most cases provide a flag holder designating the war in which the veteran served.

Other readers with similar concerns are advised to contact the veteran's *affairs* office in the county where the veteran is buried, for assistance!

Often the *affairs* office will share a listing with veteran's organizations – to enable them to assure

Your Hartranft staff has a copy of the 1922 Dedication ceremony booklet. Review by appointment!

Fast forward to 1990:

each veteran in a cemetery is marked with a flag during Memorial Day events and services.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

By Dave Klinepeter

A meeting to remember. September 21, 2014, General Hartranft Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans regular meeting at the National Civil War Museum.

I came in early and set up my usual display of pictures and items. To my surprise and delight I walked Penna Department Commander of the Sons, Douglas McMillin and son Joshua. Part way through the meeting he was called to the front by acting camp commander Smith. Commander McMillin proceeded to read,

In the name and by the authority of the
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
1861-1865

Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star
DAVID KLINEPETER

Is recognized by the National Council of Administration for his long term exemplary service and extraordinary accomplishments in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Signed by Commander-in-Chief
Ken L. Freshley

I was surprised, pleased, speechless and a little embarrassed, this award comes from the National organization and I know a number of members who I think deserve it. I understand this was read at the National Encampment in Atlanta, also one was read for James Getty (Abraham Lincoln portrayer) James Getty and I were not at the National Encampment so thanks goes to Commander McMillin for bringing these awards home to us. Thanks to whoever submitted my name and to David Demmy for typing up the info on me for the CinC. Thank you to all the people who have supported me over the years.

150th Anniversary
In late July the Post Office issued the 1864 Civil War stamps. They were Petersburg June 15, 1864-April 3, 1865 and Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864.

There are numerous 150th anniv. Events coming up. There was heavy action during 1864. Sheridan was in the Shenandoah Valley and Sherman was in Georgia on the way to South Carolina. Fighting was everywhere in the deep south by then.

On October 17-19 2014 is the reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek, Va. A number of members of Camp 15, including our Camp Commander Debo and Camp Secretary Kline, members of Cooper's Battery, will be

participating. Not all 150th events are battles, there are talks, walks books, books, books and dances. Any of our members can be as involved in the many Civil War activities as they wish.

Like other camp members, I'm interested in our military and support them in various ways. On September 26-27 at the Giant Center in Hershey Pa I attended the U, S, Army SPIRIT OF AMERICA show Friday morning. It was very impressive and well conducted, even firing a cannon several times (with black powder). My being an old artilleryman I could smell it. Another thing that impressed me were the number of young people, including numerous busloads of ROTC Units from different schools. A very good way to teach our young people history.

October 4, 2014 Went to the Testimonial luncheon of Pa Dept Commander Douglas McMillin at Gettysburg. It was well attended (Camp Commander Debo, Greg Kline, Tony Kline and wife, Dave Demmy and wife and me, from Camp 15) The food was good, the companionship was great and the program was interesting. The subject was the upcoming repairs to "The Soldiers Monument" in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. The program was presented by Lucas Flickinger, NPS Park Ranger and Joanne Hanley of the Gettysburg Foundation. DJK

Minutes of Camp 15 September 2014 Meeting

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Officers Present

- SVC.....Jeffrey Smith
- JVC.....Logan Swanger
- Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC
- Treasurer/Chaplain... David Demmy, Sr
- Pat. Inst./Hist....David Klinepeter
- Council.....Lee Walters, PDC
- Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC
- Council.....Jeffrey Smith
- Guide/Guard.....Thomas Bowman

Officers Absent

- Commander.....Scott Debo
- Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

- Tony Kline, Dave Laman, Gene Mascioli, Devin DePamphilis, Kevin Williams, Dave Demmy, Jr,

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Mike Proper, Don Fry, Robert Treat, Floyd Demmy, Dan Lute

Guests attending

Doug McMillin, DC, Josh McMillin, Dot Kline, Charlotte Walters, Bill Reynolds, Joyce Williams, Phil and Sharon DePamphilis, Dawn Fry and Kate McDermott National Civil War Museum staff member.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Jeff Smith at 2:00 PM.

The meeting minutes from May 2014, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. No record of motion to accept minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. The checkbook has a working balance of \$1808. Motion to accept by Brother Logan Swanger, second by Brother Tony Kline, motion approved. [\$800 is eligible for expenditures; \$1000 is cushion to avoid fees on balance below \$1000].

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read correspondence from the Department and National which included the following:

Department Order# 1 listing all elected and appointed Department officers and committee chairmen.

Department Order# 2 creating the Civil War Education Committee to work on a Department educational event in cooperation with the Boy Scouts and a committee to educate and train Camp officers through a YouTube video training course...
Department Order# 3 announcing the Department Mid-Year meeting to held on Saturday, October 25 at Hoss's Steak House in Carlisle.

Department Order# 4 listing the committee members of the Civil War Educational Committee and the YouTube Channel Training Video Committee.

Department Order# 5 congratulating Sister Ellen Higgins on being elected National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

National General Order# 22 rescinding General Order# 3 which suspended recruitment of Junior Members and Junior Associates. Recruitment of these Junior Brothers is once again permitted and encouraged.

General Order# 24 The SUVCW does not have jurisdiction or authority over the ASUVCW (Ladies Auxiliary) or any of the other Allied Orders.

General Order# 25 listing awards presented at the 2014 National Encampment.

Special General Order# 1 announcing the passing of Real Son Carson W. Yeager.

Correspondence was received from National Secretary Alan Russ that Camp 15's merchandise licenses for the license plates and belt buckles were approved by National for another 2 years.

The catering bill for the 2014 Christmas party was received from C & J Catering in the amount of \$903.12. [Deposit was remitted in September].

SVC Smith then introduced Pennsylvania Department Commander Doug McMillin who presented Brother Dave Klinepeter with the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star and read the citation that was issued at the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia.

New Members:

Applications were read for prospective new Members **Devin DePamphilis** and **Michael Smith**. Motion by Brother Tom Bowman, second by Brother Dave Klinepeter to instruct the Camp

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Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of both candidates. Motion approved. Brother Devin was then initiated in ritual form along with his Uncle **Kevin Williams** who was voted in at a special meeting in May. The Camp was recessed for 10 minutes at this time to congratulate and welcome the new Brothers.

Old Business:

1) Adopt-a-Position project at Gettysburg National Military Park. Tabled from May meeting. There is interest in the Camp in adopting a position. Secretary Kline will find out more details.

2) Request for donation from the Keystone Nationals youth baseball program was tabled from May meeting. Secretary Kline will forward info to Camp Council.

New Business:

1. SVC Jeff Smith mentioned that the Camp will again be staffing a recruiting table at the Gettysburg Antique Show at the Eisenhower Convention Center on Saturday October 25 from 9-5 and Sunday October 26 from 9-2
2. JVC Logan Swanger discussed the National Graves Database
3. Brother Don Fry mentioned that policy changes will be coming in the Boy Scouts of America regarding the reporting of child abuse issues.

Park. He mentioned an article appearing in "The Burg" [Harrisburg] magazine detailing the Mayor's current campaign against the Civil War museum.

Dave mentioned the upcoming Remembrance Day events in Gettysburg and displayed a wooden *souvenir* cane with Grant's likeness on the head, given at a Washington DC GAR Encampment 1892. Editor's note: the cane was donated to National HQ during 2013 by Virginia resident, Bill Good.

Good of the Order:

Brother Greg Kline mentioned the upcoming movie premiere of "Full Measure of Devotion" at the Campus Theater in Lewisburg PA on Sunday, October 26 at 1PM. The movie is a documentary of the Cooper's Battery B reenactors and features several Members of Camp 15. All are welcome to attend and the movie is free to the public.

The meeting was closed by Senior Vice Commander Smith at 3:43 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

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter discussed a variety of topics including the Spirit of America show at Hershey



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 October 18, 2014, testimonial dinner for newly elected Ellen Higgins, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War.

Forthcoming Camp meeting this **Sunday**, October 19th in Education Gallery at NCWM first level.

Mid-year meeting.



Pennsylvania department mid-year meeting to be held on Saturday October 25 2014

Camp holiday banquet December 14 at NCWM see more data in this newsletter. Last announcement for this whole Camp event.

2015 Battle of Bulge reenactment of 1944 actions!

January 31, 2015 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA.

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

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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!

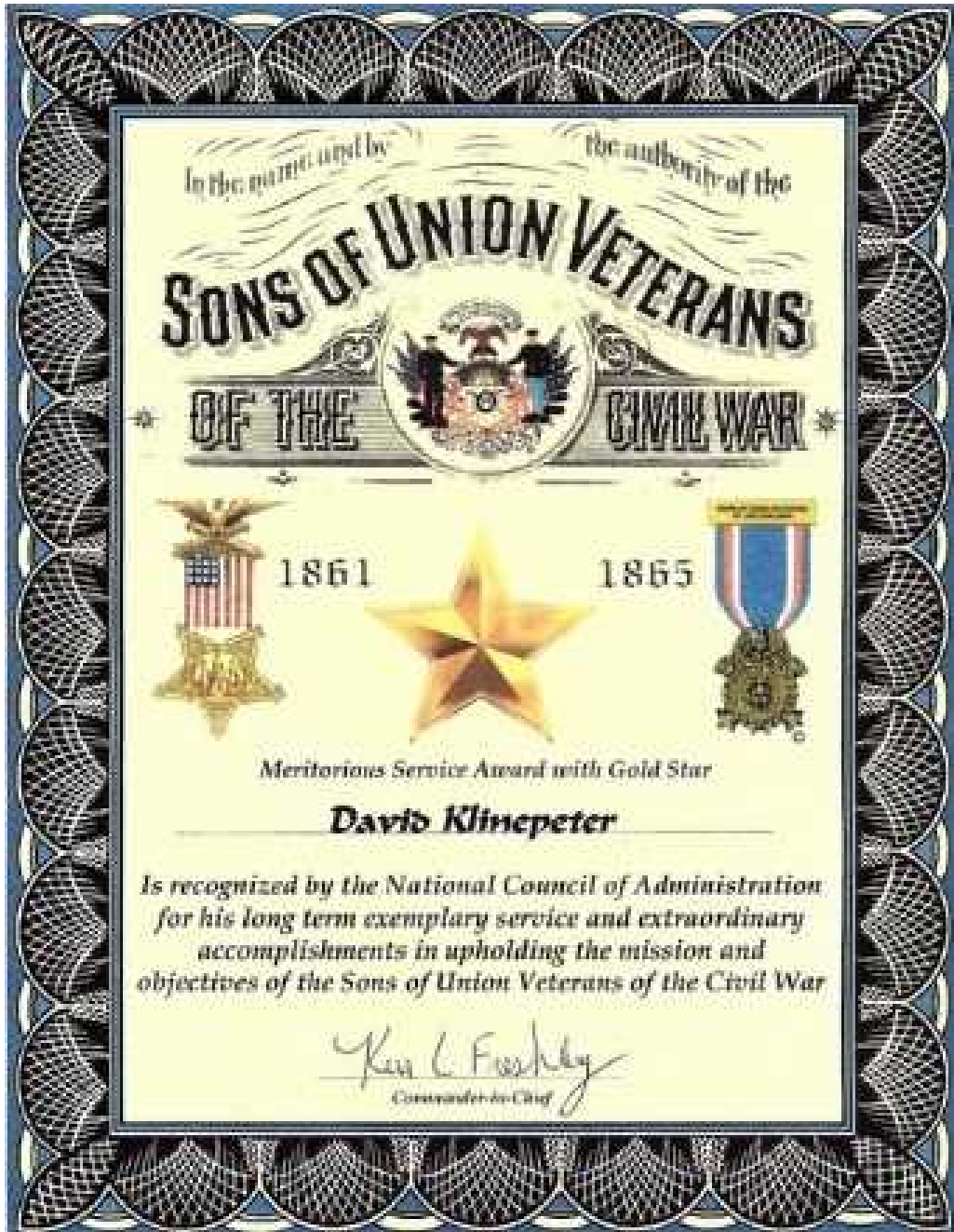
Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

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Brother Dave Klinepeter's Award of well-deserved Meritorious Award with **Gold** Star 2014

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Brother Dave received a Gold Star to be displayed upon his membership badge!

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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	<u>Sunday, December 14, 2014</u>
Where	National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg
Cost	\$25.00 per person, prepaid – payable to <u>Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW</u>
Payment	Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than <u>11/26/14</u>
Fellowship hour	11:30 – 12:30 Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.
Activities	Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for 2015
Entertainment	Holiday Bingo



Don't fall asleep, RSVP now

Please RSVP by email to DoubleD@Demmy.cc or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174 leave your full name and *number of persons attending!* Please remit full payment no later than November 26 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!

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Items may be, e.g.: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, music, gift certificates, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, e.g.: 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 US armed forces may 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 two free.

Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

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

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2015 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!

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to the Lord”. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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