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The Newsletter of

Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Let us Give Thanks

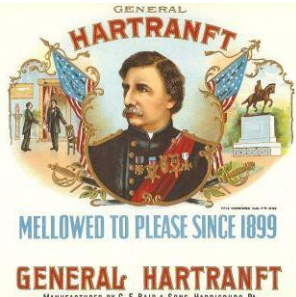
November 2018



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>2018 Hartranft Camp 15</p> <p>Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander Logan Swanger 2018</p> <p>Senior Vice Commander Vernon Stout 2018</p> <p>Junior Vice Commander Scott Debo, PCC 2018</p> <p>Secretary Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18</p> <p>Treasurer David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18</p> <p>Council 01 Scott Debo, PCC 15-18</p> <p>Council 02 Anthony Kline 16-18</p> <p>Council 03 Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21</p> <p>Patriotic Instructor Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018</p> <p>Chaplain David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18</p> <p>Counselor Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08</p> <p>GAR Historian Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018</p> <p>Graves Registration Logan Swanger 14-18</p> <p>Guide Vacant 2018</p> <p>Color Bearer Vacant 2018</p> <p>Guard Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18</p> <p>Eagle Scout Coordinator Vacant 2018</p> <p>Signal Webmaster Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18</p> <p>ROTC Coordinator Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18</p> <p>GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18</p> <p>Longevity Brother Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943</p>
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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!

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This issue of the Hartranft Herald continues to be draped in remembrance of our late Brother Ted Von Hazard, 79, 1938 – 2018, in accordance with Camp Order #4 series 2017 2018.

Brothers and Sisters our next Camp event will be our **Holiday Banquet** on Sunday December 9, 2018. It is scheduled for 11:30 A.M. SOCIAL HOUR within the NCWM building high atop Reservoir Park – see data later in this issue.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by, David W Brother, Sr., PCC, Kentucky Colonel and Camp 15 Chaplain

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

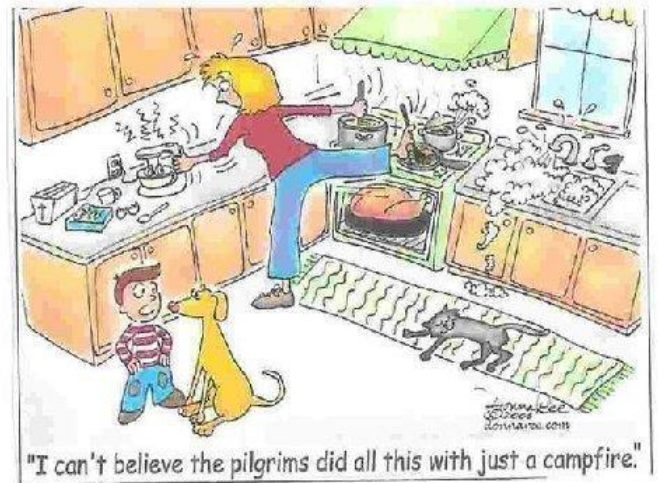
- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mary Jane Bannan PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline!
- Tony Kline, PCinC Gene Mortorff and Mrs. Linda Mortorff!
- Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Scott Debo PCC, Mr and Mrs. David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer, Darlene Alcorn's son, Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Mrs. John Martin, and Ellen Higgins! Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC, and Brother John Martin.
- Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith PCC; Mrs. Robert Manning. Brother Dave Sosnowski.
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht!
- PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, and

PCinC Richard Partington; and now we add Mr and The Museum board and staff wish to commend all those who preserve our Nation. Veterans, active-duty military service members as well as military retirees will receive FREE ADMISSION on Sunday, November 11, 2018 in honor of Veteran's Day. Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan to our prayer list too!

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



What am I thankful for?

My Faith,

My Family,

Living in the Land of Freedom – USA

And,

Another day that I did not need to use Alegbra!

It is also a good day when the phone does not ring!
yippee-ki-yay!



Veterans Day 2018

The National Civil War Museum

Salutes All Veterans

When: November 11, 2018 @ 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: The National Civil War Museum
1 Lincoln Cir, Harrisburg, PA 17103, USA

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MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Officers Present

Commander.....Logan Swanger

SVC..... Vernon Stout

JVC.....Scott Debo

Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC

Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr

Pat. Instructor/Historian.....Jeff Smith

Council.....Scott Debo

Council.....Tony Kline

Officers Absent

Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Guide/Guard.....TBA

Members attending

Dave Demmy, Jr

David Klinepeter, PCC

Gene Mascioli, PCC

Dan Lute

Bill Jackson

Wayne Blattner

Paul Drumm

Guests attending:

Helen Shireman

Rosemary Jackson

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Logan Swanger at 2:00 PM

The meeting minutes from the May, 2018 meeting were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Bill Jackson, 2nd by Brother Dave Klinepeter, motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Demmy reported a working check book balance of \$543, which does not include our recent bequest from PCC Larry Sheibley-Beasom. Motion to accept by Brother Bill Jackson, 2nd by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

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See latest newsletter for prayer listing!

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Greg Kline read and summarized a lengthy list of National and Department orders which were issued since the Camp's last business meeting in May. Communication was received regarding the Camp's license from National allowing us to sell our belt buckles and license plates as fund raisers. The licenses were renewed by the Council of Administration in August for another two years.

Unfinished Business:

Camp 15's Bylaws have been amended to include changes being required by the Pennsylvania Department which is required in our continuing effort to obtain 501 ©3 status from the IRS. A few other housekeeping changes were made as well. The draft of the new Bylaws has been approved by the Camp Council and Officers and copies were distributed to the Membership. Motion to accept the revised minutes was made by Brother Greg Kline, 2nd by Brother Tony Kline, motion approved.

Brother Jeff Smith gave an update regarding our speaker program at the October meeting. Dr. Schroder, an orthopedic surgeon, will be presenting a program on Civil War medicine. The cost to the Camp will be \$100 and discussion followed regarding the possibility of a corresponding field trip to be held on November 10. The cost to Camp 15 will be \$200 and Jeff estimated a \$25 per person charge for rental of a bus for the tour. Jeff suggested opening the October meeting to other Camps in the PA Department as well as the general public.

New Business:

SVC Vern Stout asked about when the next Free Day will be held at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and is looking forward to the Camp's participation. Further information will be forthcoming.

Good of the Order

PCC Brother David Demmy, Sr., received a Certificate of Commendation from Camp Commander Swanger for a job well done in coordinating the flag pole project at the Museum in honor of our late PCC Larry Sheibley-Beasom.

Brother David Klinepeter was presented with the Elmer "Bud" Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award from National by Brother David Demmy, Sr., in honor of his 75+ years of service to the SUVCW, to historical preservation and to the greater Civil War community. Very well done, Brother Klinepeter!!

Commander Swanger mentioned the passing of Camp 15 Brother Lester McClure. Brother Les had helped to coordinate the placing of flags on veteran's graves in local Harrisburg cemeteries since 1946. He will be sadly missed at Camp 15's annual decorating of graves for Memorial Day at the Old Harrisburg City Cemetery.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith gave a short program that acted as a lead in to our October meeting Civil War medicine program. He discussed the percentages of fatalities during the war from various causes...gunshot, artillery, disease, etc. He mentioned the use, or lack thereof, of bayonets in combat as well as their use as a psychological weapon. He also discussed the role of Major Letterman, head of the medical corps of the Army of the Potomac, who was the first to implement the triage system in army field hospitals.

The meeting was closed by Commander Swanger at 3:48 PM.

Faithfully submitted, In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, Gregory E. Kline, PCC, Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15

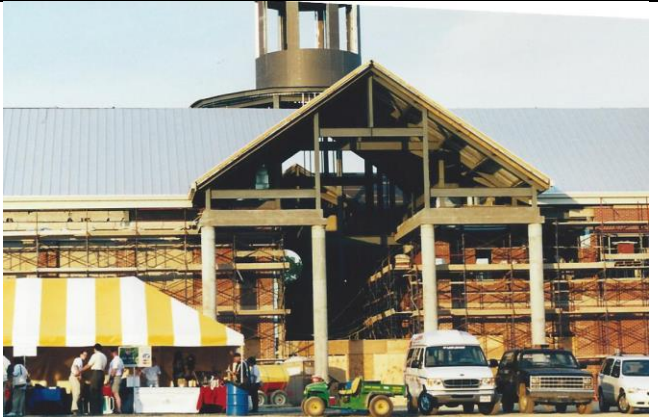
Grand Review 2000 out of our past too

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Recognize any troopers above or below?



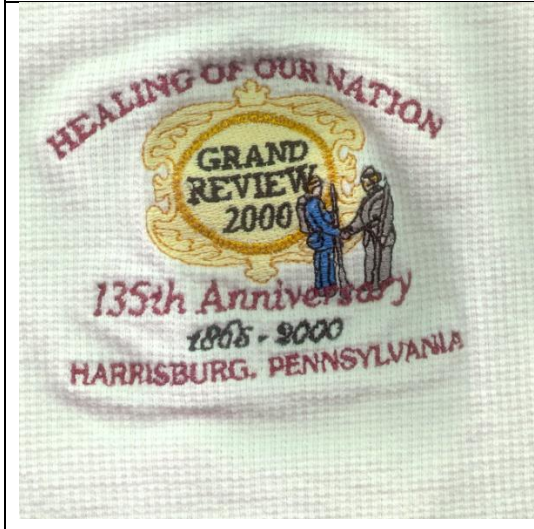
Where's the french fry truck?



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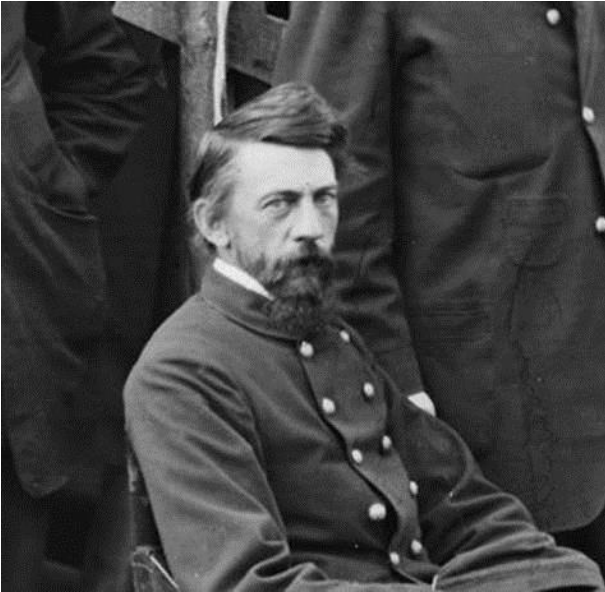


Dave and Gloria Klinepeter!



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Medical Treatment in the Civil War



Dr. Jonathan Letterman - 1863

“Every day, I stop and give thanks to Jonathan Letterman”. These are the words of the director of medical services during World War II. These are the words of one officer thanking another officer, another doctor thanking another doctor. What is truly amazing is that they were being expressed by a doctor to Dr. Jonathan Letterman, Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, a full 80 years after Dr. Letterman had resigned from the US Army. What was it that Dr. Letterman did, to merit such a comment nearly a century later? How many people have the honor to be not only remembered, but praised for their efforts so many years later?

Major Jonathan Letterman was 38 years old during the battle of Gettysburg, and had been born in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, in the south western part of the state, near the Ohio border. In some ways, it was not so surprising that he would become a doctor. His father was a renowned Doctor and Surgeon in the area. Jonathan first attended Jefferson College, and then Jefferson Medical College thereafter. He became a surgeon and graduated from the Medical College at age 25. Upon graduation Dr. joined the army, and did his tour of duty in areas on the frontier where confrontations with the Native Americans were not uncommon. One can imagine how valuable those

experiences must have been, as he treated soldiers for their wounds and learned at an accelerated rate as compared to what would have been the case had he not joined the army. When the Civil War broke out in 1861 and until his resignation at the end of 1863, Dr. Letterman was not the Director of the Army’s Medical Core, but rather one tier down in the organization, where he would have the most impact on a day to day, operational effect basis. In 1862 General George B. McClellan appointed him Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, when McClellan was dissatisfied with the standard of care the soldiers received after the 7 days battles on the Peninsula. The benefits of that decision would pay off during the battle of Antietam when after battle mortality rates dropped sharply as compared to the seven days.

What specifically did Letterman do to have such an impact? Here are just a few of his initiatives:

- Began the modern Triage System we use today – Segregate Soldiers into three categories: 1. Those for who there is no hope – but make them comfortable 2. Those who can be saved, but need immediate treatment 3. Those can be saved, and do not need immediate treatment
- Establish Medical Stations Immediately behind the front lines, so lifesaving care can be given as soon as possible, hence saving lives
- Establish Medical Hospitals further back, at the Division and Corps level, where more involved surgeries and treatments can be undertaken; the best doctors were posted in these areas, where their skills would be most needed
- Relieve the stress on Medical Resources by removing those soldiers who can be moved to other areas, where they can be given better and more frequent care, but have those soldiers who should not be moved remain in the immediate area – this was done at the battle of Gettysburg – wounded soldiers who could be moved were moved to Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York. Those who were more critical would remain at Camp Letterman, until a later time when they could

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be moved safely. Today, if you drive east on York Pike just outside Gettysburg, look out your window, and you will see a marker for Camp Letterman about 2 miles outside of town. Also look across the street, and you will see railway tracks. There were railway tracks there during the war too. Those tracks carried the wounded union soldiers to the major cities mentioned above, where the medical resources would not be stretched so thin.

- He ignored orders that would result in the pointless death of wounded troops. At Gettysburg, Letterman, and his next in command at the 12th Corp level, ignored Meade's orders not to bring up Medical supplies, but subordinated their delivery to more artillery ammo than needed, food, and other items. While they did not push the medical supplies ahead of all other logistics, they waited a reasonable amount of time, and pushed the supplies up ahead, not paying attention to the letter of the order; it seems that General Meade was not as concerned about wounded soldiers as General McClelland had been. Letterman was often frustrated with Meade.
- He recognized the idea of the "golden hour" in treating wounded soldiers quickly— he would prioritize the speed in which soldiers would receive treatment

All the procedures above, and many more, not mentioned, resulted in many soldiers surviving their wounds. Jonathan Letterman through his skill, energy, and initiative, probably saved more lives than any other soldier in the union army. He did this in spite of many obstacles, frustrations, ignorance, and lack of appreciation. There would probably be many more graves in Gettysburg Military Cemetery today, if not for the wisdom of Dr. Letterman. A direct quote from Dr. Letterman gives some insight into this:

"Surgeon John McNulty, medical director of that corps, reports that 'it is with extreme satisfaction that I can assure you that it enabled me to remove the wounded from the field, shelter, feed them, and dress their wounds within six hours after the battle ended, and to have every capital operation performed within twenty-

four hours after the injury was received.' I can, I think, safely say that such would have been the result in other corps had the same facilities been allowed—a result not to have been surpassed, if equaled, in any battle of magnitude that has ever taken place."¹

God bless you Dr. Letterman. We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from a distance of 155 years, can say with gratitude in our hearts, thank you, and God Bless you Dr. Letterman. Dr. Letterman died at the young age of 47, heartbroken at the loss of his wife, to follow her quickly into death. He is now resting in Arlington, alongside his wife, who he loved dearly. May he rest there in peace, and may God Bless and keep his soul for eternity. God grant, that we see him someday, in the world beyond this, and that we may thank him, and shake his hand warmly.

Written by,

Brother PCC Jeffery J. Smith, Patriotic Instructor and GAR Historian

Camp #15, Harrisburg, Pa, SUVCW

End

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Officers Present

Commander.....Logan Swanger

SVC..... Vernon Stout

JVC.....Scott Debo

Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC

Treasurer/Chaplain.....Dave Demmy, Sr

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Pat. Instructor/Historian....Jeff Smith

Council.....Scott Debo

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Officers Absent

Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Guide/Guard.....TBA

Members attending:

David Demmy, Jr

Gene Mascioli, PCC

Dan Lute

Bill Kuhn

Tom McKay

Guests attending:

Fred Wertman (Camp 503)

Lee Schlegel (Camp 503)

Carol Schlegel (Auxiliary 503)

Dane DiFebo

Dr. Rick Schroeder

Fran Feyock

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Logan Swanger at 2:00 PM

The meeting minutes from the September, 2018 meeting were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion

to accept by Brother Scott Debo, 2nd by Brother Gene Mascioli, motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Demmy reported a working check book balance of \$918, which does not include our recent bequest from PCC Larry Sheibley-Beasom. Dave also remarked that our service seems to be better at our new credit union with better interest rates on our CDs and no fees if our checking account balance falls below \$1,000. Motion to accept by Brother Greg Kline, 2nd by Brother Vern Stout, motion approved.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

See current monthly newsletter for listing!

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Greg Kline read and General Orders #4 and 5 issued by Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw. General Order# 4 lifted the suspension of the Department of Columbia and General Order# 5 announcing the passing of Auxiliary Past National President Barbara Anne Mayberry of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing reported.

New Business:

Brother Vern Stout reminded the Camp of activities taking place in Gettysburg over Remembrance Day weekend, including the Woolson Monument ceremony conducted annually by the Allied Orders of the GAR and the Remembrance Day parade. Secretary Greg Kline mentioned that the Woolson monument ceremony will take place at 11AM in Ziegler's Grove on Hancock Avenue, Cemetery Hill. He also mentioned that the parade will form at

Noon on Lefever Street and step off at 1PM. This will be Camp 15's 15th consecutive year marching in the parade! Secretary Kline will send a Camp Dispatch regarding these events.

Brother Jeff Smith brought up the Fall Adopt-a-Position project and suggested the possibility of a November work date. He will send an email with details.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Camp Commander Logan Swanger read the list of current Camp Officers, all of whom have agreed to serve for an additional term of office in 2019 and were nominated for election to their various offices. Nominations were then brought to the floor. With none being heard, a motion was made by Brother David Demmy, Sr, seconded by Brother Gene Mascioli to close the nominations and to reelect the current slate of Officers by acclamation. Motion was unanimously approved.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith deferred his normal remarks to our scheduled speakers for the day. Our abbreviated meeting was closed at 2:30 PM to allow a break and for visitors to join us for the start of the program at 3PM. This was the first scheduled program over the next few years that Camp 15 will be sponsoring and offering free to the public through the generous bequest of our late Past Camp Commander Larry Sheibley-Beasom. A total of 52 people were present for our inaugural presentation which featured Dr. Rick Schroeder and Fran Feyock, both of Johnstown PA, speaking

on Civil War Medicine. Dr. Schroeder is an orthopedic trauma surgeon and Fran is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. And both are Licensed Battlefield Guides at Gettysburg. Their ability to relate Civil War medical practices and conditions to their own experiences in modern medicine was fascinating and the event was well received by all in attendance.

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

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From Out of Our Past, our first camp newsletter:

Gen John Hartranft Camp #15 Newsletter

Volume 1, Issue 1

March 1999

Federal and State Flags Presented to Camp by Rep. Harry Readshaw

Members gathered in the state capitol rotunda on March 29, 1999 to attend the presentation of a federal and state flag by Representative Harry Readshaw to the camp. The flags were flown over the capitol building and certified that the gift was of the state. A first official event that the camp represented on a number of years, the dedication ceremony was a start of many contributions to the area and will undoubtedly not be the last.

Representative Readshaw expressed his thanks to all of the members for the participation of our institution and to the work that our camp aspires. It was his comments to the Commander and attending members, that our work should continue to grow and that support would be given to us by his office to continue our growth.

After the presentation of the flags and certificates, photos were taken with the Representative Readshaw and the officers and members of the camp. Members in attendance were: Lee Walters, Camp Commander, Tim Schaible, Larry Keener-Farley, David Klinepeter, Barry Decker, David Demmy Sr.

Also, we were glad that many of the spouses attended the event, where without their support, our work could not be realized and accomplished. We look forward to seeing more of them in the future.

Once again, Thank You to Representative Readshaw and the members of Harrisburg Camp #15. Our camp can be proud of our new flags and may they wave for many years to come.

Insights from our Patriotic Instructor

The following is a poem from The 1978 DUV publication "CIVIL WAR UNION MONUMENTS" by Mildred C. Baruch and Ellen J. Beckman. I think it captures what the Sons are all about.

Boys in Blue

When the Comrades have departed,
When the veterans are no more,
When the bugle call is sounded
on that everlasting shore,
When life's weary march is ended,
when the campfires slumber long,
Who will tell the world the story
when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?
Who will tell about the marching
from "Atlanta to the Sea,"
Who will halt and wait and listen
when they hear the reveille,
Who will join to swell the chorus
of some old Grand Army song,
Who will tell the world the story
when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?
Who will tell of Appomattox and the

Commander's Corner

Brothers, I wish to sincerely thank all of you for placing your confidence in me as Camp Commander this year. I will do the best I can to serve this camp. I ask for your help and your prayers, that with God's help we can restore this camp to the position it deserves, in service to Him and to the memory of our fallen comrades.

Hartranft Camp set up a recruiting table at the Civil War Expo on Saturday 20 March 1999. Special thanks to Brother Keener-Farley for securing us a prime location, and to Brothers Schaible, Miller and Decker for manning the table. We talked with a great many people and distributed Sons literature and membership applications. We signed up one new member on the spot and several prospects took applications to complete and mail to us. A good day!

Committees have been appointed for the year and are already actively engaged in their areas of endeavor. Brothers, if you are not serving on a committee, please volunteer in whatever area of expertise you have knowledge and/or experience. This is where the work of the camp gets done. This is YOUR camp. Together we can make it grow and prosper. If each of us does a little,

then no one of us has to do a lot.

At our next meeting on 18 April the Memorial Day and Publicity Committees will report and we will finalize plans for the Camp's Memorial Day activities. Brothers, Memorial Day is the most important event of the year for us and we are sworn to observe it. Please attend the meeting and participate. We have only a short time to get organized this year, and what we do here is very important to the future of this Camp. We need EVERY MEMBER to participate.

The Publicity Committee and Membership Committee are working on ideas to get Hartranft Camp noticed and stimulate interest in membership. It is apparent from our conversations with reenactors and the public at the Civil War Expo that most people in this area do not know that we exist. We must change this. If you have any ideas about how we can do that, please communicate them to the committees. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

See you at the April meeting!

Yours in F, C, & L,
Lee F. Walters

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Camp Announcements

Secretary/Treasurer needed.

Brother Joseph Long, PDC has been serving as Secretary/Treasurer of this Camp. Brother Long's residence is in Duryea, Pennsylvania. Obviously, he has a considerable distance to travel to get here. In addition, Brother Long is very active in his home Camp, the Department of Pennsylvania and several other organizations. Frankly, I don't see where he gets the time and energy to do all that he does. He has asked that a member of Hartranft Camp take over as Secretary.

WILL SOME BROTHER PLEASE VOLUNTEER?

I know that Brother Long will work with you to ease the transition and to be sure that you understand the duties. He has worked long and hard to save this Camp and help it recover. Now it is time for us to help him. Any Brother who is able to do this, please contact Brother Long, or any of the Officers.

Harrisburg Civil War Expo

Harrisburg Camp #15 attended the 5th Annual Harrisburg Civil War Expo. A display and information table was set up for the attendees and reenactors. Our first inquiry of the day made out his application and was voted on at our last meeting. We will welcome our newest members at our next meeting. Also, many applications were taken for future submission. The Gettysburg Camp also had a table next to ours, where their help and guidance was invaluable. We look forward to joint events with the Gettysburg Camp in the future.

Preparations for Memorial Day

Our next meeting will solidify our plans for the upcoming events Camp #15 will have for Memorial Day. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Many ideas are in the works and your support and attendance will make these events a success for the camp.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please bring them to the meeting.

The "Boys in Blue" continues

glory that they won; When defeat was on our banners, who will tell about Bull Run? How in prison pen they suffered, how they watched and waited long; Who will tell the world the story when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?

Who will tell about enlisting of three hundred thousand more; How they rallied "round the flag" how they sent it to the fore; How they crushed that horde of "Johnnies," how they fought against the wrong? Who will tell the world the story when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?

Who will tell of Abraham Lincoln when he held the wheel of state; Who will rise to act his greatness as the Chief among the Great; Who will tell of Grant and Sherman and that patriotic throng? Who will tell the world the story when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?

Will our children's children tell it? Will they tell about the foe That their grandsires met in battle fought so many years ago? Will they cherish dear Old Glory, will they learn to love it long? Who will tell the world the story when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?

You must tell the story, just as life is spared. You must never be unmindful what the veterans did and dared. You must hold aloft our

banner for its splendid laurels won, You must tell the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone.

Sons and Daughters of this nation, you must tell of triumphs won, When on earth our work is ended and the Veterans have passed on. You must cherish dear "Old Glory" and its teachings pass along; You must tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone.

You must keep each star unblemished and its stripes without a stain. You must take the veteran's places and repeat the roll of fame. You must keep our country's honor and our flag above the wrong. We will trust YOU with the story when the Boys in Blue" are gone.

**Gen. John F. Hartranft
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Lee F. Walters	766-6341
<i>Camp Commander</i>	
Timothy J. Schaible	832-2872
<i>Sr. Vice Commander</i>	
Larry E. Keener-Farley	732-5330
<i>Jr. Vice Commander</i>	
Joseph Long, Jr. PDC	774-1233
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	
David W. Sosnowski	
<i>Patriotic Instructor</i>	

Thanksgiving in Camp sometime between 1861 and 1865



Typical *hurry up and wait* Army!



And thank a teacher too if you can read this patriotic newsletter in English!

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Last announcement for this year

2018 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 9, 2018**

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, family related or not; e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – *you may make it interesting* for all of us by making *unusual choices!* see photo next page for ideas ➡

Where National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg

GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

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

Payment Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/30/18

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 DoubledD@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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Send remittance of \$28 for each individual Payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

David Demmy

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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 **2019** 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!

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Recent personnel profile submitted to [Hartranft Herald](#)

BIO for: **Logan Garth Swanger**

<p>Age:</p> <p>Town:</p> <p>High School:</p> <p>College:</p> <p>Occupation:</p> <p>Company:</p> <p>Organizations:</p> <p>Hobbies:</p>	<p>63 years</p> <p>Mechanicsburg PA</p> <p>Mifflinburg Area honor student!</p> <p>Albright at Reading, PA; Drew Theological at Madison, NJ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> each institution!</p> <p>Clergy</p> <p>Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church 1978 – present</p> <p>Nat’l Genealogical Society; Eureka-West Shore Lodge 302 Free Masons, Valley of Williamsport, PA; Scottish Rite, Order of St Luke, Wesleyan Covenant Network; Snyder County PA Historical Society; Cumberland County PA Historical Society; Palatines to America PA Chapter board of directors; New England Historical & Genealogical Society; Swanger Family Assoc; Union & Snyder Counties PAMGenWeb coordinator; Commission on Archives & History for Susquehanna Conference of UMC.</p> <p>Genealogy, playing piano, singing bass, local history research, civil war research and Reading theology and history!</p>	
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Spouse:	Pai Ann Fissel Swanger.	
Children:	Jeremiah david Swanger, 37. Benjamin Jacob Swanger, 32.	
Grandchildren:	Oliver James Swanger, 2.	

First ancestor	Henry I. Smith
Relationship to you	2 nd Great Grandfather, Private
Regiment or Unit	Company F, 172 nd Pennsylvania Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	Mustered in 28 Oct 1862. Discharged 31 Jul 1863. Garrison duty at Yorktown, VA; Dix's Peninsular Campaign; pursuit of Lee from Hagerstown to Williamsport, MD; Warrenton Junction VA.
Next ancestor	Elias Ettinger
Relationship to you	2 nd Great Grandfather, Private
Regiment or Unit	Company F, 12 th Pennsylvania Cavalry (113 th Regiment)
Special Information on Your Veteran	Mustered in 31 Jan 1862. Discharged on surgeon's certificate 1 Jun 1864. Guarded Washington DC, Maryland Campaign, Martinsburg WV. Later abandoned family including 2 daughters to pursue life out West – never to be heard from!

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Next ancestor	Isaac Swanger
Relationship to you	3 rd Great Grandfather, Private
Regiment or Unit	Company D, 74 th Pennsylvania Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	Mustered in 4 Mar 1865 til 2 Jul 1865. Guarded Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.
Next ancestor	William Bruner (12 Oct 1843 – 9 Sep 1864)
Relationship to you	3 rd Great Granduncle, Private
Company	Company I, 49 th Pennsylvania Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	Mustered in 19 Feb 1864. Died typhoid fever 19 Sep 1864 General Hospital York PA. Participated in Battles: Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, & Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign.
Anything else?	Eagle Scout Recipient
Your Relationship to other Members of Camp 15 or Auxiliary 7 SUVCW.	None!
How did you learn about our grand organization?	From the wonderful Internet!

Brother Logan, Camp Commander, thank you for sharing your life accomplishments with us!

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