

# 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



**Vol 18, No. 11**

~~~ **Time for Thanksgiving** ~~~

**November 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!

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| <p>2016 Hartranft Camp 15<br/>Officers and Staff</p>  | <p>Commander<br/>Senior Vice Commander<br/>Junior Vice Commander<br/>Secretary<br/>Treasurer<br/>Council<br/>Council<br/>Patriotic Instructor<br/>GAR Historian<br/>Guide<br/>Guard<br/>Color Bearer<br/>Chaplain<br/>GAR Highway Officer<br/>Graves Registration<br/>Eagle Scout Coordinator<br/>ROTC Coordinator<br/>Camp Counselor</p> | <p>Jeffery Smith 15-16<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 15-16<br/>Logan Swanger 15-16<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09<br/>David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-16<br/>Tony Kline-16-18<br/>Scott Debo 15-17<br/>Tom Bowman, 15-17<br/>Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/>Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/>Tom Bowman, 11-16<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16<br/>Kelly W. Betz 07-16<br/>David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16<br/>Logan Swanger 14-16<br/>Logan Swanger 14-16<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-16<br/>Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08</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.

PA: [www.PAsuvcw.org](http://www.PAsuvcw.org) National: <http://www.suvcw.org/>

See TMI from afar!

November 2016 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

## No November Camp meeting

**No meeting in November!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend when Camp 15 would normally meet generally falls on the same weekend as *National Remembrance Day* at *Gettysburg* and your Camp officers prefer we participate in or support the Parade and other activities of the weekend in Gettysburg instead of a business meeting in November; we hope to see you and your family at our Camp banquet in December.

## Camp 15 Dues time – year 2017

### 1st notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2017 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along to Holiday Event on

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to

'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.

Or mail your check to

David W. Demmy, Sr., 881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690



Let us give thanks and praise the Almighty in all things!

***Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, PA.***

Aluminum License Plate



### **Auto License Plate**

Aluminum - Full Color SUVCW License Plate.

**Blue** Lettering on White Background

with **Red** Border - very Patriotic

Send check or money order for

\$12 + \$3 S&H Payable to:

**Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15**

**Mail to Greg Kline**

**205 N. 40th St. - Apt. 203**

**Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271**

Or purchase one at Camp meeting

Future national encampment dates

2017 National Encampment Lansing, Michigan August 9-13

2018 National Encampment Framingham, Massachusetts, (Boston) August 8-14 potential tour of Springfield Armory!

2019 National Encampment Springfield, Missouri July 31-August 4 earlier than usual!

2020 - Interest shown by Pennsylvania,

Georgia/South Carolina & Tennessee.

Slight interest by New York, and

Nebraska!

Camp 2016 officers are listed on page 1 of this news!

During October Camp meeting, nominations were presented for our 2017 roster of officers. The following were elected to serve Camp 15 for 2017 and will be installed for 2017 at annual banquet on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Commander . . . . . Jeffery Smith
  - Senior Vice Commander . . . . . Logan Swanger
  - Junior Vice Commander . . . . . Vernon Stout
  - Secretary . . . . . Gregory E. Kline,
  - Treasurer . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr.
  - Council . . . . . Anthony Kline-
  - Council . . . . . Scott Debo
  - Council . . . . . Tom Bowman
- Full complement of staff will appear on page 1 of your January 2017 newsletter.

Overwhelmed this holiday season!

“Handling Life With Prayer? Isn't it amazing how we can go through the day and forget to pray. We get up in the morning and complain about how early it is, how we have to go to work, or get the kids out the door and off to school. We get to work or get busy doing the "to-do" list and life starts taking over. Before you know it supper is on the table and the phone is ringing...just when you were going to offer a word of grace. That's if you are not grabbing something to eat in between stops and drop offs.

We spend the last few moments of the day checking things off the list: paying a few bills, running the vacuum, talking on the phone, or catching up on a favorite show. We crawl in bed, lay our heads on the pillow and let out a long sigh and the words - oh God. Before you can say more than a few words to God you drift off and the alarm is going off to start another day.

Each of us could stand to take our prayer life up a notch. I most likely did not have to tell you that did I. So, if we all feel that way, then what is one simple step you can take? I am so glad you asked. One of most captive times for all of us is when we are traveling in a car. So, why not use the time you spend in your car doing something spiritually more productive than listening to the top 40. Use some kind of physical reminder that can help get you started like when the gear shift goes into drive your

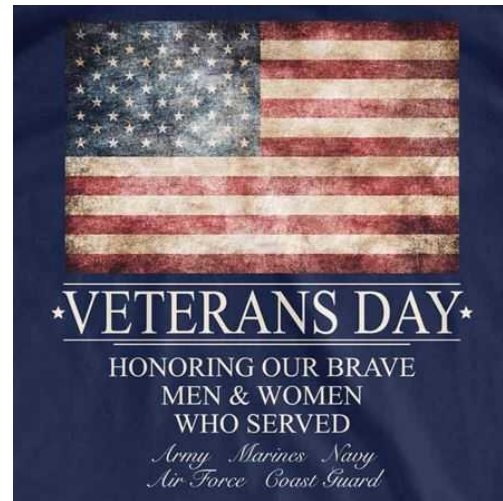
prayer life goes into drive. You'll be surprised what a difference a dedicated time of prayer can accomplish for your overall health; Shine On! An excerpt from a message by Pastor Dave Biser at CrossPoint Colonial Park”

**Brothers and Sisters in Distress**

By Camp Chaplain, David Demmy Please add the following to your daily prayer list:

Don Fry of Linglestown, 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, Marilyn Demmy, and Tony Kline, Jim Crane, national encampment personnel, and Andy Johnson, PCinC, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan!

Veterans Day USA – November 11, 2016



Pennsylvania Department encampment announced:

June 22 – 25, 2017

Marriott, Cranberry Twp. (Mars, PA)  
100 Cranberry Woods Dr, Cranberry Township,  
PA 16066!

Potential tour of the Sailors and Soldiers Museum  
Pittsburgh!

Compliments of Brother Rich Orr \*Camp, western PA.

## Meeting Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA  
Sunday, October 16, 2016

Weather: overcast

### *Officers Present*

Commander: ...Jeff Smith  
Junior Vice-Commander:... Logan Swanger  
Treasurer/Chaplain:... David Demmy, Sr.  
Patriotic Instructor/Historian:... David Klinepeter  
Color Bearer: ...Kelley Betz

### *Officers Absent*

Senior Vice-Commander/Secretary: ... Greg Kline  
Council: ...Scott Debo  
Council: ...Tom Bowman  
Council: ...Tony Kline  
Guide/Guard: ...Tom Bowman

### *Members Present*

Vernon Stout; Kevin Williams; Devin DePamphilis,  
Gene Mascioli, PCC

The meeting was called to order by CC Smith at 1405.

The Minutes from the camp's meeting of Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, were read. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. reported that there were no outstanding bills. Dues recommendation of \$35 for 2017 has not yet been approved by the camp's council. He also reminded us that the registration fee for the Christmas party had to be increased.

Brother Logan, as substitute secretary, read the list of brothers and sisters in distress from the latest newsletter.

## *Orders, Communications and Bills*

No orders were read.  
There were no committee reports.

### *Unfinished Business*

The Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2016, requires period dress for those who participate. A rare gathering of all five allied orders leaders will be held at the Albert Woolson monument (Ziegler's Grove along the east side of Hancock Avenue) at 11 a.m. for ceremonies. Early the next Sunday morning SUVCW Camp 112 will have a pancake breakfast at the GAR Hall, 53 E Middle St, Gettysburg.

The annual Autumn Gettysburg Civil War & Militaries Show will be held October 29-30, 2016, at the AllStar Events Complex, 2638 Emmittsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Over four hundred tables of exhibits and items for sale are available.

Further information on the camp's semi-annual Gettysburg monument cleanup near the Knap's Battery monument on Culp's Hill will be disseminated by CC Jeff in the next several weeks.

### *New Business*

There was no new business.

### *Election of 2017 Officers*

The following nominations of officers for 2017 were forwarded to the camp for election:

Commander: Jeffrey Smith  
Senior Vice-Commander: Logan Swanger  
Junior Vice-Commander: Vernon Stout  
Secretary: Greg Kline  
Treasurer: David Demmy, Sr.  
Council members: Scott Debo, Tony Kline and Tom Bowman

By unanimous vote of the camp members present, the slate for 2017 was approved.

### *Patriotic Instructor*

Patriotic Instructor David Klinepeter offered the following events to recall for the months of October, November and December:



- United States Marine Corps founding on 10 November 1775 - happy birthday Marines
- Armistice Day on 11 November 1918 and, since 1954, observed as Veterans' Day
- Camp Curtin officially closed 11 November 1865
- President Theodore Roosevelt attended the dedication of the Pennsylvania state capitol on 4 October 1906
- Battle of Cedar Creek on 19 October 1864
- St. Albans Raid also on 19 October 1864
- Stories of the 100<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, 1-3 July 1863

He also made the camp aware of another upcoming event:

- National Civil War Ball, Saturday, 19 November 2016, 8 p.m., at Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, sponsored by the SVR of the SUVCW. Music by Philadelphia Brigade Band and dancing by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. Benefits Gettysburg National Military Park. Further information: <http://www.civilwardance.org/2016>  
Flyer Nat CW Ball.jpg

After the closing ritual, the meeting of the camp ended at 1530. The next meeting of the camp will be held Sunday, January, 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Logan Garth Swanger (acting for Camp Secretary Greg Kline)  
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### [A Veterans Day note](#)

Today is a day that is very special to some of us, and should be very special to all of the citizens of this great country. Veterans Day.

A day to remember the love and sacrifices made by a few for all that we love.

Winton Churchill probably said it best concerning the Battle of Britain "Never in the field of human conflict have so many owed so much to so few."

The Veterans of this great country move among us in silence.

Not asking for anything, be providing as they have always done.

We know each other, usually by a slight nod of the head, in a store or parking lot. It says it all, "I see you and I know."

"We have shared the same good times and bad." "You are my Brother."

So on this most special of days, when you sit at your tables, say a prayer and give that slight nod of the head for the Veterans who made it all possible.

May God bless American and all the Veterans.

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Major General, SVR, Commanding

### [3 Civil War Veterans laid to rest](#)

Three Cumberland County men who died after serving our country were buried in the forgotten remnants of an overgrown cemetery, their stories lost in the woods and in the pages of history. But next week, they will be getting the honor and recognition they deserve.

Three African-American Civil War veterans, who hail from Penn Township, will be buried at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in a ceremony that's open to the public at 1 p.m. Wednesday.



After serving in the Civil War, the three returned to the area and died here. They were buried in what was called the beginnings of a cemetery, which was later relocated about a half mile away. But they remained there, virtually forgotten, the land becoming reclaimed by the woods.



Hoffman said an Eagle Scout project in 2009, conducted by Beau Lloyd, cleared much of the overgrown trees, shrubs and brush from the cemetery. But Hoffman, along with attorney Marcus McKnight and the Penn Township supervisors, decided more should be done for the three soldiers.



"It is a privilege to assist in recognizing these Civil War veterans for their service to our country and give them a permanent place of remembrance at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery," Hoffman said.

Above, our very own Patriotic Instructor, Dave Klinepeter, was in attendance to assist as needed.

"Though their service may have been little know in their own time, we honor these men today and remember the sacrifices they made for our country," McKnight said.

## Our Namesake Statue



Former Governor John F Hartranft on duty in front of Capitol building facing State Street to the river.



Later, statue was moved to south end of capitol building.

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A Special Report. On October 28, 2016 there was a ceremony ribbon cutting at the restored General E. Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg, Pa. For many years the land and house was owned and surrounded by a motel complex. A number of years later the Civil War Trust bought the property with the plan to restore it to the 1863 period. A fund raiser was held, the motel buildings were removed, the house was restored to its original time as stated above. Numerous organizations and people supported this very important project to completion. I was unable to attend the ceremony but understand they had over 500 people attended. It is understood that in the coming future the Civil War Trust will turn the property over to the National Park at Gettysburg. To read a full account of the Ceremony that day go to General Robert E. Lee's Headquarters, Gettysburg, Pa., on your computer.  
--- djc

## 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]!

Fall Camp events:

No meeting in November, please visit Gettysburg for annual SUCVW Remembrance Day events November 19<sup>th</sup> weekend

**Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>** annual Camp Holiday banquet. Social Time 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Invocation about 1 p.m.

Next, January 2017 Camp meeting is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, January 15, 2017

72nd WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration January 2017  
the World War II Federation and Fort Indiantown Gap Presents the 72nd WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA.

**Saturday, January 28th, 2017**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM I-81 North  
Indiantown Gap exit 85b – more data later.

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!

Established February 11, 1882  
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

The Civil War's Unlikely Genius  
Shared by The Wall Street Journal

When Sherman's army marched across Georgia to Savannah, Meigs was waiting at the coast with a complete refit for all the troops.

By Allen Guelzo

Nov. 2, 2016 6:45 p.m. ET

History never remembers who the quartermasters were: That was Nathanael Greene's retort when George Washington pressed on him the job of quartermaster of the Continental Army in 1778. And though Greene yielded to Washington's plea, he was right. Despite doing a near-miraculous job in rebuilding the fragile supply network of the American Revolution, he is most remembered for his handling of Continental troops in the battle at Guilford Court House in North Carolina in 1781, the set-piece of Mel Gibson's movie "The Patriot."

The same rule applies to the Civil War. The name of Montgomery Cunningham Meigs is today likely to show up only in Civil War versions of "Jeopardy!" as a late-round stumper. Meigs was, after all, only the quartermaster general of the U.S. Army from the outbreak of the Civil War until his retirement in 1882. Still, the fighting end of war tends to go badly unless the business end is rightly managed. Grant and Sherman might have won the battles, but they could not have done so without Meigs.

Curiously, Meigs came into the job of the nation's military supplier with no prior experience in business. He was the son of a Philadelphia physician and graduated from West Point. His high class standing there earned him a commission in the coveted Corps of Engineers, which meant that he spent his first decade and a half in the Army supervising construction projects and dredging rivers and harbors.

His mentor in the Corps, Joseph Totten, was responsible for his breakthrough assignment in 1852—to build an aqueduct to bring fresh water to Washington, D.C. He was not finished with that project before he was handed an even bigger one, rebuilding the Capitol dome. He succeeded in combining the high artistry of an architect with the nose-down application of the office toiler—which,

together, made Meigs the available man when Abraham Lincoln needed a quartermaster general for the Union armies at the outbreak of the Civil War. Robert O'Harrow Jr.'s "The Quartermaster" is the lively story of the Civil War's most unlikely—and most uncelebrated—genius.

Mr. O'Harrow is a staff reporter with the Washington Post, where his specialty has long been reporting on federal contracting. This makes him an ideal teller of Meigs's story, since so much of Meigs's life was bound up with the ins-and-outs of contract and supply. For the Post, Mr. O'Harrow often finds himself chronicling fraud and bid rigging. Not so with Meigs, who was the straightest of straight arrows and, as Mr. O'Harrow concedes, something of a prig. Meigs was "short-tempered" and "rigid," with all the appeal of "an irritable, burly accountant whose battles were mostly with his ledgers and meddling politicians." But he was also "a mix of hard work, ingenuity and inspired logistics" and well-suited to grapple with the massive increase in government spending triggered by the Civil War.

Meigs was appointed quartermaster general in June 1861. During the preceding fiscal year, the U.S. government devoted only \$29.7 million to the combined military—Army and Navy. Meigs's entire staff consisted of 13 clerks. By 1865, the federal budget had swollen well more than 25-fold to \$1.9 billion, with \$1.1 billion spent on the war. By then, the Quartermaster Department had a Washington-based staff of 591 people, not to mention more than 100,000 civilian personnel.

Not only were the opportunities for graft and enrichment legion in such an environment, but the demands for delivery of indispensable goods like tents, blankets, mess gear, horses, mules and wagons made time rather than cost the most important consideration. A government officer with just a shade less puritanical integrity than Meigs could have made a mint for himself and his cronies, with the needs of the soldiers in the field coming a distant second.

Not Meigs. In 1864 alone he was responsible for providing the armies with 200,000 blankets,



113,684 horses and 87,791 mules (and 400 tons of forage for them every day), as well as hundreds of gunboats steamers, sailing vessels and barges—not to mention boots and shoes and other essential supplies. The U.S. Military Telegraph system strung 15,389 miles of wire and employed 1,500 linemen and operators, all under Meigs's oversight. During Ulysses Grant's Overland Campaign in 1864, Meigs kept the Army rolling on 4,300 wagons, 30,000 horses and 23,000 mules. When Sherman's army marched across Georgia to Savannah, Meigs was waiting at the coast with a complete refit for all of Sherman's troops. Yet when Meigs's books were audited at the end of the war, every expenditure, according to Rep. James Blaine, was "accurately vouched and accounted for to the last cent."

Mr. O'Harrow's account is short and breezy, relying mostly on the published volumes of Meigs's journals and the Civil War Official Records, with an occasional dip into Meigs's papers at the Library of Congress. It will not displace Russell Weigley's more thorough but more stodgy 1959 biography of Meigs, and it shares with Weigley's biography a surprising absence of attention to the actual practices of wartime contracting. Nor does Mr. O'Harrow spend much time on how Meigs managed the vast network of subordinate quartermaster officers assigned to each corps, division, brigade and regiment of the Union armies.

Mr. O'Harrow also misses one of the more startling conclusions that Meigs's tenure as quartermaster general offers—that he handled nearly all of the government's supply needs through private contractors. Only when it came to organizing a military railroad system did Meigs substitute direct government intervention for the free market. This practice stands in contrast with that of the Confederacy, which preferred to nationalize industries, transport and suppliers, with the result that its armies went to war poorly clad, poorly equipped and hungry. Meigs can be remembered as an unusual soldier with an unusual contribution to make to Union victory in the Civil War, but he might also be remembered as a very unusual American entrepreneur. Ende.

#### Camp 15 cleans up at Gettysburg



Kevin Williams



Logan Swanger,

Kevin Williams, Jeff Smith and Ilsa Smith, background!



Jeff, Kevin and Logan as the sun goes down on their work day as Culps Hill, Gettysburg.

The first Posts were No 1 of Philadelphia and Post No 2 of Philadelphia. Harrisburg, Pa Post No 58, but did not have a name at first, then decided upon General John F. Hartranft. When Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of Harrisburg, Pa organized in 1882 they also took the name of General John F. Hartranft.

Besides GAR Post 58 Harrisburg, Pa had Col Seneca Simmons Post 116 and David Stevens (Colored Post) 520. Over the years Dauphin County had 13 GAR Posts. djk

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

In memory of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic this year I have placed two very important papers in the newsletter. The first is Special Order No 1 from National Headquarters to Department Headquarters of Penna appointing General Louis Wagner to organize GAR Posts in Penna. The second one is General Order No 1 Department of Penna issued by General Wagner to organize Posts in Penna.

Head-Quarters Grand Army of the Republic, U. S.  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, November 22, 1866.

SPECIAL ORDERS }  
No. 1. }

Brev. Brig Gen. LOUIS WAGNER, of Philadelphia, Penn-  
sylvania, is hereby appointed temporary Commander of  
the Provisional Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army  
of the Republic, for the purpose of organizing Districts and  
Posts in said Department.

Gen. Wagner will make all reports promptly to the  
General Head-Quarters at Springfield, Illinois.

By order of

Maj. Gen. S. A. HURLBUT,  
Commanding Grand Army of the Republic.

B. F. STEPHENSON,  
Adjutant-General.

Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.  
PHILADELPHIA, November 28, 1866.

OFFICIAL:

*James Quinn*  
A. A. Gen'l.

Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.  
PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 1. }

I. In accordance with Special Orders No. 1, Head-  
Quarters G. A. of the R., U. S., dated Springfield, Ill.,  
November 22, 1866, I hereby assume command of this  
Department.

II. Commanders of Posts, G. A. of the R., within the  
limits of this Department, will at once report to these  
Head-quarters, as follows:—

1. Name and post-office address of Post Commander.
  2. Date of organization of post.
  3. By whose authority organized.
  4. Present strength.
  5. Location—Town, County and Congressional District.
- III. A Provisional Department Staff will be announced  
in future orders.

IV. Honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors desirous  
of organizing posts of the Grand Army of the Republic  
within this Department will address these Head quarters.

LOUIS WAGNER,  
Provisional Commander Dep't of Penna., G. A. of the R., U. S.

OFFICIAL:  
*James Quinn*  
A. A. Gen'l.

THESE ORDERS WERE THE  
START OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF PENNSYLVANIA G A R

**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, 2016**

All participants: please bring 2-4 *items for the gift table with value of about \$10-*

*15 each!* ITEMS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED FOR VIEWING! Each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item. Return to your seat and play again – good luck!

Items may be, eg: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, CD music, DVD, gift certificate, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, veteran related or not e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – *you may make it interesting* for all of us by making *unusual choices!*

Where **National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg**  
GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA

Cost **\$28.00 per person, prepaid; first increase since 2012**  
Payable Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

Payment **Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/25/16**

Fellowship hour **11:30 – 12:30 Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.**

Activities **Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for the New Year!**

Entertainment **Holiday Bingo**



Don't fall asleep, RSVP now

Please RSVP by email to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc) or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174 leave your full name and *number of persons attending!* Please remit full payment no later than November 30 for a full accounting for preparation of our annual event. Send Remittance payable to Camp 15 SUVCW, to David Demmy, 881 Sunny Hill Ln, Harrisburg, PA 17111-4690

Continued!



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 two free.

## Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://WWW.NATIONALCIVILWARMUSEUM.ORG/VISIT.ASPX](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/visit.aspx)

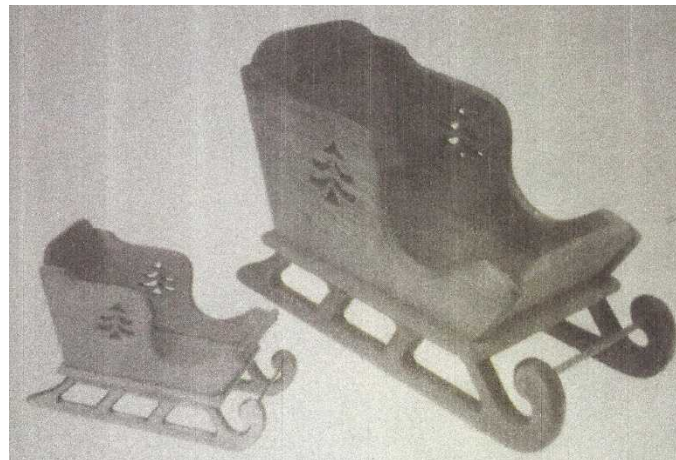
SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2016 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along!  
Still \$35 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!  
Have a safe trip!



Centerpieces for 2016  
Compliments of Camp Webmaster Dave Demmy, Jr.



Ye Olde Country Lane, by Late Floyd J Demmy 2004

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