

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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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!

2017 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff 	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., PCC 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 Coordinatorvacant Webmaster Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005 ROTC Coordinator Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17 GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16
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Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm 3rd Sunday of most months. 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 National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

Have a safe and wonderful winter time Brothers and Sisters

November 2017 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

As 2017 nears an end, welcome brothers to our forthcoming 20th year, 2018, since our 1999 revitalization from an inactive Camp!

Our next activity will be our annual holiday banquet on Sunday December 10, 2017. Not too late to sign up! See data later in this issue.

Our Next Camp business meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Nat'l Civil War Museum Building high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg's highest elevation. See the capital complex, see the west shore, see 5 mountains ranges north of the city and hear the daily trains from the east and west as they visit the hub of Harrisburg; and see TMI from afar!

No business meeting in November, it is expected you will visit Gettysburg that weekend for annual **Remembrance Day** parade on 18th.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

By Camp Chaplain, David W Demmy, Sr.

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; and the family of Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC and The 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!
- Tony Kline, and Museum CEO Wayne Motts' mother; and Mrs. Marilyn Demmy!



- Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Scott Debo PCC, David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer, Darlene Alcorn's son, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Skip Whitlam; and Ellen Higgins!

- Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith CC; Mrs. Robert Manning.
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters!
- PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, and PCinC Richard Partington! If you know of others, please share their names with us to add to our prayer list. Jen Demmy and father David have recuperated to the level of not having to continue to wear leg braces! Marilyn Demmy is back in Penn State Hershey Medical Center for complications of her rare cancer! She is expected to be home for Thanksgiving festivities!
- As we go to press, we discovered Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC, fell during events at Remembrance Day and is now laid-up. Hopefully Larry and Annette will be attending our Camp holiday banquet.

God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

'If we ever forget that we're one nation under GOD, then we will be a nation gone under.'

-Ronald Reagan



Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus!

Treasurers report by David Demmy Sr

Free checking has balance of \$1477.

October Minutes of Camp 15

Business meeting, Sunday October 15 2017

71 at beginning of meeting ending with warm 74 .

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

Officers Present:

Logan Swanger – Senior Vice Commander

Vernon Stout- Jr Vice Commander

Dave Demmy Sr. - Treasurer and Chaplin

Dave Klinepeter- Patriotic Instructor

Dave Demmy Jr. – Guide

Guests: Larry Steninger and Tom Hillbish

Old Business:

Approval of last meeting's minutes. 1st David Demmy Sr. 2nd Vernon Stout

Treasurers Report:

The camp's former accounts have now been closed and transferred to Member's 1st Credit Union.

Checkbook balance is \$1477.00 Report approved 1st Dave Klinepeter, 2nd Dave Demmy Sr.

Expenditures:

\$18.00 will be billed the Camp for new checks.

Expected and Proposed Expenditures:

Yearly donation to the Museum for use of our meeting room.

Deposit of 25% of caterer bill for the upcoming Camp 15 Christmas Banquet.

Ill or Distressed Brothers and Sisters in need: No additional personnel reported, not already indicated in Monthly Newsletter!

Reading of Correspondence:

No new applications for Membership. No new National or Department orders at this time.

New Business:

Remembrance Day will be held on November 18th in Gettysburg. You must be in period

costume in order to march in the parade with other SUVCW Brothers.

The Camp Holiday Party will be Dec. 10th. See this Camp newsletter for more details. Please rsvp to David Demmy at 717 545 5174 or e-mail at DoubleD@Demmy.cc with your name and number of attendees so that appropriate meals may be obtained thru our caterer. Rsvp by December 1st.

Banquet meal will be \$28.00 per person. All funds cover the cost of our caterer and taxes. Camp 15 receives no benefit of your \$28 per person. Prepay ASAP. All participants, should provide 2-3 items of \$15 value for the bingo table. As you win b-i-n-g-o, you proceed to the table at the back of the room; and select an item. Return to your place and *continue to play; win again and select again!* We play till the items are all gone or it begins to snow!

Nomination and Election of Camp Officers:

Open positions and those nominated:

Camp Commander:

Logan Swanger- 1st Dave Klinepeter, 2nd Dave Demmy Sr.

Sr. Vice Commander:

Vernon Stout- 1st Dave Klinepeter, 2nd Dave Demmy Sr.

Jr. Vice Commander:

Scott Debo- 1st Dave Demmy Sr., 2nd Dave Klinepeter.

Secretary:

Greg Kline- 1st Dave Klinepeter, 2nd Dave Demmy Jr.

Treasurer:

Dave Demmy Sr.- 1st Vernon Stout 2nd Dave Demmy Jr.

Being no further nominations for the above offices it was so moved that the nomination process be closed and that those listed would be elected to their respective positions for 2018.

1st. Dave Demmy Sr. 2nd Dave Klinepeter.

Was that a railroad engine tooting above?

The following positions are those elected by plurality vote:

Open Council Positions:

1. Jeff Smith- Council- 1st Dave Demmy Jr. ,2nd Bill Kuhn
2. Scott Debo- Council-1st Vernon Stout, 2nd Dave Klinepeter (action stayed)

The above were so nominated and elected.

Appointees.

Patriotic Instructor: Jeff Smith

Chaplain: Dave Demmy Sr.

Historian: Jeff Smith

Grave Registration: Logan Swanger

For the good of the Order:

The guest speaker was Larry Steninger who related the interesting oral history that was passed down in his family about his great grandfather William Henry Harrison Madden, who joined the Army during the War and served in the 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry, also known as the 181st Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a six month enlistment period from July 1, 1863, to the end of December of that year. He then enlisted in the 110th in January of 1864, and served until the end of the war.

The 110th Pennsylvania lost many good men and officers and fought in many battles, from

Kernstown, to Chancellorsville, to Gettysburg, through the Overland Campaign, and on to Appomattox.

Larry also stressed the importance of creating oral or written histories for future generations of family members and preserving what stories had already been passed down in the same manner.

Dave Klinepeter also presented for his final meeting as the Camp's Patriotic Instructor. He reminded the Camp that he had served in said position for nearly eighteen years having taken over in 2000.

Some of the important dates for the upcoming months include:

Nov. 11 (1865) the Closing of Camp Curtin;

Dec. 7 (1941) the bombing of Pearl Harbor and

Dec 31 (1945) being the official ending of WW2.

Dave also discussed GAR *general order #4* for the year 1899 ordering a period of mourning and discussing the great accomplishments of our own General John Hartranft.

Dave has done a great service to our camp and we look forward to seeing him at our meetings (weather permitting) whenever he will be able to attend.

Camp News

Camp councilmen have voted to keep 2018 dues at the current level of \$35. Also Council voted to drop the Camp fee for Life Members; therefore, Camp 15 life member's remittance for 2018 is only \$8.00 to cover department of Pennsylvania dues.

Juniors only remit \$5.00 with their original membership application. At age 14 Juniors become members and begin to pay the full \$35 annual dues.

Out of the Past



Yearly Honoring veterans at Harrisburg Cemetery



Sisters trying to stay warm upon open buggy



Parade for *Heroes Grove* LP Twp.



Headliners @Remembrance Day



BR. Wayne Motts discussing Hancock w/Camp



Late BR Floyd Demmy telling Camp about WWII



Jeff Smith being pinned by wife Henny!



Uncle Kevin and Nephew Devin joined Camp!

Remembrance Day 2017



Wet soggy 2017 Remembrance Day at Gettysburg –
photo by Vern Stout

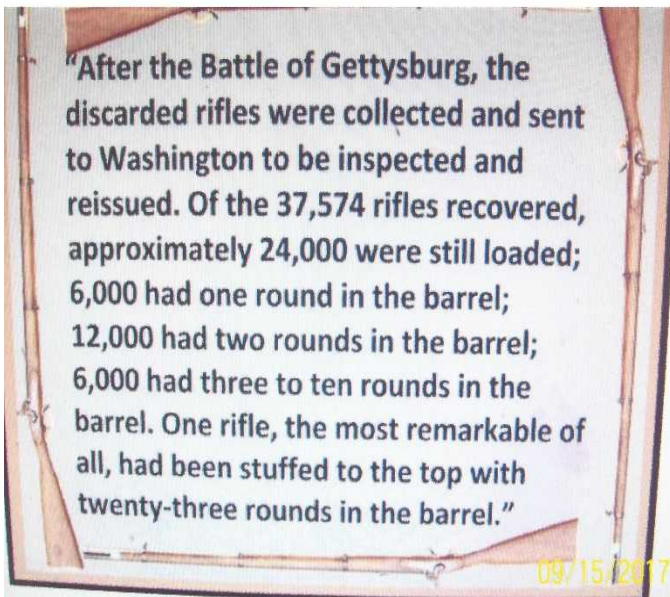
DUCK OR DUCT?

DUCK The original tape developed for the Army, an adhesive applied to strips of cotton duck (canvas) fabric, was nicknamed “duck” tape because it was waterproof.

DUCT In the postwar housing boom, builders used the tape to join pieces of duct work. Soon everyone was calling it duct tape.

DUCK BRAND

Manco Inc. created the Duck Tape brand in 1980 and began producing the adhesive in a variety of colors. Printed duct tape hit the market in 1997 and today comes in dozens of designs, including camouflage, Hello Kitty, and *Despicable Me* minions.



“After the Battle of Gettysburg, the discarded rifles were collected and sent to Washington to be inspected and reissued. Of the 37,574 rifles recovered, approximately 24,000 were still loaded; 6,000 had one round in the barrel; 12,000 had two rounds in the barrel; 6,000 had three to ten rounds in the barrel. One rifle, the most remarkable of all, had been stuffed to the top with twenty-three rounds in the barrel.”



Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Herman; Brother Lynn is member of Camp 15. *Photo by Dave Klinepeter.*



Dave Klinepeter annually has presented the current National Commander in Chief with a SUVCW license plate sold exclusively by Camp 15 of Harrisburg, PA. this year, Dave bestowed the plate to Brother Mark Day. *File Photo from Klinepeter Collection.*

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2018

1st notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2018 Camp 15 dues of \$35 to January Camp Meeting!

Sunday January 21st.

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

Check protects both parties!

On the lighter side:



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.

Camp 15's annual **holiday banquet** on **Sunday December 10, 2017**

Social time 11:30 a.m.

Meal time about 1 p.m.

Please update your social calendar now.

2018 events



75th Anniversary Banquet in Honor of Brother Dave Klinepeter's 75 years of serve to SUVCW.

Saturday May 12 2018 at National Civil War Museum 11:30 a.m. social hour – meal time 1 pm very similar to our December Holiday banquet.

Please mark your calendar now.

Pennsylvania Lincoln Luncheon TBA for 2018

National Spring Time Council Meeting, **March 23 and 24, 2018** at Franklin TN.

Pennsylvania Department encampment convention at Genetti Hotel *Williamsport PA* **June 21-24, 2018.**

National encampment convention at Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, about 20 miles from downtown Boston. The rate is \$109.00, for single or double rooms; **August 9 – 12, 2018.**

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff 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 125th 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!

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

Last announcement for this year

2017 Camp 15 annual Holiday Banquet

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 Holiday Banquet gathering.



When **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

All participants: please bring 2-4 *items for the gift table with value of about \$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, e.g.: 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!* see photo next page for ideas ➡

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

Cost \$28.00 per person, prepaid;
Payable Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

Payment Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 12/01/17

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 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 25 for a full accounting for preparation of our annual event.

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 2018 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!