

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 134th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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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!

2017 Hartranft Camp 15
Officers and Staff



Commander	Jeffery Smith 15-17
Senior Vice Commander	Logan Swanger 15-17
Junior Vice Commander	Vernon Stout 2017
Secretary	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09
Treasurer	David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-17
Council	Anthony Kline-16-18
Council	Scott Debo 15-17
Council	Vacant 2017
Patriotic Instructor	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16
Counselor	Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08
GAR Historian	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
Graves Registration	Logan Swanger 14-17
Guide	Devin DePamphilis 2017
Color Bearer	vacant
Guard	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17
Longevity Brother	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
Eagle Scout Coordinator	vacant
Signal Webmaster	Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005
ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17
GAR Highway Officer.	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16

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.

Dept of PA: www.PAsuvcw.org National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

Have a safe and wonderful autumn Brothers and Sisters.

Our Next Camp business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at Nat'l Civil War Museum Building high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg's highest elevation.

No business meeting in November, it is expected you will visit Gettysburg that weekend for annual Remembrance Day activities

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

By Camp Chaplain, David W Demmy, Sr.

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; and the family of Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC and The Logan Swanger family; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mary Jane Bannan PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline, along with Mrs. Kevin Williams!
- Tony Kline, and Museum CEO Wayne Motts' mother; and Mrs. Marilyn Demmy!



- Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Scott Debo PCC, David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer, Darlene Alcorn's son, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Skip Whitlam; and Ellen Higgins!
- Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith CC; Mrs. Robert Manning.
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters!
- PCinC Ed Krieser and PCinC Brad Schall.

If you know of others, please share their names with us to add to our prayer list. Jen Demmy and father David continue to recuperate while wearing leg braces due to Jen's leg fracture and David's quad tendon knee surgery. When it rains, it pours!

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

October Camp meeting

Some things of note will take place during our October meeting:

Nominations and election of officers for 2018; and perhaps announcement of appointments of other Staff members by newly elected Camp Commander; Otherwise, they will be announced for 2018 in the November Camp newsletter.

Guest Speaker, is Larry Steninger a retired Special Education Teacher from Central Dauphin School District, who now resides in Lancaster County.

His father was Harrison Steninger, and died at the age of 97 in 2007. He was born in 1910, and used to tell me about his grandfather, who was in the Civil War, and who lived with my dad and his family in Rockhill Furnace until he died in 1919. His grandfather was William Henry Harrison Madden, and he served in the 110th Pennsylvania regiment. My father related to me some of the stories that his grandfather told him when he was a boy. I became fascinated with American Civil War history.

My great grandfather, known as Harry Madden, joined the Army at the outbreak of the War served in the 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry, also known as the 181st Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a six month enlistment period from July 1, 1863, to the end of December of that year. He then enlisted in the 110th in January of 1864, and served until the end of the war.

The 110th Pennsylvania lost many good men and officers and fought in many battles, from Kernstown, to Chancellorsville, to Gettysburg, through the Overland Campaign, and on to Appomattox.

I'd rather have 125 friends than \$125.00

Minutes of Camp Meeting for month of September

September 17, 2017, Sunday, balmy 80°

Meeting Minutes- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 15

Meeting was called to order 1:59 pm

Roll Call of Officers

Present:

Logan Swanger- Senior Vice Commander

Vernon Stout- Junior Vice Commander

David Demmy Sr.- Treasurer

Dave Klinepeter- Patriotic Instructor

Dave Demmy Jr.- Guide

Old business:

Approval of last meetings minutes. 1st David Demmy Sr. / 2nd Dave Klinepeter. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Brother Demmy discussed the move of Camp 15's monies from a banking financial institution that has charged fees and otherwise has been unfriendly to our nonprofit the balance in checking is about \$9115. Of which \$7600, will be rolled into a new CD at the credit union.

Brother Demmy reminded the camp that should they wish to purchase items from the National Quartermaster that it would be more economical to do so through him. Also if any officers have a need to be reimbursed for stamps or envelopes please contact him as well. Submit a valid purchase receipt for reimbursement of official Camp expenses.

Ill or distressed brothers and sisters in need- No additional personnel reported to *Hartranft*. See page 2 above.

Reading of Correspondence:

Department order #1- Thanking the department for the election of the commander and the official relocation of Department Headquarters to Easton PA.

General Order #1- Reminding all brothers to review SUVCW policies on Confederate Battle Flags and Monuments which is available on the national website. Also the continuing need of education and community outreach to promote our organization is stressed. The full policy is available at www.suvcw.org website.

General Order #2 Reminder by the CinC that no brother should act as a Media spokesman or agent for the SUVCW in regards to veteran's monuments without first contacting the CinC.

General Order #3 Allowing hyphenated names when forming new camps.

General Order #4 The creation and order to fulfil the position of a national "Development Officer."

CinC's Message #1- discussing the Aug 12th event in West Virginia.

CinC's Message #2 Discussing those harmed by natural disasters and how camps may help.

Unfinished Business:

Please contact brother Jeff Smith, who is coordinating recruiting tables at the Maryland and Gettysburg Civil War collector's shows, respectively, should you be able to give some time to work the tables.

A date for the annual adopt a position [clean-up activity at Gettysburg] will be decided upon during the next month.

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New Business:

Remembrance Day will be held on November 18th in Gettysburg. You must be in period costume in order to march in the parade with other SUVCW Brothers.

The Camp **Holiday** Party will be Dec. 10th. See this Camp newsletter for more details. Please rsvp to David Demmy at 717 545 5174 or e-mail at DoubleD@Demmy.cc with your name and number of attendees so that appropriate meals may be obtained thru our caterer. Rsvp by December 1st. Banquet meal will be \$28.00 per person. All funds cover the cost of our caterer and taxes. Camp 15 receives no benefit of your \$28 per person. Prepay ASAP. All participants, should provide 2-3 items of \$15 value for the bingo table. As you win b-i-n-g-o, you proceed to the table at the back of the room; and select an item. Return to your place and continue to play; win again and select again! We play till the items are all gone or it begins to *snow!* It is December after all!

Good of the Order:

Brother Klinepeter discussed some of the important historical dates in September including: Sept. 13, 1814 which was the Battle of Fort McKendry, Sept 17, 1787 the date that the U.S. Constitution was approved, 14th Sept. 1862 the Battle of South Mountain, 17th Sept 1862 Antietam.

A dispatch from the Meade society was read regarding the 28th Inv. Division National Guard whose first commander was our General Hartranft during 1879. They would serve with distinction during the First World War where they would be commended by General Pershing for "Focus and Leadership."

Also the diverse nationalities of the Union Army were discussed including those from Germany, France, Poland, and Scotland as well as the danger and death of many from disease.

And finally and sadly, Brother Klinepeter indicated that he will be stepping down from his position as Patriotic Instructor at the end of this year.

Camp meeting closed at 3:04PM

End Camp minutes.

Personal invitations to our **guests** of Camp 15 have been issued for Camp 15's annual holiday gathering.

Camp brothers and Auxiliary 7 sisters are automatically invited by their membership in the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and their reading of these Hartranft Herald issues. Banquet meal again will be \$28.00 per person. Prepay ASAP.

Please rsvp to David Demmy at 717 545 5174 or e-mail at DoubleD@Demmy.cc with your name and number of attendees so that appropriate meals may be obtained thru our caterer. Rsvp by December 1st.

Job Descriptions

Brothers, the following Camp positions may be available for nomination next month to serve in 2018!

Eagle Scout coordinator and Junior Vice Commander! Here are the respective duties:

Eagle Scout Coordinator

Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator- The purpose of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator is to recognize the advancement of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout, to maintain statistics of requests and presentations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate. There is no provision in the Order's Regulations for a Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator. If a camp does not want to participate in this program the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator is responsible for the certificates. If the camp wants to participate the Camp Commander is encouraged to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator to coordinate and/or perform the

following duties. Camps that do not elect to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator are still required to perform the duties listed below and the information for filling out the certificates will be sent to the Camp Commander. The activities of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators should include:

- (a) Maintaining an email address and keeping the DESCC informed of any changes.
- (b) Maintaining a listing of the Scout Council and their office address in their area.
- (c) Establishing and maintaining contact with the local Scout Council in their area
- (d) To keep the Scout Council informed of any changes to our program
- (e) **Receiving requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and make arrangements to present the certificate.** Or via mail!
- (f) Submitting a report to the Camp Encampment showing the total number of certificates presented.
- (g) Keeping a record of all certificates presented during the year and providing this to the DESCC by July 1st.
- (h) Performing all other duties as regulated by the C&R, National encampment and Commander-in-Chief.

Camp Junior Vice Commander-

*The purpose of the office of Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the **recruitment and retention of Brothers** (Members, Associates, and Juniors).*

The Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and shall perform such duties as pertain to their office. The activities of the Camp Junior Vice Commander should include:

- (a)) Contacting prospective Brothers whose names are supplied to the Camp by the Department Junior Vice Commander.
- (b) Supplying prospective Brothers

with membership materials including two membership applications, a copy of a SUVCW organization descriptive leaflet, and an invitation to the next Camp meeting.

- (c) Keeping track of applicants' progress in completing membership applications.
- (d) Encouraging delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order.
- (e) Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of both the Camp Commander and Senior Vice Camp Commander.

Little if any homework!

Guide

The purpose of the Guide is to assist the Commander in the floor work of the Ritual during the Camp or Department meeting and to follow any orders given by the Commander.

Camp Guide. The activities of the Camp Guide should include: (1) Ensuring that the Camp room is proper order and that the altar and stations are properly arranged; (2) Instructing candidates for membership per the instructions of the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials; (3) Acting as an escort for all visitors; (4) Ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting; (5) Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

Color Bearer

The purpose of the office of Color Bearer is to care for the Camp/Department colors and to assist the Camp/Department Guide during the Camp/Department meeting.

Camp Color Bearer. The activities of the Camp Color Bearer should include: (1) Placing the altar cloth and an unopened Bible on the altar prior to the opening of the Camp; (2) Placing station banners at the stations prior to the opening of the Camp; (3) Assisting the Guide in ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting; (4) Presenting the United States Flag during the Pledge of Allegiance by the Camp; (5) Attending to the altar and stations by removing altar cloth, Bible

and station banners following the close of the Camp; (6) Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials. End!

OUT OF THE PAST WITH THE GAR

From the Journal of the 1886 GAR encampment

"On March 31 1886, the official returns [reports] showed 38 departments and 5,765 posts and a membership of 295,447 comrades. [Likewise, the SUVCW has 30 departments with 1 international Camp and over 600 local camps, with over 6,000 Brothers].

The GAR Commander in Chief of 1886 continued with his report with a gain of 709 posts and 25,643 in members". [Wow]!

"The time has come when the single cause of the growing weight of years sufficiently excuses many thousands of our comrades [civil war veterans] from seeking our association! Our ranks constantly diminish in numbers of comrades eligible to our ranks."

Ah, suspensions and dropped members –

1884 – 28K

1885 – 54K

1886 – 54K

"Undoubtedly there are some who join our ranks looking for immediate material and selfish benefits, and who finding their expectations slow of realization, properly and naturally fall out."

Due to the number of men dropping out or suspensions due to not filing, the CinC continues his report with a recommendation to amend the Rules and Regulations to allow for 1st, 2nd and 3rd notices to be issued to the delinquent men that fail to renew their dues and make reports, in lieu of immediate 'dropping' of

comrades that fail to timely remit their annual dues."

/s/ Commander in Chief, 1886.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR and GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

A few known facts for you:

OCTOBER

16 to 18, 1859 Harpers Ferry, Va. John Browns Raid. John Brown was captured by a company of marines under the command of Lt. Col Robert E Lee, who was accompanied by a fellow cavalry officer, Lt. James "Jeb" Stuart.. Brown - was late tried and hanged.

12th 1861 First Ironclad in the U.S. Navy

21st 1861 Battle of Balls Bluff, Va.

3rd 1862 Battle of Corinth, Miss.

8th 1862 Battle of Perryville, Ky.

11th 1862 J.E.B. Stuart raids Chambersburg, Pa.

15th 1863 C.S.S. Hunley sinks killing its inventor and seven men. Will be raised later.

27th 1863 Great Sanitation Fair in Chicago, Ill. President Lincoln donated the original draft of the

Emancipation Proclamation. It sold for \$3,000. The fair raised almost \$100,000. Later on

New York City and Philadelphia both had fairs that raised almost \$1000,000 each

19th 1864 St. Albans Vt Raid.

19th 1864 Battle of Cedar Creek, Va.

12th 1870 General Robert E. Lee dies

NOVEMBER

6th 1860 Abraham Lincoln is elected president of United States. Is sworn in March 1861

7th 1861 Battle of Belmont, Mo. This was General U.S. Grants first Civil War battle. Each side claimed victory

8th 1861 The Trent affair
 16th 1863 Battle of Campbell' Station, Tn. There were many small battles and skirmishes in numerous states
 19th 1863 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
 8th 1864 Lincoln is reelected to a second term
 25th 1864 Confederate agents try to burn New York City but failed. One was caught and hanged.
 10th 1865 Henry Wieg, commander of Andersonville prison was tried and hanged
 11th 1865 Closing of Camp Curtin in Harrisburg, Pa.
 18th 2017 Special ceremonies at Albert Woolson monument in Gettysburg, Pa. by the SUV-SVR and allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic.
 19th 2017 Special ceremonies honoring Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa.
 1880 General Winfield Hancock won the Democratic nomination for president He ran against James Garfield but lost.

..... Brother Dave

Happiness

Happiness is a vanilla ice cream cone in one hand, and a chocolate ice cream cone in the other hand!

Andddddddddd, it's never too cold to eat ice cream!

Camp Activity - Gettysburg Adopt A Position - Volunteers Needed - Saturday, November 11, 2017

Brothers,
 This November 2017, Camp #15 will be participating in the "Adopt a Position" Program at Gettysburg National Military Park. "Adopt a Position" is a

program in which volunteers help maintain a particular position within the Gettysburg Park. Camp #15's position is Knapp's Battery on top of Culps Hill, near the observation tower. This is our third year for the activity, and the work varies from year to year. Last Year, about six of the Camp's brothers met, had lunch together in Gettysburg and raked leaves around the Tower and surrounding area.

Our tradition is to meet to for lunch (and to enjoy a couple beers as well) before going out to work. This year, the activity will be held on *Saturday, November 11* (Yes, *Veterans Day!*) and we will first be meeting at the *Appalachian Brewing Company, at 259 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg*. We will meet at the restaurant at *11:30 AM*, enjoy lunch, and comradery there until 1:00 PM, and then reconvene at the top of Culps Hill, to clean-up the area for about an hour and a half to two hours. Each volunteer will receive a free tee-shirt and pin from the National Park Service. Please wear work cloths and you may want to bring work gloves as well. All other work tools (rakes, trimmers, etc.) will be provided by the Park.

Please let brother Greg Kline (gregsuvvw@yahoo.com) or brother Jeffery Smith (jjsmet84@verizon.net) know if you intend to participate so we can get a head count for the restaurant. I guarantee, you will most certainly enjoy the activity.

We hope to see you there!!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Brother Jeffery Smith, Commander

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On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted [mostly] on the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum [NCWM]!

Potential field trip to GAR museum at Philadelphia to be announced.

Fall Clean-up Day at Gettysburg?

The Pennsylvania department encampment and the national encampment conventions are over for 2017.

Look at national website in weeks to come for new data on Confederation and Monument positions upheld by our grand patriotic organization.

Camp 15's annual **holiday banquet** on **Sunday December 10, 2017**

Social time 11:30 a.m.

Meal time about 1 p.m.

Please update your social calendar now.

2018 events

Pennsylvania Department encampment convention at Genetti Hotel *Williamsport* PA June 21-24, 2018.

National encampment convention at Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, about 20 miles from downtown Boston. The rate is \$109.00, for single or double rooms; August 9 – 12, 2018.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff DoubleD@Demmy.cc.

Treasurers report by David Demmy Sr

All funds have been moved to Federal Credit Union!

\$7600 into a new 25 month CD; The CD is already earning a buck a day. Free checking has balance of \$1515.

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 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!

2017 Camp 15 annual Holiday Banquet

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 Holiday Banquet gathering.



When **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

All participants: please bring 2-4 *items for the gift table with value of about \$15 each!* 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, e.g.: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, CD music, DVD, gift certificate, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, veteran related or not e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – *you may make it interesting* for all of us by making *unusual choices!*

Where National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg
GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA

Cost \$28.00 per person, prepaid;
Payable Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

Payment Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 12/01/17

Fellowship hour 11:30 – 12:30 Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.

Activities Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for the New Year!

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 25 for a full accounting for preparation of our annual event.

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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 2018 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along!
Still \$35 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!
Have a safe trip!