



# 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!

[Next Camp meeting](#) is scheduled for Sunday, March 17 at National Civil War Museum upper level room 222 at 2pm. Texas Roadhouse Day!

#### [Meeting Minutes](#)

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA  
Sunday, February 17, 2013

#### Officers Present:

Commander.....Scott Debo  
SVC.....Jeff Smith  
Secretary.....Greg Kline  
Treas./Chaplain...Dave Demmy, Sr  
Pat. Inst./Hist.....Dave Klinepeter  
Council.....Greg Kline  
Council.....Jeff Smith

#### Officers Absent:

JVC.....Stan Zellers  
Council.....Lee Walters  
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz  
Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman

#### Members Present:

Logan Swanger, Dave Laman, Floyd Demmy,  
Tony Kline, Bill Kuhn, and Michael Proper!  
Guest: Jeremiah Swanger!

The meeting was called to order by Commander Debo at 2:06 pm.

Minutes from the January meeting were read by Secretary Kline. Motion to accept by David Demmy, Sr. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Kline. Approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. \$1604 checking account balance with majority being held in reserve for National and Department per capita due this spring. Motion to accept by Tony Kline. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Smith. Motion approved.

During the meeting, additional dues remittances were received along with cash donations for the welfare of the camp.

Brother Logan Swanger introduced his son Jeremiah Swanger as a guest at the meeting. No new updates on the health status of Brother Kelly Betz's father.

Greg Kline reported on the recruiting event at the Army Heritage Center in Carlisle at which Camp 15 had a table and passed around several photos.

Secretary Kline read Commander Debo's 2013 Camp Order # 1 regarding the passing of Camp # 15

Brother Art Longnaker. Member badges and the Camp newsletter are ordered draped until March 4.

### Old Business

- 1) No update yet on Christmas party location.
- 2) Considered dedicating brick for Brother Dave Klinepeter on May 25 after flag decorating. Dedication at 12:00, then go to lunch. Greg Kline will attempt to contact Chuck Rhoades again with details.
- 3) Jeff Smith is still looking for reenactor/living historian participation for Civil War event at his daughter's school.
- 4) Gettysburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event—JVC Jeff Smith will be drafting a letter on behalf of Commander Debo inviting 2 local Sons of Confederate Veterans camps. Jeff outlined possible events to send as suggestions to SCV Commanders. Suggested dates are June 30-July 3. Discussion was made over possible need for liability insurance for the event—Jeff will investigate.
- 5) No update on Eagle Scout procedure/correspondence letter

### New Business

Brother Dave Demmy, Sr. discussed a potential fundraiser from **Texas Roadhouse** steak house and suggested **March 17**, which is the day of the next Camp meeting. They will provide customized flyers which Secretary Kline can email out! Runs from Noon to 4:00. They also offer the opportunity for a raffle table which we would have to run.

See flyer later in this issue of your award winning **Hartranft Herald**. Please share the flyer with your family, friends and associates – all are .. welcome between 12pm and 4pm on March 27 at Texas Roadhouse.

Continued!

### Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter discussed February dates of importance during the Civil War years including Lincoln's attempt to rescue horses from the White House barn and the battle between the Housatonic and the Hunley. He displayed books and photos relating to President Lincoln. Dave mentioned that Ephraim Slaughter, a Comrade in Harrisburg's colored GAR Post, was the last Civil War veteran to die from Dauphin County. Dave was part of the Sons of Union Veterans honor guard that fired a salute at his funeral! Also in honor of Black History Month, Dave discussed the contributions during the Civil War of other local African-American citizens including T. Morris Chester, who recruited many black soldiers for the Massachusetts infantry units. Meeting was closed by Commander Debo at 3:34 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

Just prior to meeting at 1230 hours, it was snowing with wild passion, 28° with 24 mph wind across the highlands of Reservoir Park where the National Civil War Museum building is located at the highest level of the city of Harrisburg.

Just as quickly, the weather cleared up; twas partly cloudy the remainder of the afternoon!



Old Sons of Union Veterans **Banner** prior to name change to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

[National Civil War Museum Page:](#)

Sunday, March 3 - 2pm

Civil War Dance Class with the Victorian Dance Ensemble, performing troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation

Partners are encouraged, but not required.

Reservations are strongly encouraged.

Sunday March 24

Medal of Honor 150th Commemoration

Mark your calendar to honor the 150th Anniversary of the first issuance of the Medal of Honor.

Dr. Richard Banz, executive director of the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Georgia will be joining us to talk about the *General* and the Great Locomotive Chase. We'll also have on display the Medals of Honor of 6 United States servicemen from three wars for this day only.

150th Spring Lecture Series

Saturday, April 6:

*The Trans-Mississippi Theater* with Jeff Prushankin

Saturday, April 13:

*Jeb Stuart's Ride at Gettysburg* with Jeffrey Wert

*\*Please note that the original lecture (mentioned in Nation Divided) on war opposition has been moved to the exhibit opening in May. More details TBA. Also, the Wert and Prushankin lectures were switched due to a scheduling conflict from the last member e-newsletter.*

Brothers and sisters, if you dispose of your computer printer ink cartridges, please consider recycling them with our camp.

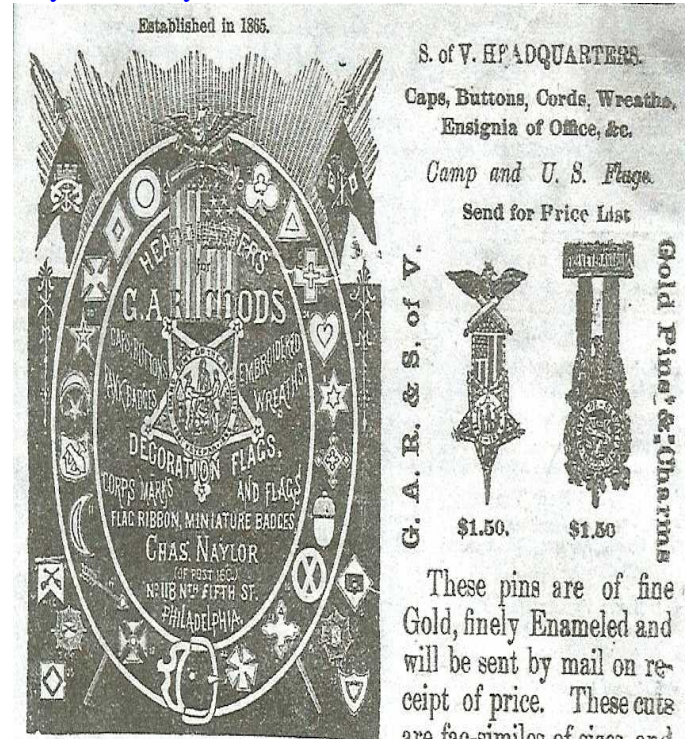


We obtain monthly credit for recycling ink cartridges when we purchase new ink! The credit goes a long way toward office supplies and administrative costs of

Hartranft camp. Please bring used cartridges [see sample] to any camp meeting in a plastic bag to protect yourself from an ink smudge!

Any size cartridges [jet or laser] acceptable for recycling! Thank for supporting Hartranft camp!

Days Gone By



These pins are of fine Gold, finely Enameled and will be sent by mail on receipt of price. These cuts are fac-similes of sizes and styles. G.A.R. Charms, \$12.00. Official Rank Badges, fine gold plate, enameled in imitation of cloth, reduced to 50 cts.

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An Ad from the *Grand Army Scout Soldiers Mail*, a weekly paper devoted to the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, January 8, 1886; Price Four Cents.

Shared by our famous 70 years of service to the Sons, our GAR Instructor, Dave Klinepeter.



SUVCW full color aluminum license plate For sale exclusively by Hartranft camp Harrisburg PA

Brothers and sisters,

## **Ten Things You May Not Know About Abraham**

**Lincoln by Christopher Klein**

1. Lincoln is enshrined in the Wrestling Hall of Fame.
2. Lincoln created the Secret Service hours before his assassination.
3. Grave robbers attempted to steal Lincoln's corpse.
4. John Wilkes Booth's brother saved the life of Lincoln's son.
5. Lincoln is the only president to have obtained a patent.
6. Lincoln personally test-fired rifles outside the White House.
7. Lincoln came under enemy fire on a Civil War battlefield.
8. Lincoln didn't move to Illinois until he was 21.
9. Poisoned milk killed Lincoln's mother.
10. Lincoln never slept in the Lincoln Bedroom.

for more in depth explanation, go to:

Source <http://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-abraham-lincoln>

**GAR HISTORIAN** by Dave Klinepeter  
(from the Grand Army Scout Soldiers Mail  
newspaper November 21, 1885 issue)  
Full text on following page

***THE OLD ARMY BLANKET*** by G. Norton Galloway  
How dear to my heart are the scenes of my camp life  
And fond recollections of spring tide review,  
The "dog-box" like shelters that stood in the wild wood?  
The beans and dried apples the poor private drew,  
The frequent inspections, the look of dejection,

Oft seen on the face of some big boy in blue,  
But the thick woolen blanket spread over some plank-it,  
Were the best kind of rations to skirmish with dew,  
The thick woolen blanket, the course fibered blanket,  
The horse-kind-o"-blanket, that skirmished with dew,  
How it oft haunts my memory, the heavy black knapsack,  
Bedecked by some blanket rolled up for review,  
And the step, "double Quick", over orchard and hay-  
stack,  
With other gymnastics a hurried march knew,  
The waist and cross belts and paraphernalia,  
That blistered the shoulder and made the hips blue,  
But the whole was a drop in the trough of the ocean,  
Compared with the blanket when on a review,  
The heavy gray blanket, the old "shoddy blanket"  
The twenty pound blanket, Rolled up for review,  
Oh, once I remember, 'Twas in bleak December,  
The winds whistled keen through the forest and dell,  
We were told to lie down without even an ember,  
And from the old blanket we got but a smell,  
As we lay on the ground with the dead leaves around us,  
No robins were nigh us to cover up good,  
So we shivered and shook and rehearsed the old chestnut,  
Of two little kids, called the "babes in the woods",  
The old army blanket,  
The unrolled army blanket, the subdued army blanket,  
"Poor babes in the woods",  
Alas! I may never, though ever so clever,  
As Nast, or Joe Kepler, with pencil and pen,  
Be able to picture or caricature,  
The use of a "comfort" intended for men,  
But if ever "old shoddy", who created its body,  
Be out in the cold or imprisoned in pen,  
With the dust\* he created, be not compensated,  
May the good Lord do him justice, and the devil say  
amen,  
The "old shoddy blanket",  
The no-body blanket,  
The contractor's blanket,  
Let the devil say amen.

\*Devil's dust was the real name for shoddy, a material  
used for making army blankets and soldier clothes  
during the war! --- djk

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR** by Dave Klinepeter

On February 23, 2013 I attended the Pennsylvania  
Department SUVCW annual Lincoln Luncheon at the  
United States Army Heritage Education Center in  
Carlisle, Pa. It was put on by the Brindle Camp #50 and  
the Department of Penna, Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War. There were approximately 80 people attending. The Master of Ceremonies was George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief SUVCW; The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Alfred Carty, Dept Patriotic Instructor. The Invocation and also the Benediction were given by Lowell Alcorn, Dept Chaplain. The dinner was quite good (I had the chicken choice).



The guest speaker was Dr Richard Sommers. He is the Chief Historian for the U S Army Heritage Education Center. Dr Sommers has been with them

over 40 years. His subject was "Carlisle Barracks in the Civil War". It was very interesting talk. Taps was played by Paul McMillin, PCC of Brindle Camp #50. There were guests from all 5 "Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic" Bringing greetings were Douglas McMillin, Pa Dept Senior Vice Commander of the SUVCW, Daryl Kipp Reed, Pa Dept President Daughters of Union Veterans. Dorothy Frye Walker, Pa Dept President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.



**Barbara Indan**, left, Pa Dept Vice President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,



Continued!

**Mary Jane Bannan**, right, Past Dept President Alfred W. Gabrio Corps, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary

to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The centerpieces on the tables were a variety of cardboard buildings pertaining to Lincoln's life. They started with log cabins and ended with the Lincoln tomb in Springfield. I believe **Douglas McMillin** made them. It was a most enjoyable afternoon for me. I had the good fortune to have Dr Sommers wife, Terri, sit at our table. Several very important people to Camp 15 sat at the same table. They were **Joe Long** and **Mary Jane Bannan** (read your history of Camp 15) - They were instrumental in reviving our camp back in 1999.



Camp 15 member **David W. Demmy, Sr.** was present too!

Following the luncheon a number of the attendees visited the Heritage Center Military displays. If any of our members want to do research on military veterans, this is the place to contact, the AHEC.

By now, our members should have received the latest issue of the National

SUVCW magazine, the *BANNER*. Hartranft Camp 15 has five members pictured in this issue. On the front cover are a number of reenactors portraying the Navy of the Civil War. In the front row, last man on the right is **David Michael Klinepeter**, a member of Camp 15, son of Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter, and a Civil War Sutler for over 35 years. Inside the front cover, in the center picture is President Lincoln (James Getty) and Governor Curtin of Pa (**David Klinepeter**). The man speaking with the microphone at Remembrance Day Civil War Ball is dance master **Larry Keener Farley** PCC. In the lower left corner is Brother **David Sosnowski** dancing up a storm and in the upper left corner is Brother **Tom Bowman**. djk.

**A FEW MARCH DATES IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY**  
 March 4, 1861 President Abraham Lincoln Inauguration  
 March 9, 1862 Battle of the Monitor and CSS Virginia (Merrimac)  
 March 1863 First Conscription Act (Draft)  
 March 2, 1864 U S Grant named General in Chief of the Army  
 March 4 1865 President Abraham Lincoln Inauguration

**Special Note** At the Hartranft March meeting, I will have on display several models, pictures and Navy items. Most of my talk will be on the Monitor and the CSS Virginia (the battle of the iron clads). Any member is always invited to bring items for show and tell. Bring a friend, relative and neighbor! Enjoy life it can be short!

Photos courtesy of Dave Klinepeter!

There is no job too simple for our staff to complicate!

--- djc

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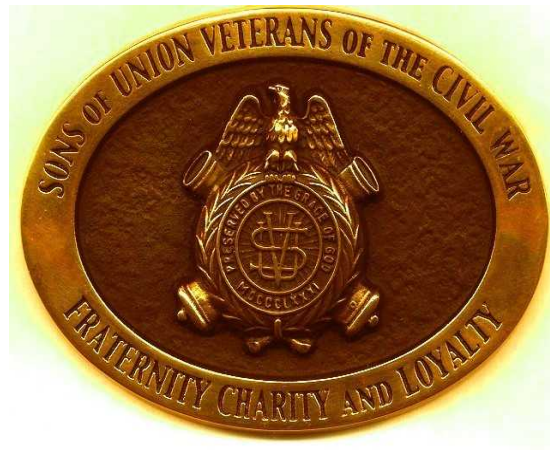
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## On the Road with Camp 15

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

Sunday, March 17, 2013 camp meeting!

Sunday, April 21, 2013 camp meeting!

Sunday, May 19, 2013 camp meeting!

Saturday, May 25, 2013 traditional Memorial Day activities by Hartranft Camp 15 thru-out central Pennsylvania region! Placing of flags upon veteran sites at historical Harrisburg Cemetery and participation in Gettysburg annual parade! Dave Klinepeter Day at National Civil War Museum!

June 28, 29 Pennsylvania Department annual Encampment at Gettysburg! A Convention! Obtain your credential card from camp 15 secretary, Brother Greg Kline.

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 Arry 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
- 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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Bring flyer along to roadhouse this Sunday to credit [Hartranft Camp](#) and enjoy a good time and meal too.  
12 pm to 4 pm Sunday March 17 2013

# FUNDRAISING NIGHT!



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

Sunday, March 17  
12pm-4pm

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