



# 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 131<sup>st</sup> Year in Harrisburg

@ Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp#15 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!

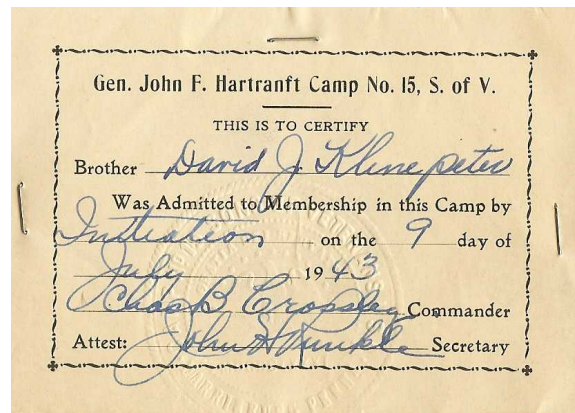
[Camp 15's next business meeting](#) is scheduled for **Sunday, September 15, 2013**. THE THIRD WEEKEND ARRIVES EARLY IN SEPTEMBER! Hartranft camp does not have scheduled business meetings during June, July and August. You are invited to attend the [Pennsylvania Department Encampment Convention](#) in Gettysburg, June 28 and 29 with special events at Peace Light on Saturday June 29. Also you are invited to attend [National Encampment Convention](#) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 9 and 10.

### [Camp 15 Celebrates Memorial Day Weekend](#)

Following their annual breakfast gathering and trip to historic Harrisburg Cemetery to pay tribute to the many veterans laid to rest, the Gen. John F. Hartranft camp Brothers, moseyed over to the National Civil War Museum to honor one of their own:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Honor National Civil War Museum Charter Member, World War II veteran, and [David Klinepeter](#) at brick ceremony on Memorial Day weekend at the National Civil War Museum. If link just above does not work, t r y: <http://www.abc27.com/story/22423474/world-war-ii-veteran-honored-at-national-civil-war-museum> it will take you to local ABC TV affiliate site where

You can see several versions of the news on our Brother Dave Klinepeter. Camp 15 bestowed a NCWM Brick upon Dave for his 70 years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Dave was a member of the SONs prior to his enlistment in the US Navy during World War II.



1943 membership

Here, we'll let Dave tell the story by his word and photos and photos shared by those that participated in Cemetery, Museum, and Parade events Memorial Day weekend:

“(A Special Memorial Day Week End) *Saturday morning May 25* I met with ten members of Camp 15 and several wives at the American Dream Diner on Herr St. Harrisburg, PA for breakfast! After that, we went to the Harrisburg Cemetery to assist putting flags on Veteran's graves. Of course Lester McClure had the bundles of flags available. He is the US Navy WWII Veteran from American Legion Post 27 that has not missed putting out flags since 1946. There were a number of other Veteran and Auxiliary members assisting with the placement of flags. Addition Brothers of camp 15 met us at the cemetery. After we completed that tribute to the veterans of the cemetery, we went to the National Civil War Museum for a special presentation program.



FROM LEFT WORLD WAR II VETERANS LES MCCLURE, DAVE KLINEPETER AND FLOYD DEMMY

as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. After National Executive Director, David Demmy, handed me the brick I was asked to make a few remarks. (Some folks may not believe it, but I was speechless, I just could not find the right words to express my feelings at this great honor.) Every time I go to the Museum I will walk out to the east and view that brick. Greg Kline PCC read the Proclamation in my honor that camp 15 presented to me at the camp holiday party in December 2012;



CAMP MEMBERS APPLAUD PROCLAMATION AND BRICK CERTIFICATE PRESENTED TO BROTHER DAVE.



GREG KLINE READS HARTRANFT CAMP READS PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO DAVE KLINEPETER FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CIVIL WAR COMMUNITY.



DAVID DEMMY, SR., CAMP CHAPLAIN, PRESENTS 70 YEAR RECOGNITION BRICK FROM CAMP 15 TO OUR BROTHER DAVE KLINEPETER.

I, your Patriotic Instructor was presented with a brick to place on the upper level *Friends Walkway*. It was for my 70 years of membership and service





BROTHER DAVE SHOWN WITH BRICK AND ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM



DAVE TOURED NATIONAL CEMETERY AT FORT INDIANTOWN GAP ON MEMORIAL DAY



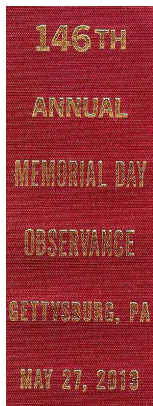
KATE McDERMOTT, MUSUEM STAFFER, CONGRATULATES OUR DAVE KLINEPETER



VETERAN BOOKENDS WITH GOVERNOR CURTIN AT GETTYSBURG ON MEMORIAL DAY



GOVERNOR CURTIN AND GOVERNOR CORBETT



2013 RIBBON GIVEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Camp Commander Scott Debo read the Certificate from the National Civil War Museum that accompanied the brick. I want to thank all those who attended, members, the ladies, Museum staff member Kate McDermott. And especially David Demmy for his tireless effort. Many Thanks!

Following the program, a number of us went to the Texas Steakhouse for lunch. This time David Demmy was surprised; a lady customer of a military family, wanting to show her appreciation for veterans, picked up *our* lunch tab [FOR DAVID AND DAVID]. It was a day I will never forget.

Sunday May 26th I decided to go to the services at Indiantown Gap Military Cemetery. Anticipating a large crowd, I went several hours early, that way I had time to visit my wife. I then parked along the road and walked across the grass to the building! As each person came in they were handed a small American Flag, a bottle of water, a program and a small pin, showing the structure where the program is held. From the musical prelude, to the massing of the colors, to the final retirement of the colors, the program was most awe inspiring. This was my first year there but will not be my last.

Monday May 27th I went to the 146th annual Gettysburg Memorial Day Observance and managed to ride in the parade with President Lincoln to the Gettysburg National Cemetery. While waiting for the program to start I had a chance to chat with Governor Corbett and also talked with several Vietnam Veterans in motorcycle gear. I learned they were from San Antonio, Texas and had ridden to Washington D.C. the day before. It seemed that the Vietnam veterans, a number of years ago started going to the WALL in D.C. on Memorial Day weekend. A number of them were at

the Gettysburg services on Monday. Governor Corbett was the main speaker, but everyone likes to hear Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by James Getty (a grand member of the SUVCW)

After the ceremonies at the rostrum everyone goes to the Soldier's Monument where a number of wreaths are placed, and a twenty-one gun salute, than taps are sounded by PDC Ivan Frantz, Jr. To me it was a very inspiring week end honoring veterans".

DJK

Meeting Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA  
Sunday May 19, 2013

Officers Present

SVC/Council.....Jeff Smith  
Treas./Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr.  
Pat.Inst./Historian.....Dave Klinepeter

Officers Absent

Commander.....Scott Debo  
JVC .....Stan Zellers  
Secretary/Council.....Greg Kline  
Council.....Lee Walters  
Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman  
Color Bearer.....Kelley Betz

Members Present

Rev. Logan Swanger  
Bill Kuhn  
Floyd Demmy  
David Demmy, Jr.  
Don Fry  
Tony Kline

Guests

Dot Kline

The meeting was called to order by SVC Smith at 2:10 PM.

All agreed to waive the Minutes from the April meeting. Motion to accept by Brother Dave Klinepeter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother Floyd Demmy. Motion approved.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. reported that the actual balance in the treasury as of the April meeting was \$538.00. Since that time we paid per capita dues to the PA Department and National and we purchased ads in the Encampment Booklet. However, we sold some belt buckles and license plates.



## Old Business

1) Gettysburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. SVC Jeff Smith reported that Leslie Culp Camp #1961 of Gettysburg responded to our invitation, but, had to decline to participate because they have too many other activities at that time. He did not get any response from the James Longstreet Camp #1247 of Richmond, Virginia. He now feels the event will not take place.

2) SVC Smith reported that the Civil War presentation held recently at his daughter's, Allen Middle School in Camp Hill, was received very well. Jeff gave a talk and displayed civil war artifacts and fielded many questions. After school they held a Civil War Night that included a visit by Governor Curtin portrayed by our own Brother Dave Klinepeter, period dances, exhibits and answers to many questions. The students showed a lot of enthusiasm.

## New Business

Brother David Demmy, Sr. announced that on Saturday, May 25 Camp #15 will be paying tribute and placing flags on veterans' graves at the historic Harrisburg cemetery. We meet at 8:00 am at the American Dream Diner for breakfast and then proceed to the cemetery. After that we go to the National Civil War Museum to bestow a Museum Brick on our distinguished Brother Dave Klinepeter.

We will close the event with lunch at the Texas Roadhouse.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. mentioned that some members from Camp #15 and Camp #503, Sunbury, will be parading Memorial Day Weekend in Sunbury, Northumberland and Gettysburg.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. mentioned that Saturday, June 8 is a Free Day at the National Civil War Museum. He feels that Camp #15 should again set up a recruitment table. Brothers Smith and Klinepeter have volunteered to man the table. The time frame is 10 am to 4 pm.

SVC Smith announced that on the weekend of June 28 and 29 there will be another Gettysburg Civil War Collector's Show to be held at the Allstar Events Complex on Emmitsburg Road near the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center. He mentioned that volunteers are needed to set up a recruitment table. Brother David Demmy, Sr. reminded the Camp assembly that the Department Encampment takes place that weekend.

Brother Don Fry reported that a Cub Scout pack in Linglestown is parading Memorial Day weekend. They have made a float that represents the grave marker stones at the Arlington National cemetery.

## Patriotic Instructor

At the request of Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter, Tony Kline read General John A. Logan's General Order No. 11 marking the beginning of Memorial Day ordered May 30, 1868.

Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter gave a presentation where he read the poem "Bivouac of the Dead." He also read from a recent American Legion magazine regarding lack of keeping the memory of our deceased veterans alive, especially over Memorial Day. He displayed various American and GAR Post flags along with paintings of Civil War battles.

After the closing ritual ceremony, the meeting ended at 3:15 PM. The next business meeting will be held Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 2:00 PM.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Tony Kline (acting for Secretary Greg Kline)

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15, SUVCW

Minutes as reported and/or corrected in the [Hartranft Herald](#) are the official minutes of the camp!

## Also this dispatch on 150th stamps



On May 23, 2013 the Battle of Gettysburg stamp was issued at Gettysburg, Pa and on the same date the Battle of Vicksburg was issued in Vicksburg, Ms. The next day they went on sale in all post offices. They are a forever stamp. I was able to acquire a number of sheets and will have them at upcoming meetings in the fall. DJK

Your Patriotic Instructor would like to hear what other members of Camp 15 did over the Memorial Day week end. I know some of you helped place flags, attended a special brick ceremony, and a number were in parades and other ceremonies. Pictures would be appreciated . . . . Dave K.

## On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

June 28, 29 Pennsylvania Department annual Encampment at Gettysburg -- A Convention!

Obtain your credential card from camp 15 secretary, Brother Greg Kline. You will need your membership card and credential card to gain entrance!

National Encampment August 9 and 10, Milwaukee, Wisconsin! Obtain your credential card from Department Secretary, Brother Charlie Kuhn.

### Remembrance Day at Gettysburg 2013

Change of date: **Saturday, November 23, 2013**, SUVCW Headquarters will be at Wyndham Hotel at Gettysburg!

December camp annual party  
Scheduled for Sunday December 8, 2013 at National Civil War Museum ballroom!

## Be Proud Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and join 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 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!

GENERAL JOHN F HARTRANFT, CAMP 15  
HARRISBURG, PA,  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 11, 1882  
IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY