

# 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 134<sup>th</sup> Year serving Harrisburg Area

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



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**Summer Time**


**June & July 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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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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:

- Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith CC; Mrs. Robert Manning; Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Tony Kline, and Museum CEO Wayne Motts' mother; and Mrs. Marilyn Demmy!



- 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!
- Scott Debo PCC, David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer, National Chaplain, Darlene Alcorn's son, Mrs. Rosemary Martin and Skip Whitlam!
- 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.



Camp sticker! For your car windows, loose-leaf binder, windows, desktop \$1 ea.

Meeting Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA  
Sunday May 21, 2017

Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith  
 SVC.....Logan Swanger  
 JVC.....Vernon Stout  
 Treas./Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr.  
 Pat.Inst./Historian.....David Klinepeter  
 Council.....Tony Kline

Officers Absent

Secretary.....Greg Kline  
 Council.....Scott Debo  
 Color Bearer.....vacant  
 Council.....TBA  
 Guide/Guard.....TBA

Members Present

David Demmy, Jr., and Robert Treat

Guests

Dot Kline

The meeting was called to order by CC Jeff Smith at 2:05 PM.

The Minutes from the April 9, 2017 meeting were read and Brother David Demmy, Jr. made a motion to accept, seconded by Brother David Klinepeter. Motion carried.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. reported that we have \$1739.00, (available for expenditures), in the checking account. Brother Logan Swanger made a motion to accept, seconded by Brother Robert Treat. Motion carried. In due time, all financial accounts will be transferred from the current bank into a Federal Credit Union. This will place all accounts and funds under one institution, an institution that does not charge

non-profit organizations like we are, bank fees for this and that.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. requested that the council meet and consider dropping the \$1.00 per year Camp 15 dues that we charge our Life Members of Camp 15. However, the Life Members would still pay the \$8.00 per year as required by Pennsylvania Department! Life Members are excused from National Per Capita!

### **Orders, Communications and Bills**

Brother Tony Kline read Department Order No. 11 issued by Department Commander John Frantz asking for nominations for the Doctor Mary Edwards award to be given at the Encampment.

### **Unfinished Business**

JVC Vern Stout questioned the date for the Gettysburg Adopt-A-Position cleanup. CC Jeff Smith suggested we do it sometime in June and he will send out an email message to the camp.

Volunteers will be needed to work at the recruitment table to be held at the Civil War Museum Free Day Saturday, June 17. Cooper's Battery B will be camping behind the museum and they will be able to work at the table at times.

JVC Vern Stout questioned the date we will go to the GAR Hall in Philadelphia. Brother Tony Kline said he has no new information to report from Brother Greg Kline.

Brother Dave Klinepeter announced that on Memorial Day he and Mrs. Helen Shireman will be visiting the grave of General Hartranft to lay two Wreaths.

### **New Business**

Saturday May 27, we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the American Dream Diner for breakfast. From

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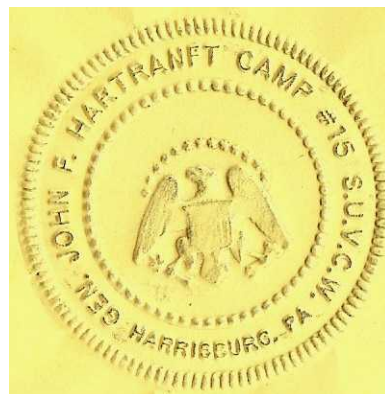
there we will go to the Old Harrisburg City cemetery to decorate veteran's graves. All Brothers are invited to join in the event.

### **Patriotic Instructor**

Patriotic Instructor David Klinepeter mentioned various important military and government dates coming up in June. He reported on the Armed Forces Day event held Saturday, May 20, 2017 in Carlisle. He displayed old newspaper articles, photos, post cards, grave markers, GAR memorabilia and cartoons and made comments on most of them. He passed out copies of Commander-in-Chief Logan's General Order #11 creating May 30 as Decoration Day, later to become Memorial Day. He then asked all of us to give a brief comment about how we celebrated Memorial Day as we were growing up. Many Brothers present offered their memories of Memorial Days gone past.

After the closing ritual ceremony, the meeting ended at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Tony Kline (acting for Secretary Greg Kline)  
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
SUVCW



Camp Seal!

## Things to do this summer

Brothers and Sisters, our sister Camp in Sunbury, Camp #503, will hold their annual picnic on Sunday August 20 beginning at noon. It will be held at the Sunbury Water Works pavilion. Later in the afternoon, the Camp 503 will have a meeting!

You're all invited. But, rsvp to Brother Tony at Anthony Kline [afkline@ptd.net](mailto:afkline@ptd.net) with the number in your party.

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

***Post Office Box 5601***  
***Harrisburg, PA 17110***  
***Telephone: 717-732-5330***

**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.

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## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

Another Memorial Day has come and gone. Some areas have parades or special ceremonies and others do not bother. I do believe that the interest in veterans and those who now serve is growing. Last week, I found out from a friend up in Perry County that Eshcol had its 130th parade. This is of interest to me because Great Grandfather Jacob Klinepeter is buried there, he served in the 208th Pa Vol Inf during the Civil War. Many small communities, villages and towns still have ceremonies. Of course places such as Gettysburg have large parades every year.



On Saturday morning May 27th, Helen Shireman and I (above) traveled to Montgomery Cemetery in Norristown, Pa. Mrs. Shireman is the great granddaughter of General John F. Hartranft. The promoters of the day, had a small parade, which stopped at several graves including Hartranft's. Mark Grim, a reenactor who portrays General Hartranft spoke about the General's life. PDC John McNulty was on site too. Mrs. Shireman placed a wreath from the family and I had the honor of placing a wreath from Camp 15 SUVCW. The last stop was at the GAR veteran plot where rose petals were put on each veteran's grave, a speaker, firing a salute and taps. It was impressive and well attended. Brother Russell Kratzer, a member of Camp 15 was also there!



On Sunday morning I traveled to the National Cemetery at Indiantown Gap for services. The weather was good, the crowd was large. I sat with Brother Russel Kratzer, he was with the Shriner Honor Guard Veterans. In a way, I felt honored when they introduced each of us old WWII veterans by name. One of them had jumped on D Day before the other troops had landed. I believe he is 96. On Sunday I went to Gettysburg, but not to the cemetery but to the GNMP for a program.



John McNulty, Helen Shireman and this Author, David Klinepeter, at Norristown Cemetery 2017. I know other members of Camp 15 were in various ceremonies and special programs also.. On June 2nd my son, Mike and I went to the annual Reading Air Show, naturally, this is at the Reading, Pa Airport. It is a gathering of WWII veterans, with lots of military equipment, especially airplane. They draw large crowds over the week end. I enjoy

programs such as this because it teaches people about our history. I even gave out 3 of our SUVCW new information folders. None of the men were from around here but they had family that had fought in the war. I do not care "WHICH" Camp they join.

Of course in July there are numerous history events. As I have mentioned before, the National Civil War Museum, the National Park at Gettysburg, the Gettysburg Heritage Center in Gettysburg, the Lady Farm in Gettysburg, the Steam into History Civil War Train in New Freedom Pa and others have programs every week end. --- djc

*Acknowledgment: Camp 15 is always grateful for Brother Dave Klinepeter's volunteerism for collating and putting our Hartranft Herald into the mail for you!*

Civil War Days in Harrisburg PA June 2017:



Jeff Smith Camp Commander on duty at recruiting table at free day at the NCWM!



Jr Vice Vern Stout with Brother Jeff on duty.

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Other brothers were on Artillery duty - outside!

Memorial Days out of our Past

File photos from Hartranft Herald Staff and/or Dave Klinepeter collection.



Memorial Day weekend 2017 at historical Harrisburg Cemetery, Dauphin County. L to R Greg Kline, Bill Kuhn, Jeff Smith, Dan Lute, David Demmy, Vern Stout, Tony Kline, Logan Swanger and Sister Ilsa Smith.

Brother Les McClure, one of our few WWII Veteran Brothers was already in the field and missed the; photo shoot. Look for him later in this article. Also absent today was our grand patriotic instructor, another WWII Brother, Dave Klinepeter, who escorted Sister Helen Shireman, granddaughter of our namesake, Gen John F Hartranft, to the General's grave site in Montgomery County!



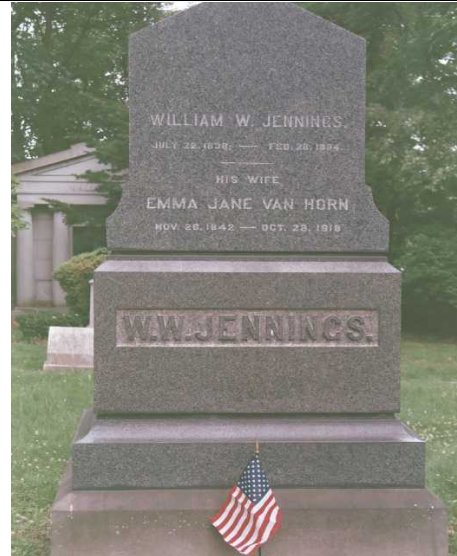
Hartranft grave site 2009.



The Civil War veterans section of the Cemetery which is located between 13<sup>th</sup> and State Streets and Herr Street at the northern end.

See splashy photo of Camp during 2007 later in this issue!

Later in this issue, tto see 1957 Memorial Day parade in Harrisburg with Camp 15 upfront!



Colonel W.W. Jennings, 127<sup>th</sup> Reigment, Pa Vol Infantry out of Dauphin County 1862 1863.

If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

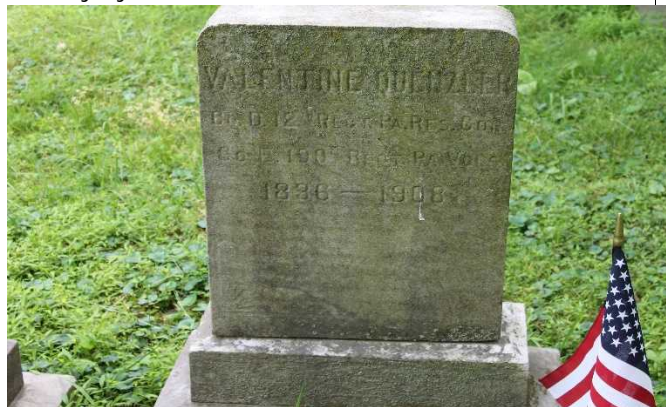
Memorial Day out of our past continues



The Late Audrey Kyle shown with Enders site, ancestor of our Brother Russ Ottens! Circa 2010.



Our Brothers 'right' the valdized tombstones of Audrey Kyle's ancestors.



Audrey's family tombstone now up-righted by Camp.



L to R: Our Late Brother Floyd Demmy with Les McClure and Dave Klinepter - all WWII veterans - 2011.



Brothers Bill Kuhn and Don Fry paying tribute!



Garden of Stone

## 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.

Potential cleanup day at Gettysburg announced for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for lunch first! Was postponed due to bad weather. A Camp dispatch will be issued on a new date perhaps June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pennsylvania Department **Encampment - Convention June 23-24-25** at Cranberry Township north of Pittsburgh.

**National Encampment** at Lansing, Michigan, August 10-13. See *The Banner* for more details.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc).

## 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!**

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in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

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Memorial Day weekend 2007 and Camp 15 was there!

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DAUPHIN COUNTY'S WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER



**▲ Members of Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, participated in the Memorial Day practice of honoring Civil War and other veterans by placing American flags on their gravesites at Harrisburg Cemetery. Standing from left are Norman Houser, Donald Fry, Lee Walters, William Kuhn, Larry Sheibley, David Klinepeter and Gregory Kline. Kneeling are David Demmy and John Martin.**

Brother Frank Haley is also pictured above!

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## COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK

Wow 10 years-ago

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1957



General John F Hartranft Camp 15 Flag Harrisburg Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Memorial Day parade, May 27, 1957, in Harrisburg. (Allied Pix for The Patriot-News)

\$50 bucks for anyone returning this original **Camp Flag** to Hartranft Camp 15,  
Harrisburg, PA, 17103-2411.

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## 2017 at Historic Harrisburg Cemetery



Dress Rehearsal Image!

"Eyes Left! Readyyyy Front!"

-- By DWD, an old Platoon Sergeant

Next year, come out and join us for breakfast and then we mosey over the cemetery to pay tribute to the veterans resting therein.

Camp 15 gratefully appreciates Brother Les McClure obtaining the flags for our participation!

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