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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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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!

[Our Sympathy to the family and auxiliary of Sister Lucille Coe](#) - this *Hartranft Herald* draped in remembrance!

Pennsylvania Department SUVCW
January 24, 2014
Department Order No. 6
Series 2013-2014

(To be read in the Camps and retained in Camp files)

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary President Lucille Coe.

Sister Lucille had been leading a courageous battle with cancer and her uplifting spirit and faith were an inspiration to us all.

Sister Coe has served as our Auxiliary Department President since June 2012 and her courage, wisdom and leadership as well as her honest, trustworthy judgment will be deeply missed.

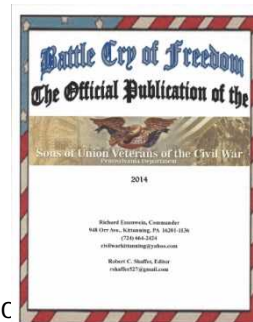
I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the Department website be draped in black until 24 February 2014 in remembrance of Sister Coe. At this time, we have no details on funeral services.

I extend my deepest, personal sympathy to the Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary.

By order of
Richard R. Essenwein, Commander
Pennsylvania Department

[The Pennsylvania Department's newsletter,](#)

The *Battle Cry of Freedom* has been issued to all Pennsylvania Department Brothers with an e-mail address. If you do not have e-mail access or want a



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hardcopy of the Pennsylvania News, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* editor, David Demmy 717 232 7000 for a copy. *The Battle Cry* includes Camp 15's article indicating our Camp activities during 2013.

He Once Parallel Parked a Train

Thursday, April 3, 2014 7 pm, at Central Pennsylvania World War II Round Table at Grace UM Church Hummelstown, Camp 15's WWII combat veteran, Floyd J. Demmy, will be the keynote speaker. Monthly meeting held in sanctuary.

Floyd was a member of a half-track squad of Company B, of the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, of the 10th Armored Division (Tiger), Patton's Third Army, ETO.



Plenty of seating. Restrooms are on the same level and fully accessible. Coat racks in the Narthex. Refreshments in the small meeting room just inside the main entryway. Directions, from Hersheypark Drive/Route 39 - at the intersection near Bob Evans and Appleby's, between Hershey and Hummelstown, turn west toward Hummelstown onto Hummel Avenue. At the first light, at Metro Bank and Sheetz, turn left. Follow the service road around the strip mall and up the hill past the Hilton Garden Inn. After passing the Inn, and cresting the hill, take the first left into the church driveway. Follow driveway around to the left. Park in lot on the East side of the building. Main Entry faces east.

If interested, a number of us will be meeting at 5:30 pm, at The Wharf, 6852 Derry St, Harrisburg, PA for a light dinner prior to the meeting. From northern areas, take I-81 South to I-83 South and select the Derry Street exit. At end of ramp, turn left on Derry and travel a few miles to The Wharf on left; we'll probably be in the dining room vs the bar area. Then we can convoy to Hummelstown. Concerns, call 717 232 7000.

If you are attending dinner with us at The Wharf, please RSVP to *Hartranft Herald* 717 232 7000 to account for you and if possible, please schedule the

end of your work day to arrive at The Wharf no later than 5:30 so we convoy to meeting about 6:30 for good seating.

The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment. - Robert Maynard Hutchins, educator (1899-1977)

Camp Curtin Historical Society Upcoming Lectures of Interest

January 18 through March 9 (Every Saturday and Sunday) Gettysburg National Military Park Winter Lecture Series.

February 23 Camp Curtin Historical Society.

How Mr. Lincoln came to be "Under God" at Gettysburg by Dr. Charles Teague.

National Civil War Museum

February 15 United Concordia Dental Community Free Day 2/15/2014 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

150th Spring Lecture Series with Joseph Bilby

March 29 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

April 5

150th Spring Lecture Series with Hari Jones

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

April 12

150th Spring Lecture Series with John Hoptak

4/12/2014 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

April 26

150th Spring Lecture Series with Dan Toomey

4/26/2014 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA
Sunday, January 19, 2014 – balmy cloudy 25 °

Officers Present
Commander.....Scott Debo
SVC.....Jeffrey Smith
JVC.....Logan Swanger

Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC
Treas./Chap.....David Demmy, Sr.
Pat. Inst./Hist....David Klinepeter
Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC
Council.....Jeffrey Smith
Guide/Guard.....Thomas Bowman

Officers Absent

Council.....Lee Walters, PDC

Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

Terry Mills, Tony Kline, Dan Lute, Bill Kuhn, Dave Laman, PCC Gene Mascioli, Dave Demmy, Jr., Floyd Demmy, Wayne Motts

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

The meeting minutes from October 20 2013, submitted by Brother Tony Kline acting for Secretary Greg Kline were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Tom Bowman, second by Brother Gene Mascioli, approved.

Treasurer's report by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr. The checkbook balance stands at \$2796 [high percentage is on hand from dues paid pending payment to higher command, the Department of Pennsylvania] as of the end of December 2013. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, second by Brother Dave Laman, approved. Brother Demmy also asked if anyone needs a hard copy of the Department Newsletter, the "Battle Cry of Freedom".

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Greg Kline mentioned receipt of Christmas cards from PA Department Commander Rich Essenwein and from the US Army Heritage & Education Center at Carlisle.

Department Order# 4 was read requiring all Camps in Pennsylvania to cease processing any Membership applications for applicants under the age of 18 until further notice.

National General Order# 7 was read regarding C-in-C Freshley's ruling on the Membership eligibility of an applicant relating to conviction for "infamous crimes."

National Special General Order# 1 was read concerning the authorization given to the

Department of Ohio to pursue legal relief to address the proposed sale of GAR ordinance rifles in the Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington Ohio.

Old Business:

Camp 15's proposed bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, March 30 was discussed by Brother Greg Kline. Best price was given by Wolf's Bus Lines at \$78 per person and details were discussed. Motion was made by Brother Tony Kline, seconded by Brother Jeff Smith to proceed with the contract given by Wolf's. Motion Approved.

New Business:

1. Brother Dave Klinepeter suggested setting up a recruiting table at the "free day" hosted by the National Civil War Museum on Saturday, February 15. SVC Jeff Smith is willing to work a shift. Secretary Kline was instructed to send Camp Dispatch asking for volunteers.

2. Brother Greg Kline mentioned registration for the recruiting event to be held February 8 at the US Army Heritage & Education Center at Carlisle.

3. Brother Greg Kline discussed Youth Protection Training as offered online by the Boy Scouts of America. A Camp Dispatch will be sent with details including a link to the training website.

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter announced that the Victorian Dance Ensemble will be free Victorian dance classes at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg on February 9 and March 16. He presented a 34 star reproduction American flag. It was donated by Charles Oellig, a Past Battery Commander of Knaps Battery E, 1st Penna Light Artillery, North/South Skirmish Association. One of several such flags, it was carried in numerous battle reenactments, parades and ceremonies. Camp 15 can use it at a recruiting table or parades. A thank you note will be sent to Mr. Oellig. Brother Dave also displayed some re-printed Harper's Ferry magazines covering various January Civil War battles and discussed the significant service of the Navy during the War.

Good of the Order:

Camp 15's annual field trip to the Battle of the Bulge reenactment at Fort Indiantown Gap will take place

on Saturday, February 1. Meet for breakfast at the Farmer's Wife Restaurant in Ono.

Continued

January Keynote Speaker:



Camp 15 Brother and National Civil War Museum CEO, Wayne Motts, discussed the friendship between General Winfield Scott Hancock, USA and General Lewis Armistead, CSA.



Brothers from left, Tom Bowman, Terry Mills, Logan Swanger Jeff Smith, Scott Debo and Greg Kline


Newest Brother Terry Mills was inducted into the Sons. His membership data was featured in our January 2014 Hartranft Herald. The meeting was closed by Commander Debo at 4:05 PM.

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

Please ask for and use any of these item SUVCW and Camp 15 items to share the good works of the SUVCW and to recruit your neighbor, brother-n-law and your fav nephew too:

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Recruiting Card



SUVCW wooden nickels

ID cards and wooden nickels free for the asking.



Camp stickers are \$1.00 each. Can be applied to car windows, loose-leaf binder cover, and note-book! Great colors, will not fade, lasts and lasts even in direct sunlight!

A loose-leaf binders is a great place to keep your Camp 15 documentation in order – list of Camp events, membership card, calendar, and notepad.

Camp Dues and National Per Capita for 2014.

2014 dues are rapidly being submitted to Camp treasury. Some comments from our brothers:

"Please send my best regards to the Camp membership for a prosperous New Year." - Russ Ottens.

"One of my New Year resolutions is to attend more Camp meetings, but the year is beginning 'badly' with cold/snow/ice and I must be out for employment" – my best to all" - Russ Kratzer

"I am pretty house bound – not able to get out much" – Robert Fuller

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"Hope you are keeping warm these cold days – hope to see you at a meeting soon!" – Tom Bruner

The Camp believes there are other Brothers too that cannot get out due to cold weather or infirmities.

God bless all of our Brothers and Sisters and the USA.

Membership cards have been mailed to all Brothers who have paid their 2014 dues by end of January. Future mailings will occur as February dues are remitted.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

For those brothers who could not make the January Camp meeting, you missed a very good talk by brother Wayne Motts. His subject was about the friendship between Confederate General Lewis Armistead and Union General Winfield Hancock. We also learned what is known about the famous connection and see how it differs from what has been put in print and on the big screen. I think, we all know how facts can be twisted around.

On January 23rd I went to the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable meeting. The talk was on the 1913 (50th reunion) of the Battle of Gettysburg. The speaker had numerous pictures of the old veterans interacting with each other, showed maps of the encampment, also newspaper articles. Many of the veterans in the pictures had actually fought at Gettysburg. For many years the Department of Penna Grand Army of the Republic held semi-annual encampments in the summer, at Gettysburg.

Last fall I acquired a book of Currier and Ives Picture History of the Civil War. It is a reproduction of the original published for the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. Because of the poor condition of the binding I took it apart and will be bringing a number of these pictures to each of our meetings for your review! I especially like a number of them because they are of Naval battles. The month of February I will give a short talk on the CSS Hunley.

I also have a 10 volume set of large books, containing reproduction Harper's Weekly newspapers dating from 1861 to 1865. This is where I get the poems for our newsletter. I will bring the volume Jan to July 1864 to the meeting if anyone wants to look at the many great woodcut prints.

Continued; although most civil war fighting was done in the spring, summer heat and fall, many men died during the winter months, on land and the sea.

A few FEBRUARY Dates

- 1861
- Feb 9 Confederate States founded
- 1862
- Feb 3 Lincoln refuses an offer from the King of Siam to send war elephants
- Feb 6 Battle of Fort Henry TN
- Feb 8 Victory at Roanoke Island NC
- Feb 15 Battle of Fort Donelson TN
- Feb 29 President Lincoln's son Willie dies
- 1863
- Feb 21 Battle of Valverde NM
- 1864
- Feb 9 109 UNION Officers escape from Libby Prison
- Feb 17 CSS Hunley sinks the USS Housantic
- Feb 20 Battle of Olustee FL
- Feb 27 Camp Sumner Prison camp opens in GA, it became known as Andersonville Prison
- 1865
- Feb 17 Sherman captures Columbia SC
- Feb 18 Fall of Charleston SC
- Feb 22 Wilmington SC falls

HARPER'S WEEKLY JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION

New York Saturday January 16, 1864

THE SANITARY FAIR

The call for the great Metropolitan Fair of the Sanitary Commission is issued. New York is behind her sister cities, and ought to bring up the rear with metropolitan magnificence. Chicago made eighty

thousand dollars, Boston a hundred and forty thousand, Cincinnati is making, let us hope, two hundred thousand, and New York should continue with no less than three hundred thousand dollars. Meanwhile Rochester has done nobly, Portland also: Albany is preparing, and in every town and city we hope to hear of the Sanitary Fair.

For what purpose more humane and lofty can busy the brain and the fingers of all loyal men, women, and children in the land than the continued care of the soldiers in the field? There they are---encamped by river and sea-side, on lakes and in valleys,, our friends, our brothers, our sons, our lovers, and as they turn their eyes and hearts and hands toward us at home, what joy so great; what cheer so encouraging, as to feel our hands out stretched and our hearts beating in response?

The Sanitary Fairs which enlist the industry, the thought, the interest of the country, hold us all closer together. It is a common cause, a common toil, and, please God! - A common victory. And so long as the war lasts the work of the Commission is unending. Its means of succor for the sick and wounded--its vast supplies for hospital, and camp, and field--its agents, transports, and depots--must be constantly maintained, replenished, and renewed. It is not an institution which, when once started goes of itself. When the kind hands of the country stop giving, and the kind hearts of the country lose desire or thought of giving, then the great work stops, and the son and husband and father languishes in the field uncared for. As he, the soldier cannot and must not rest, but is always ready for the summons, armed and equipped, so must all the rest of us be ready at all our posts with the support which they have a right to expect. --- DJK

Battle of Bulge 2014 at Fort Indiantown Gap

Members of Camp 15 and 503 and cousins and friends took up multiple tables for breakfast prior to conveying to reenactment area at Ft. Indiantown Gap.



Allied forces prepping for skirmish with Axis troops.



Variety of Reenactors! WWII era barracks in background with modern siding!



Veteran Floyd Demmy w/typical reenactors.



Camp 300 brother Donnie Prye among the crowd.



Camp 15 Brother Kelly Betz is not only a civil war reenactor, but he is also a member of a German outfit.



Typical scene of U.S. trooper on the move.



Portion of the crowd with cousin standing tall.



Plenty of ground cover for German forces.



More cousins enjoying the balmy February weather.



Floyd with Ivan the Great!



War correspondent following GI Joes into battle.



"Sprechen Sie Deutsch"

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I capture you in the name of the post commander!



Barb West free-lance photojournalist for The Lebanon Daily News, interviews Veteran Demmy while nephews look on!



Youngster thrilled to speak with real World War II veteran.



Visiting family ask many questions of the veterans on hand.



Tom Bowman discussing the day with one of Dave Klinepeter's many friends and reenactor.

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 unless otherwise, indicated!

Saturday February 15, 2014 Community FREE day at National Civil War Museum.

Sunday February 16, 2014, Camp Meeting.

Sunday March 16, 2014, Camp Meeting location will be in Museum Education Gallery to your immediate left of entering Museum Rotunda, in lieu of normal room 222.

Saturday March 29, 2014 Camp Road Trip to Changing of Guard at Unknown Soldier Tomb and WWII Memorial, Washington DC.

Thursday April 3, 2014 WWII Round Table Meeting at Hummelstown.

Sunday April 13, 2014, Camp Meeting - *note change of date:* the usual 3rd weekend this month is Easter Weekend; therefore change!

Sunday May 18, 2014, Camp Meeting

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

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

No Camp meeting during July! Enjoy your summer.

National encampment August 15 and 16.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 calendar available upon request. Send e-mail to *Hartranft Herald*staff.

Be Proud - Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and engage with us!

- The Allied Orders of the GAR
- Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Camp Officers & authors, the first Friday of each month is the Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, and photos for *Hartranft Herald*.

Membership Bio Profiles will continue to appear as they are submitted by members.

Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125th Anniversary history book.

If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

General John F Hartranft, Camp 15 Harrisburg, PA,
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