

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




Vol 19, No. 08 & 09 another Hot Summer August & September 2017

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!

<p>2017 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>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</p>
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Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm 3rd Sunday of month. 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 Summer Brothers and Sisters.

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As in recent years, brothers and sisters, we have taken the summer off from having official business meetings. Not even a picnic due to the heat!

Our Next Camp business meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at Nat'l Civil War Building high atop Reservoir Park @ Harrisburg.

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, PCinC Andy Johnson PCinC; and the family of Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC and 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 and Skip Whitlam!
- Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith CC; Mrs. Robert Manning; Joe
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters!
- PCinC Ed Krieser. 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!

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

BY Dave Klinepeter

From the latest issue of the *Civil War News*, I learned that the first Civil War Battlefield monuments were erected by the Union army in 1865. There were 2, 1 for the First Bull Run in July 21, 1861 and 1 for the Second Battle of Bull Run in August 28-30, 1862. I would recommend any members interested in keeping up with Civil War activities to subscribe to the *Civil War News*. I also learned that over 50,000 Canadians fought with the Union army and that over 50 were killed at the Battle of Gettysburg. I did know there were Grand Army of the Republic Posts in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba Canada. There was a Post in Mexico City and also a Pennsylvania Post in Lima, Peru.

A FEW DATES

AUGUST

1782 --7th Purple Heart Medal was established
1794 -- 4th The Coast Guard was established

1861 -- 2nd Congress established the first income tax

1862 -- 9th Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia.

1863 -- 10th Fredrick Douglass pushes Lincoln for full equality for Negro troops.

1864 -- 5th Admiral David Farragut issues famous order "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" at Mobile Alabama.

1945 -- 14th Japan surrenders in WWII

1949 -- Last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for full details of

Note Woolson died two weeks before the dedication...

S e p t e m b e r 1 6 t h B a t t l e o f Antietam Sept 22nd Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation. --- DJK

Message from Camp Commander, Brother Jeff:

Brothers,

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer of 2017. The year is speeding away quickly, and the fall of 2017 will soon be arriving. Arriving alongside the autumn season will be the start of Camp 15 meetings, every third Sunday for September and October. Our first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 (Third Sunday of the month) at the National Civil War Museum, followed by our October meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Of course, the Remembrance Day Celebrations held Saturday, November 19 will serve in place of a November meeting (as is the usual case) and the annual Christmas Party will be held in early December. If you have not attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Day activities, and are curious, please contact me, or Brother Greg Kline. There are several activities you have an opportunity to participate in; or if you prefer, you can be a well entertained observer.

Camp 15 participation see our newsletter of August 2007.

1956 --31 Sept 1st Dedication of the Albert Woolson Monument at Gettysburg.

Remembrance Day – Gettysburg: This year, Remembrance Day will be held on exactly the same day as the Gettysburg address was delivered back on November 19, 1863. The alignment of the exact anniversary only occurs once every seven years. If you wish, you can participate in one of several activities including: (1) The Gettysburg Parade – you must don a union uniform to be in the parade, and you will find several brothers from camp #15 to march alongside of you; (2) Assist the Gettysburg Foundation in preparing the union soldier graves in the national cemetery; volunteers place candles in brown paper bags, so they can be lit at night for the annual "Illumination". (3) You can read names at night during the illumination of union soldiers who gave their lives in that largest and most decisive battle of the war; or (4) you can be a content and amazed observer of the many doings on Remembrance Day.

Camp #15 2017 Christmas Party: Besides Remembrance Day, and our monthly meetings, please consider joining the brothers of Camp #15 during our annual Christmas Party on December 10th! I remember the first one I attended back in 2010. I was at first wondering if I would go, but after I attended, and savored the delicious dinner, enjoyed the great companionship of the brothers, participated in the auctions, played Bingo, and watched the swearing in ceremonies, I was hooked on the event. I have attended each and every Christmas Party since 2010, and would not dream of missing one. I think if you go to this year's Christmas Party, you will become, as I did, "addicted" thereafter!

Gettysburg Adopt a Position: Another Fun event is planned this fall, to do some outside work at Knapp's Battery, at the Gettysburg Battlefield. For those of you who do not know, Camp #15 has adopted Knapp's Battery on Culps Hill as a part of the "Adopt A Position" Program, organized by the Gettysburg Foundation. The brothers of Camp #15 established a fall tradition of having lunch (and optionally drinking beer or any beverage of your choice) before heading to Culps hill for the activity. Pictures during the clean-up will be taken, so get your image into our upcoming camp News Letter, along with all the other participating Brothers. I am coordinating with the Park, to the best day to go, but we anticipate doing the activity on some Saturday in October or November. Stay tuned, as we will be settling on the date in the near future and will be discussing coordination (picking the time and place to meet for lunch) with regard to the activity.

Civil War Antique Shows - Recruitment: Interested in the Weapons, equipment, uniforms documents, etc. of the Civil war? I am coordinating getting recruitment tables for the Gettysburg (Late October) and Baltimore (Late September) Civil War antique shows. Let me know if you are interested in recruiting potential brothers at the shows, and you can enjoy checking out the 300+ tables of items (mostly for sale) at the show during your break. As a reward for your work at the table, entrance is free. These shows are really great to attend and to see the thousands of artifacts that are historical items that our ancestors held in their hands. I will be giving days, and locations at the coming meeting in September, and Data will publish the information as well. Contact me if you are interested in working at the recruitment table.

On a personal note, let me say this autumn is a bit melancholy for me. This season marks my last few months as commander of Camp #15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Camp Commander. I will never forget the experience. It is also an honor to be a member of Camp #15, and a fellow brother of

each and every one of you. I think our union ancestors would be very gratified to know that we are part of this organization, an organization that they founded in memory of their service and their fellow soldiers who did not survive this nation's greatest conflict. I want to thank each and every one of you, for keeping this organization alive by being an active and continuing member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. God bless and keep you all.

I hope to see many of you in the upcoming events cited above. And now for your perusal, I have included a special illustrations below, related to Remembrance Day and the Gettysburg Address.



President Lincoln, Gettysburg, November 19, 1863.



Knapp's Battery.

Camp Curtin ***Historical Society and*** ***Civil War Round Table***

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Presents

**September 16, Saturday, 12:00, 1:00,
2:00PM Harrisburg Cemetery Tours**

Visit the graves and hear the stories of numerous personalities who influenced local, state and national events in the 19th century. The Civil War tour will cover Lincoln's first Secretary of War, Simon Cameron, and Brig. Gen. Joseph Knipe, the man who named Camp Curtin. Hear the story of the Confederates buried in Harrisburg, admire Maj. Gen. John Geary's beautifully restored monument, and see Mary Todd Lincoln's great grandfather's grave. The tours will visit dozens of "residents" of the cemetery.

Hartranft deceased in October

[John F. Hartranft \(1830 – 1889\)](#) served as Governor of Pennsylvania, 1872-1879. Born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in 1830, having served local militia, he raised a regiment of Montgomery County militia in April of 1861 to serve in the Civil War. Hartranft was later named Colonel of the 51st Regiment Volunteer Infantry, participating in several major battles, and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. Following the Civil War, Hartranft was appointed Special Provost Marshall, and given responsibility for the care and final execution of the conspirators convicted in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Later, Hartranft became Auditor General of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1865 and, served two terms. Thereafter he was elected Governor of Commonwealth in 1872. As Governor, he was involved in the ratification of a new state constitution, the Centennial of Pennsylvania, and such labor issues as railroad strikes and the trials of the *Molly Maguire's*.

Following his years as governor, Hartranft was active in various organizations, and was appointed Major General over the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The General, Camp 15's namesake, died on October 17, 1889.

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Out of the Past

From Brother Gene

Civil War Days in Harrisburg, Father's Day weekend 2017, and Camp 15 was on duty at free community day at National Civil War Museum.



Copper's Battery B featuring some Brothers of Camp 15



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Bah Boom!



And a cloudy explosion high atop Reservoir Park, next to boro of Penbrook.

On some such days, red foxes and other park wild life can be seen running for deer-life! [sic]

Brother Gene, continues his text by indicating his great time with Brothers Jeff and Vern who helped man the recruiting table indoors on that Saturday. Brother Gene, PCC, thank you for sharing photos and your summer delight with us. Gene will next be seen at the annual York Fair among the Clowns Community!

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.

e 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