



Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org

Celebrating our 134th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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-- *Happy Birthday Old Abe* --

February 2016



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!

Forthcoming Camp meeting

Camp 15's next business meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 21 at 2pm – let us hope for dry weather for our Brothers that travel afar.

Brothers: list of your Camp officers for 2016, elected by Camp or appointed by Brother Jeff:

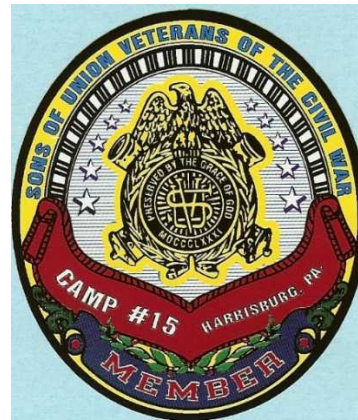
Commander	Jeffery Smith 15-16
Senior Vice Commander	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 15-16
Junior Vice Commander	Logan Swanger 15-16
Secretary	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09
Treasurer	David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-16
Council	Tony Kline-16-18
Council	Scott Debo 15-17
Council	Tom Bowman, 15-17
Patriotic Instructor	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
GAR Historian	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965
Guide	Tom Bowman, 11-16
Guard	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16
Color Bearer	Kelly W. Betz 07-16
Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16
GAR Highway Officer	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16
Graves Registration	Logan Swanger 14-16
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Logan Swanger 14-16
ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-16

Camp Counselor

Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08

I have lots of patience and I am not even a doctor!

Camp sticker for your use on notebooks, car window, anywhere – great manufacturing – the colorful stickers last and last, even with continued sun light:



Purchase some at Camp meeting or order them today \$1 each at Camp 15

Submit request for such items to DoubleD@Demmy.cc

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Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by Camp Chaplain, David Demmy Please add the following to your prayer list



Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC Camp 15 with great illness;

Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith; Mrs. Robert Manning; Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC, Past Dept of PA Secretary; Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and

Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr and Floyd Demmy, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan! Include PCinC Brad Schall's family on recent loss of their son Braden.

Don Fry, a Camp snowbird, will be undergoing back surgery soon..... by the way, that's Don, with big smile in this old image to the right

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Father,

God bless all my friends and loved ones in whatever it is that You know they may be needing this day! And may their life be full of your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with you. Amen.

If you have a need or desire a prayer in your name or family member, please share with *Hartranft Herald*. You do not need to express the actual problem or concern if you do not desire to indicate the subject. We'll be happy and content to pray for you and yours!

I am still learning – Michael Angelo, a long time ago.

Days Gone By - Camp 15 seated at 2006 National Encampment held at Harrisburg! We were packed in elbow to elbow to accommodate the 250

attendees – the largest crowd assembled in this banquet hall.



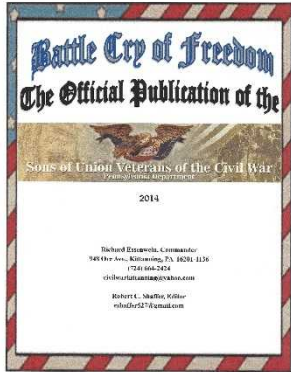
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John, Gene and Greg at Camp 15 sales table at Hilton.

The Pennsylvania Department's newsletter

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter



The *Battle Cry of Freedom* will be available in February into March. Brothers with an e-mail address were issued an e-mail notice to open the news at the Pennsylvania website. If you do not have e-mail access, or did not receive the news by e-mail, or you want a hardcopy of the Pennsylvania News,

please David Demmy 717 232 7000 for a copy. The Battle Cry includes Camp 15's article indicating Camp activities during the immediate past year!

At the January Camp 15 meeting I mentioned that the Civil War News was ending. I was corrected by several members that the CWN Facebook stated they had changed their mind. Here is part of the comments:

"Dear CWN contributors"

Due to the overwhelming response from Civil War News subscribers, advertisers and readers, Jack Melton has decided to continue Civil War News in its current newspaper format instead of transitioning some of it into a new magazine. I will stay on an issue or two until he has support staff. As Jack has said "We value the opinions and input from the readers who have spoken loud and clear." The regular CWN departments and features will continue, along with some new ones. The Civil War community will have to respond with editorial contributions, subscriptions and ads if the CWN is to be successful. The CWN website and Facebook will continue as well. As I said a few weeks ago, I appreciate your past service to CWN and look forward to your future service as well. A good 2016 to all. Signed Kay Jorgensen.

Membership entitlements

as a member, you are entitled to the national quarterly SUVCW magazine, *The Banner*; *unfortunately the new editor had difficulties producing the fall and winter Banners.*



The Brother Editor decided to combine those 2 issues into the winter 2016 issue and he continued to have difficulties. The winter issue was to be made available in February. If

you do not receive your issue by end of March, let us know - contact Camp secretary, Greg Kline at (717) 571-6877 to assure we have your correct address on file and we can provide a copy from stock to you.

Civil War News is a current events monthly newspaper published by Jack W. Melton Jr Historical Publications LLC., 6175 Hickory Flat Hwy Suite 110-355

Canton, Ga 30115 mail@civilwarnews.com. He also publishes The Artilleryman magazine.

The newspaper was founded in 1974 by Michael Cavanaugh in Philadelphia as the Civil War Book Exchange. (Your Patriotic Instructor was one of the first subscribers to it and still subscribe today, wish now I had kept those back issues.)

February is Black History Month

In the beginning of the Civil War black men tried to get into the military service but were not allowed. In the spring of 1861 free black men rushed to enlist but were turned away because Federal law banned Negroes from bearing arms for the U.S. Several generals tried to enlist them but it was revoked by the War Department. In

January of 1862 Fredrick Douglass visited Governor Andrew Curtin, in Harrisburg, Pa. trying to persuade Pennsylvania to recruit black soldiers. At that time the War Department was not taking black troops so the Governor refused. In March of 1863 the War Department gave permission to Governor Andrews of Mass. permission to raise colored troops.

In Pennsylvania, Thomas Morris Chester, of Harrisburg, Pa., a journalist, educator, and attorney, went recruiting in Penna. It is said, he paid their train fare to Mass for enlistment in the 54th Mass troops. In May 1863 the Government established the Bureau of Colored Troops. On June 1863 Governor Curtin opened Camp Penn at Chelton Hills, Pa. for colored troops. Over 11,000 men, 8600 from Pa, took training there. The camp was open till 1865. 25 colored men of both the Army and Navy receiver the Congressional Medal of Honor although some were not awarded till years later. In November 1865 there was a Grand Review of Colored Troops in Harrisburg, Pa. There were no Colored Troops in the big Grand Review in Washington D. C. There are two local colored cemeteries, I know of, one in the Steelton area, Midland Cemetery and in Susquehanna Township, Lincoln Cemetery. I have attended services in both. Midland holds Memorial Day services every year. I was on the honor guard at Lincoln for Ephraim Slaughter's funeral in 1943. He was the last Civil War veteran from Harrisburg, Pa.

There are many records and other material available for researching. djk

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith

SVC.....Greg Kline, PCC

JVC.....Logan Swanger

Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC

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

Pat. Instructor/Historian....Dave Klinepeter

Guide/Guard....Tom Bowman

Council.....Scott Debo

CouncilTom Bowman

Council.....Tony Kline

Officers Absent

Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr, Vern Stout, Larry Sheibley, PCC, Paul Drumm, Dave Laman

Guests

Brother Dane DiFebo, Camp 273

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Jeff Smith at 2:00 PM

The meeting minutes from October 2015, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother David Demmy, second by Brother Dave Laman, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A balance of \$2156 was reported of which \$1145 has been collected for and to be accrued for 2016 Department dues and National per capita. Listed as expenses since October were internet fees, our Museum donation and Christmas part fees.

Brother Larry Sheibley was on hand with a positive report regarding his health and ongoing treatments.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read communications in the form of National and Department orders and provided details for the 2016 Lincoln Luncheon to be held in Sunbury and hosted by Camp 503 on February 13.

Old Business:

Adopt-A-Position: After lunch at Gettysburg Eddie's the Camp completed its Fall cleanup by trimming brush along a 10 ft wide swath on the left side of the road facing the tower on Culp's Hill. The only regret was not taking before and after photos to show the big difference that was made.

New Business:

January 20-Wednesday, there will be a program offered at the National Civil War Museum on Civil War chaplains.

February 13-Free community day at the National Civil War Museum. Camp 15 will again be setting up a recruiting booth and welcomes volunteers.

Brother Dave Demmy, Jr presented a prayer clock to Commander Jeff Smith for his service to the Camp.

Brother Dave Demmy, Jr announced that the Camp website now has a new host and is changing to GoDaddy.com

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter displayed pictures of Civil War battles and events from the month of January including cards showing Ft. Fisher and the Mud March. He mentioned that Governor Curtin was sworn in on January 1, 1861 and listed January & February secession dates.

Brother Dave listed upcoming events at local Civil War Roundtables including the Thursday meeting of the Hershey CWRT featuring Robert Trout speaking on Jeb Stuart and the Confederate Cavalry and the Harrisburg CWRT at the Radisson in Camp Hill which will feature Scott Mingus speaking on the 2nd Battle of Winchester.

Brother Dave mentioned an article in the Harrisburg Patriot article featuring the Medal of Honor Memorial at Heroes Grove at the State Capitol. On March 26, there will be a program honoring Pennsylvania recipients.

The meeting was closed by Commander Smith at 3:22 PM

Faithfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC, Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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!

2016 schedule of Camp 15 business meetings: 3rd Sunday January thru May and then September, and October and 2nd Sunday in December, Camp 15s annual holiday banquet.

No meeting in November, we hope you may desire to visit Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg.

Next Camp Meeting is scheduled for
Sunday February 21 Camp meeting

Sunday March 20 Camp meeting

Sunday April 17 Camp meeting

Sunday May 15 Camp meeting and on Saturday May 28, annual Camp outing. Breakfast first and then off to the historical Harrisburg Cemetery to place flags upon the sights of veterans.

Pennsylvania Department Encampment convention
June 23-25 see enclosed flyers

Please update your social calendar now. Mark us down first before you get invited out to lunch.

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

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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 of Civil War.

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

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

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

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

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

Hartranft Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Your *Hartranft Herald* Staff

Camp 15 authorized items for sale thru-out SUVCW

SUVCW Belt buckle



Solid Brass

SUVCW BELT BUCKLE

\$30.00 (\$26 + \$4 S&H each)

Lifetime Guarantee

Fits up to 1 - 3/4 inch Belt

Shipped Priority Mail

Make check or money order payable to:

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Send order and payment to:

Scott Debo
144 Race St.
Sunbury, PA 17801

Support this worthwhile fund-raising project by Camp 15. Make great Father's Day; Graduation Day; and anytime gifts.

Purchase a brass belt buckle for your grandkids too!

These Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War belt buckles are sold nationwide by Camp 15 of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Please place your order today for your SUVCW belt buckles!

SUVCW License Plate



Auto License Plate

Aluminum - Full Color SUVCW Badge. Blue Lettering on White Background with Red Border

Send check or money order for \$15 (includes S&H) payable to:

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Mail to

Greg Kline
205 N. 40th St. Apt. 203
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271

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APPOMATTOX LUNCHEON

The annual Appomattox Luncheon will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at:

Genetti Hotel & Conference Center
200 West Fourth Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
(570)326-6600 or (800)321-1388

The menu will consist of the following:

Roast Vermont Turkey with Traditional Stuffing
Whipped Potatoes and Gravy
Corn O'Brien
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls and Butter
Sherbert
Coffee, Tea, or Iced Tea

The cost of the meal is \$25.00. Kindly make your reservations and remit payment no later than April 11, 2016 to:

Faye M. Carlisle-Thomas
PO Box 23
Cogan Station, PA 17728
(570)998-2591

**If you would like to stay overnight, room rates are \$99.95 plus applicable taxes. Full breakfast buffet is included.
Please mention you will be attending the G.A.R. Appomattox Luncheon at the Hotel on April 16, 2016.**

NOTE: There will be a brief meeting of the Pennsylvania Past Commanders and Past Presidents Group at noon. Please plan to attend.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Total money enclosed: _____

Pre-Registration form for June 2016 Pennsylvania encampment convention

PRE REGISTRATION FORM

**Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Encampment**

Camp No: _____ Date: _____

Brother: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am a member in good standing in this camp and
my rank in the Order is:

_____ CinC _____ PCinC _____ DC
_____ PDC _____ CC _____ PCC

Attending as _____ delegate _____ alternate
Pre-Registration fee is \$7.00 by 6/16/2016
\$10.00 at Encampment

Make check payable to: **PA Dept., SUVCW**

And send to: Secretary/Treasurer:

Rob Koenigsberg

322 A-Frame Rd.

Ebensburg, PA 15931

814-244-0899

rkoenigsberg3@gmail.com

Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2016 or the National Encampment in August 2016, please make sure you obtain a signed card before making either event.

The Credential Card for the Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

The Credential Card for the National Encampment must be filled out fully and signed by the Department Secretary before you are able to participate. So please contact your Camp Secretary or Camp Commander and he can obtain these for you from the Department.

The form for the Credential Card is located on the National web site under forms. This is a printable form right off of the site.

The site is www.sucvw.org

Please make every effort to have these filled out correctly as it makes it easier for those who do the registration to help you.....

**Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
Department of Pennsylvania**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865
Woman's Relief Corp**

Please support the 2016 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention by purchasing an AD in the Encampment Program Booklet. Your support helps to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a wonderful experience for all to enjoy.

An order for an AD with a check and artwork are to be sent to:

**Ellen Higgins
1731 Shore Road Unit 42
Seaville, NJ 08230-1383
SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com**

Deadline for submission is May 20, 2016

AD orders can be sent by USPS mail or email (preferred method). If emailing please send in word doc and photos or artwork in jpg format. If you would like a booklet sent to you in the mail, after the Encampment, please include \$2.00 for shipping.

**Cost of AD's
Full Page - \$40.00
Half Page - \$25.00
Quarter Page - \$15.00
Eight Page - \$10.00
Patron – one line - \$5.00**

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**Allied Order G.A.R. Encampment
June 23 – 26, 2016**

Toftrees Resort & Four Star Golf Club
One Country Club Lane
State College, PA 16803
Room Reservations: 1-800-252-3551 or 1-814-234-8000

www.toftrees.com

Cut off date: May 23, 2016

Room Rates: \$109 + \$6.54 room tax + \$2.73 local tax = \$117.27 per night

*Continental Breakfast included 7:000 – 9:00 a.m. In LePapillon Room

*Please mention you're with Allied Orders of G.A.R.

Saturday Night Banquet June 25, 2016 in LePapillon Room
Price: \$30.00 per person
Choices are as follows:

	Tuscan Grilled Chicken	Sliced Roast Beef/Rich Gravy
Names	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Reservations by: June 17, 2016
Faye M. Carlisle-Thomas, PNP A.S.U.V.C.W.
Box #23
Cogan Station, PA 17728
(570)998-2591
Make payments to Penna Dept. S.U.V.C.W.

**Allied Order G.A.R. Encampment
2016**

Place: Tofrees Resort and Golf Club, LePapillon Room

Subject: Deli Luncheon's

Price: \$18.50 per person, per meal includes tax and tip

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Friday's Luncheon 06/24/2016 \$18.50 includes tax & tip	Saturday's Luncheon 06/25/2016 \$18.50 includes tax & tip
Soup with Crackers Assorted Gourmet Deli Sandwiches Lettuce, Tomato, Condiments Chips or Pretzels Gourmet Cookies and Brownies Regular or Decaf Coffee Premium Hot Tea, Iced Tea	Soup with Crackers Assorted Gourmet Deli Sandwiches Lettuce, Tomato, Condiments Chips or Pretzels Gourmet Cookies and Brownies Regular or Decaf Coffee Premium Hot Tea, Iced Tea

Reservations

Names:

Reservations by June 17, 2016

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