



# 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](http://www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org)

Celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> Year



 @ 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!

Historically camp 15 does not meet for a general business meeting during November. Next scheduled event is National Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

See National website for activities the weekend of November 18, 19, and 20. at <http://www.suvcw.org/RembrDay/2011/index.html>.

Our December camp event will be our annual holiday party on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at Doc Holliday's Restaurant at New Cumberland, PA.

#### [Camp minutes from October camp meeting.](#)

#### MINUTES

Sunday 16 October 2011

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General John F. Hartranft Camp #15

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA.

#### Officers Present:

Sr. V. Commander  
Secretary  
Treasure./Chap  
Pat.Ins./Hist

Stanley Zellers  
Larry Sheibley  
David Demmy, Sr.  
David Klinepeter

#### Officers Absent:

Commander  
Jr. V. Commander  
Council/Guard  
Council  
Council  
Guide  
Color Bearer

John Deppen  
Scott Debo  
Gregory Kline  
Lee Walters  
Jeffrey Smith  
Thomas Bowman  
Kelly Betz

#### Brothers Present

Dave Demmy Jr, Frank Haley, Floyd Demmy, Tony Kline; Dave Laman; Gene Mascioli; and Don Fry.

Guests: Marilyn Demmy; Jennie Demmy; and Dorothy Kline.

BROTHERS OF COOPERS BATTERY WERE ON DUTY AT CEDAR CREEK THIS WEEKEND!

November 2011 Hartranft Herald Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Awarding Winning newsletter! Marshall A. Hope award presented to Hartranft Camp 2010-2011

Meeting called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Senior Vice-Commander. After the opening ceremonies according to SUVCW ritual, Dave Demmy, Jr., and Floyd Demmy, his grandfather, gave presentations on the

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American flag which included its history, code of ethics, challenging questions, and insights. Thank you for your involvement and interesting information. All members are encouraged to be a speaker.

Secretary Sheibley read the minutes and Treasurer Demmy stated a balance of \$135. It was recommended that our 3 council members meet to decide on treasury funding measures.

Brother Fry stated that about 175 Eagle Scout certificates are needed to cover scouts from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, and York Counties. Only 50 certificates have been purchased and donated to camp for usage. This problem was tabled for the January meeting.

The following slate of officers was proposed for 2012:

Commander	Stanley Zellers
Sr Vice Commander	Scott Debo
Jr Vice-Commander	
Secretary	Larry Sheibley-Beasom
Treasurer/Chaplain	David Demmy, Sr.
Patriotic Instructor	David Klinepeter
GAR Historian	David Klinepeter

The office of Junior Vice-Commander is in need of a volunteer. If interested, please contact commander-elect Stan Zellers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: SINCE THE OCTOBER MEETING, BROTHER JEFFREY SMITH HAS ACCEPTED COMMANDER ELECT STAN ZELLERS' INVITATION TO BE THE CAMP JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER FOR 2012-2013.



The secretary was instructed to cast a single unanimous ballot for the acceptance of this slate of officers. Thus, the above list will be Camp 15's 2012 officers and shall be given oath of office

during our December holiday event.

Members were reminded of the November 19 Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade, the December 11 Christmas Party, and the \$35 dues for the 2012 year. Brother Klinepeter reminded everyone of some upcoming Civil War Round-Tables and the Civil War commemorative stamps.

The meeting closed at 3:35p.m.  
Minutes taken by Larry Sheibley-Beasom,  
PCC, Secretary, Camp #15.



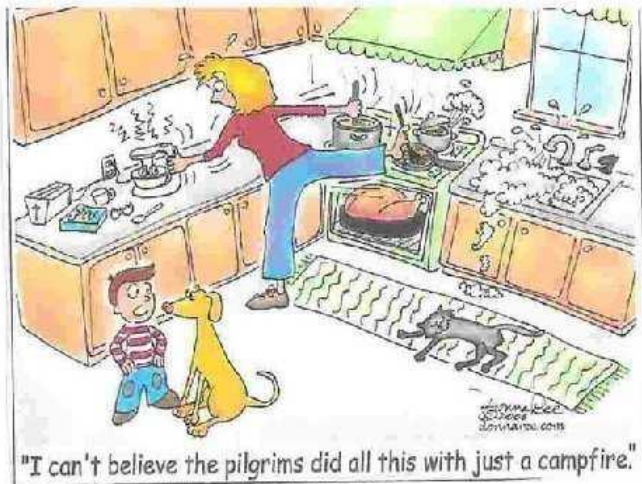
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We won't see this numeric date for a while!

Always hug and/or thank a veteran whenever you can!

### [Thanksgiving Day 2011](#)

Blessings to you and yours during this Thanksgiving Day period! May God continue to richly bless you and yours during this season! God Bless Camp 15 and the Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders and God Bless America.



And here is another view of Thanksgiving Day: "What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean why else would they call it Thanksgiving Day". -- Erma Bombeck

### [From Hartranft Camp 15 Facebook:](#)

"MANY THANKS to Brother Jeff Smith for presenting a concise and informative program on Civil War artillery at September camp meeting. The artillerists of Cooper's Battery were impressed! Thanks also to the ever-generous Patriotic Instructor David Klinepeter, who gave a Gettysburg quarter to everyone in attendance".



BROTHER JEFF SMITH, PHOTO COURTESY DAVE KLINEPETER COLLECTION.

### [Shared by \[snow-bird\] Sister Audrey Kyle](#)

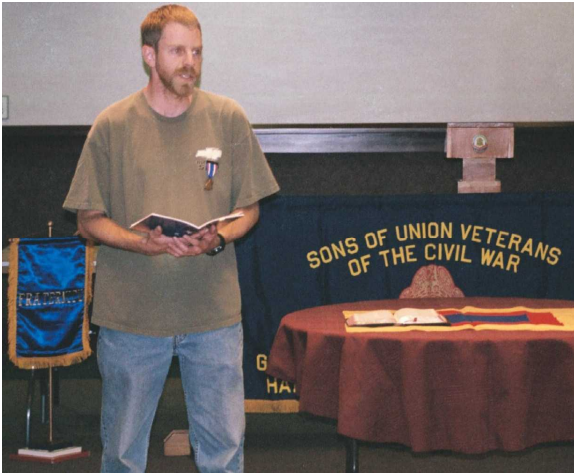
Honor our heroes who sacrificed so much so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today and please remember their families. Visit and encourage your friends and family to visit our local memorial to reflect upon on sacrifices made by our brace service men and women. Fly your American Flag proudly on this day and all appropriate days.

AN EXTRACT FROM DISABLED VETERANS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

### [US Flag Code Presentation](#)

As indicated in *minutes* above Brothers Dave Demmy, Jr and his grandfather, Floyd Demmy, provided camp with narratives on Flag Code and personal experience of viewing original flag displayed at Fort McHenry, Maryland.





DAVE DEMMY JR PROVIDING US FLAG CODE NARRATIVE



GRANDFATHER AND GRANDSON!



FLOYD DEMMY DISCUSSING HIS VISIT TO FORT MCHENRY AND HIS SUBSEQUENT LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF *PATRIOT NEWS*, REGARDING OLD GLORY ON DISPLAY AT MCHENRY.



TYPICAL DISPLAY OF ALTAR FOR A CAMP 15 MEETING. ABOVE AND BELOW



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEMMY FAMILY COLLECTION.

Editor's Note: in reply to someone's request for the proper method to ceremonially burn used U S Flag, check out FLAG BURNING

SERVICE AND CEREMONY as provided by [http://www.airforcewives.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=959:flag-burning-service-and-ceremony&catid=112:air-force-protocol&Itemid=286](http://www.airforcewives.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=959:flag-burning-service-and-ceremony&catid=112:air-force-protocol&Itemid=286)

The United States Flag Code 36s 176(k) states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

If you need hard copy of the service, ask [Hartranft Herald](#) staff.

### [National Civil War Museum](#)

The museum's most recent event was the Blue and Gray Gala featuring Governor Tom Corbett and guess who was there? Two old oldsters: Wells Fargo's buggy and our very own first class camp patriotic instructor Dave Klinepeter portraying War Governor Andrew Curtin.



BROTHER DAVE PREPARING TO MAKE A QUIK GET-A-WAY! PHOTO COURTESY KLINEPETER COLLECTION.

CONTINUED!

[Up coming events at National Civil War Museum](#) are:

The National Civil War Museum has opened a series of year-long exhibits in recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. In January of each year beginning in 2011 through 2015, each exhibit will highlight the events, battles and people of that particular year 150 years ago.

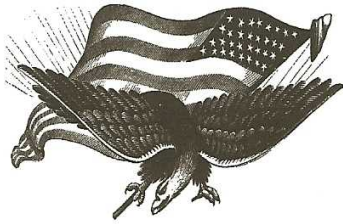
Annual Toys for Tots, Nov 01 - Dec 09, 2011. Christmas in 1860's: Nov 26, 2011 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM Celebrate the holidays by joining us for special performances from the Victorian Dance Ensemble, performing troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation. Participate in a dance and try on period clothing...a great photo opportunity for you and your family!

On going, the museum began placing Banners of the Fallen (flags) honoring those killed in action during significant battles of the civil war. The blue or gray Banners will be placed in front of museum building upon the anniversary of those particular battles.

[Pennsylvania Mid-year meeting](#) held on historic October nor'easter snow storm, Saturday October 29, 2011.

Old business and new business was quickly dispensed by 17 Brothers brave enough to venture out into the forecasted storm. Department general order forthcoming to reinstate camps previously suspended for lack of filling appropriate documentation to Department. Major discussion was on Pennsylvania Encampment convention for 2013 to be held in Gettysburg area with banquet Friday evening and out of

doors event Saturday evening at Peace Light with guest speakers and other major events.



## Time to Reenlist Boys!

### [Brothers, time to reenlist!](#)

If you enjoyed your monthly *Hartranft Herald*, field trip to Frederic Maryland, Memorial Day activities, Camp picnic fellowship, Department encampment, National encampment, Remembrance Day, then Brothers it is time to renew your commit to your ancestor or to a veteran of the Civil War.

### [Camp Dues](#)

As previously announced, dues for 2012 remain at \$35 including National, Pennsylvania, and camp per capita.

Camp 15 earns no noticeable profit from our dues!

88% is forwarded to Pennsylvania Department and National organization in per capita dues to operate those entities and to provide the *Battle Cry of Freedom* and quarterly *Banner* magazine to you!

Our fund raisers and other nominal remittances keep Camp 15 'in the black'!

Camp Life Member's dues continue at \$9.00.

*If you experience a hardship in paying your 2012 dues, you may make 2 installment payments during January and February 2012.*

2012 Camp Dues are due now!  
Check preferred – made payable to  
Hartranft Camp 15 – SUVCW.

Please bring remittance to December holiday party, the January meeting or post your dues into the mail at:

David W. Demmy  
881 Sunny Hill Lane  
Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690  
[DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

If you neglect to pay in-full in a timely mode, you will be required to reinstate including a \$10 National late fee for full reinstatement anytime during 2012.

### [Camp Holiday party event](#)

To our Brothers, who may have been absent lately due to family obligations, employment, infirmities, traveling distance and civil war reenactment activities, we miss you and hope you can schedule time and endeavor to share with us at our **annual camp holiday banquet on Sunday, December 11.**

Be aware of pennDOT construction in the area

When - Sunday, December 11, 2010

Where - Doc Holliday's Restaurant New Cumberland

Fellowship hour - 11:30 – 12:30 Mealtime approximately 1 pm.

Servers will begin taking meal orders at noon-onward.

You Order and Pay yourself from the available dinner menu.

Activities - Good food and fellowship;  
Appointment of camp officers for 2012

Entertainment.

Please bring a few unwrapped items for the b i n g o table!



In an effort to keep camp stationery and postage expenses within budget limits, there will be no special mailing this year to invite you to the camp's annual holiday banquet indicated above! See Christmas Event flyer later in this issue of your camp news.

This is your last notice on this event.

The next *Hartranft Herald* will not be published until well after the December banquet.

Please **RSVP** by e-mail to DoubleD@Demmy.cc or call David W. Demmy, Sr., telephone 7 1 7 5 4 5 5 1 7 4 – leave your full name and *number of persons attending* no-later-than December 1 for a full accounting, to restaurant for preparation of our annual event.

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[Exodus Message from our two-year term Camp Commander – John E. Deppen.](#)

Brothers,

I will soon be wearing a new badge, that of Past Camp Commander. It is an honor for me to look back on my association with General John F. Hartranft Camp #15, and expect that our camp will continue to make a major difference in "keeping green the memory" of our ancestors who wore the blue during the Civil War. We have important work to do - for the camp, for the department, and for history itself. I will repeat what I often say, that every conversation we have is an opportunity to recruit new members. The fact that we are in the midst of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, and that Civil War issues and events are receiving unique media attention, gives us an unparalleled forum for reaching out with an inviting hand to potential brothers throughout our Commonwealth. Indeed, we have no excuse to do otherwise.

Hartranft may never be a "household name," but I suspect that the General would think it more important that we, as the inheritors of his legacy of noble service, do everything we can to render honor where honor is truly due -to the nameless and forgotten soldiers whose blood and sacrifice saved our Republic in its darkest hour.

I thank all the Brothers of our Order who entrusted me with the leadership of Camp #15. It is to you that the credit for our success should go. If there be failures, I and I alone will accept responsibility for them.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
John Deppen

[For the good of our camp:](#)

Brothers please review the list of camp events provided in each issue of our award winning newsletter. Mark your personal calendars now with camp and SUVCW events and activities for 2012.

Your camp is brainstorming to engage a memorable event(s) in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial Signature Events for the SUVCW. See National website <http://www.suvcw.org/index.html> for details of such events held or to be held by camps and Departments across our Grand National and the National Order of the SUVCW.

First event under consideration by camp 15 should be scheduled for summer 2012, another potential signature event could be for December 2012 and a third known event could be for May 2013 in honor of events that occurred in 1862-1863! The

committee will keep you posted.

Some photos from 2011 National Encampment convention held at Reston, Virginia



National Chaplain Brother Jerry explaining honorable empty chair!



Pennsylvania JVC Brother Doug McMillin accepting charter for new camp 503!



On behalf of Brother John Deppen, David Demmy waiting for opportunity to accept National award for recruiting accomplishments by John Deppen



*Hartranft Herald* represented by David Demmy among other recipients of National award for grand newsletter

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*Awarding Winning newsletter! Marshall A. Hope award presented to Hartranft Camp 2010-2011*



[Camp Schedule of events for 2011 into 2012](#)



Friends of Departments of Pennsylvania



National leaders of today and tomorrow.

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!

**November 19, 2011** no camp meeting! We will see you at Lincoln Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg, PA.

**Sunday, December 11, 2011** annual holiday party at Doc Holliday's Restaurant at New Cumberland, PA. And you have a standing invitation. Be aware of Penn DOT construction in the area.

**Sunday, January 15, 2012** camp meeting. Presentation by **Cooper's Battery B!** *Weather permitting the Battery will conduct live firing on National Civil War Museum grounds east of building upon the site of original city reservoir.*

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**, next reenactment of the WWII Battle of the Bulge at Fort Indiantown Gap I-81 exit 85b.

**June 2012 - 132d** annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – June 22, 23, 24 at Four Points by Sheraton at Greensburg, PA

PHOTOS SHARED FROM COLLECTION BY BROTHER DAVE SOSNOWSKI. SEE MORE @ FACEBOOK [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MEDIA/SET/?SET=A.260525693976104.77566.100000560250214&L=500147E60E&TYPE=1](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.260525693976104.77566.100000560250214&L=500147E60E&TYPE=1)

Be Proud Wear the Badge



Come out to a meeting and join us!  
Allied Orders of the GAR

- Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- Ladies of the Grand Arrmy 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!

**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

A death notice Monday November 7, 2011– Mrs. Gloria Klinepeter lost the long fight against her infirmity and is now at peace!

A message from immediate past camp Commander Greg Kline:

“I didn't have the privilege of knowing Gloria well but have had the pleasure of knowing Dave for the past 8 years in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp 15 of Harrisburg. He is a true gentleman and a living legend in Civil War circles. Dave is best known for his portrayal of Governor Curtin but was also one of the founding fathers of the hobby we all love. He was a founding member of Knapp's Battery dating back to the late 1950's. He is a founding member of the Victorian Dance Ensemble, a nearly 70 year member of the Sons of Union Veterans and a member of numerous other historical and collecting societies.

Dave was in attendance at the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis in 1949. At the time, Camp 15 had a fife and drum corps and Dave was a member. Their leader was John Runkle, who was a Past Commander in Chief and the face of the Sons of Union Veterans in Harrisburg for many years. Dave said that at one point Runkle gathered the boys from their rooms in the hotel and said "We're going downstairs to play for the old man". The old man who they played for, and gave a drum so he could accompany them, was Albert Woolson, the last surviving member of the GAR and the Union Army who died in 1956 at the age of 106. This represents just one of the incredible stories that Dave Klinepeter has shared over the years. “

Brother Don Messersmith is recuperating from recent surgery. He and Sue will be traveling to California soon to share life with their west coast children and grandchildren.

Brother Don Fry and wife, Dawn are off to Florida for the winter and sister Audrey Kyle, mother to our Brother Lynn Kyle, hopes to be with her daughter and family south of the Mason Dixon line soon.

[Camp Brothers and Sisters in distress](#)

You and yours are invited to break bread with General John F. Hartranft,  
Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
at our annual Christmas Banquet gathering.

- When **Sunday, December 11, 2011**
- Where Doc Holliday's Restaurant New Cumberland – see directions below.
- Fellowship hour 11:30 – 12:30 Mealtime approximately 1 pm.  
Servers will begin taking meal orders at noon-onward.  
You Order and Pay yourself from the dinner menu.
- Activities Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for 2012
- Entertainment **Holiday Bingo**



[Don't fall asleep, RSVP now](#)

Please RSVP by e-mail to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc) or call David W. Demmy, Sr., telephone 7 1 7 5 4 5 5 1 7 4 – leave your full name and *number of persons attending* no-later-than December 1 for a full accounting, to restaurant for preparation of our annual event.  
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All participants: please bring 1-3 *items for the gift table*; each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item. Items may be, eg: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, 1961 mint Roy Orbison platinum album, gift certificates, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, eg: candles, stationery, teddy, canned fruit, puzzles, games – you may make it interesting for all of us to make choices! Any items remaining and suitable for our fighting forces will be provided to those that send appropriate items to military service personnel...



Likewise, if you are interested, bring some cash to engage in the Camp's 50/50 opportunity! 50/50 Tickets are \$.50 each; or 12 for \$5.00 – that's 2 free.

Xtra this event, another opportunity will be available for a civil war look-alike porcelain doll in civil war gown.

### Driving Directions to Doc Holliday's at New Cumberland

SAME ESTABLISHMENT WHERE PA MID-YEAR MEET HAS BEEN HELD!

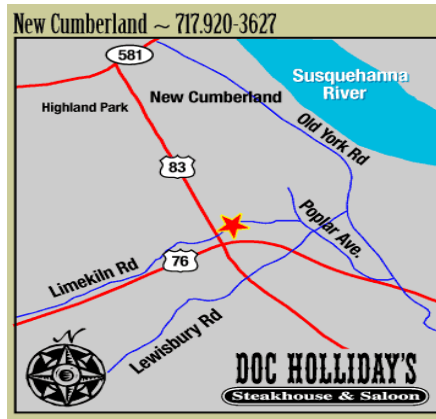
Turnpike Exit 242

I-83 Exit 40A – Limekiln Road

110 Limekiln Road, 17070

(717) 920-3627

*Turn in at the Comfort Inn sign*



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To save postage you may bring your 2012 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along!  
Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!  
Have a safe trip!