



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



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Crisp Days for Camp 15

October 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.

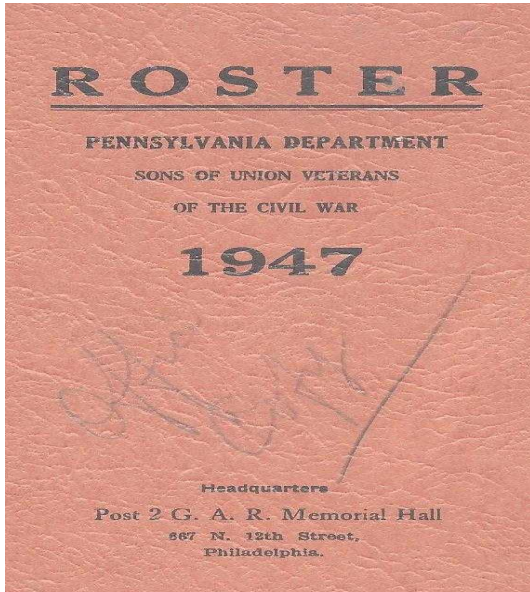
Come One, Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings
 at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

<p>2016 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander Secretary Treasurer Council Council Council Patriotic Instructor GAR Historian Guide Guard Color Bearer Chaplain GAR Highway Officer Graves Registration Eagle Scout Coordinator ROTC Coordinator Camp Counselor</p>	<p>Jeffery Smith 15-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 15-16 Logan Swanger 15-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09 David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-16 Tony Kline-16-18 Scott Debo 15-17 Tom Bowman, 15-17 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Tom Bowman, 11-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16 Kelly W. Betz 07-16 David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16 Logan Swanger 14-16 Logan Swanger 14-16 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-16 Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08</p>
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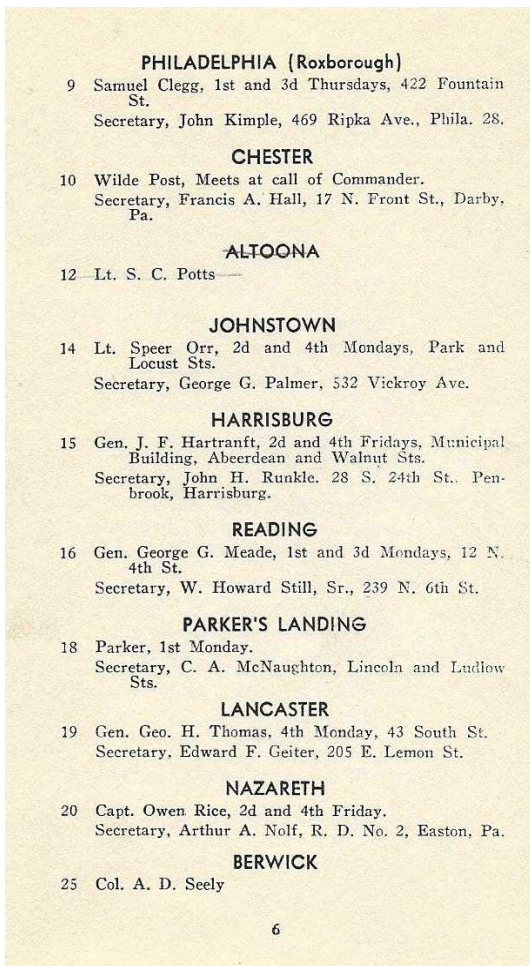
Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum,
 at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm 3rd Sunday of month.
 The Marshall A. Hope author award was bestowed upon
Hartranft Herald for excellence of a camp newsletter by
 Brad Schall, Commander in Chief, 2010 - 2011.
 PA: www.PAsuvcw.org National: <http://www.suvcw.org/>

See TMI from afar!

Where Did Camp 15 meet in 1947?



From out of the past....



Next Camp meeting Sunday October 16th 2pm at NCWM building high atop Reservoir Park.

Meeting Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA
Sunday September 18, 2016

Weather: overcast

Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith
 JVC.....Logan Swanger
 Treas./Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr.
 Pat.Inst./Historian.....David Klinepeter
 Council.....Tony Kline

Officers Absent

SVC/Secretary.....Greg Kline
 Council.....Scott Debo
 Council.....Tom Bowman
 Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman
 Color Bearer.....Kelley Betz

Members Present

Vernon Stout; Kevin Williams; Devin DePamphilis; David Demmy, Jr.

Guests

Dot Kline

The meeting was called to order by CC Smith at 2:05 PM.

The Minutes from the May15, 2016 meeting were read and Brother Vern Stoudt made a motion to accept, seconded by Brother David Demmy, Sr. Motion carried.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. reported that we have \$207.00, (available for expenditures), in the checking account. Brother Kevin Williams made a motion to accept, seconded by Brother Vern Stout. Motion carried.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. also reported that the Ritual and Ceremonies booklet (Blue book) has been revised and is now available through the National Quartermaster. He mentioned the Genealogy pamphlet prepared by JVC Logan Swanger a few short years ago needs to be printed to replenish our stock. Brother Swanger has volunteered to revise the booklet before we restock.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Brother Tony Kline gave an abbreviated report of the many orders that have been issued since our May 2016 meeting. They are National General Orders No. 17 through 30 issued by Past CINC Gene Mortorff, General Orders No. 1 through 4 issued by CinC Donald Martin and Department Orders No. 1 through 5 issued by DC John Frantz.

Unfinished Business

Brother David Demmy, Sr. suggested to Camp council that they review bylaws regarding setting dues for 2017. He recommends no change in the 2016 amount of \$35.00 for next year! Likewise we should begin to consider Camp Officer nominations to bring to the October Camp meeting. He requested that the members of council review the Camp #15 By-Laws to determine the procedure for nomination of Officers, payment of dues, etc. He also reminded the council to set a date for auditing the Camp financial records.

New Business

JVC Logan Swanger mentioned the cleaning-up again at the site of Knap's Battery on Culps Hill at Gettysburg. We need to set a date for the clean-up to be held in October or November. After some discussion it seems like the first or second Saturday in November are the most available to those in attendance. CC Jeff Smith asked for volunteers and requested that anyone interested should indicate the dates they are available. One date will be selected. Please contact either CC Jeff Smith, JVC Logan Swanger or SVC/Secretary Greg Kline.

CC Jeff Smith invites any Camp #15 member to join with the Camp in the Remembrance Day parade at Gettysburg on Saturday, November 19. Any volunteer should contact CC Jeff Smith or SVC/Secretary Greg Kline.

CC Jeff Smith announced that there will be a Civil War Antiques show at Gettysburg on Saturday, October 29.

CC Jeff Smith Congratulated Brother Devin DePamphilis for passing his Eagle Scout Board of Review. He will have his Court of Honor Sunday, November 20. He was present at our meeting and was given a good round of applause by the members in attendance.

Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor David Klinepeter mentioned various important military and government dates coming up in October and November. He read an article from The Trader magazine entitled Hands across the Water. It was about the founding of the London England branch of the GAR. He mentioned that there were other GAR branches in Peru, Mexico and Canada, to mention a few. He mentioned Clara Barton at Antietam, her life during and after the Civil War. He also mentioned that President McKinley and his wife reviewed the Spanish American War veterans at Camp Meade in Middletown, Pa.

After the closing ritual ceremony, the meeting ended at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Tony Kline (acting for Secretary Greg Kline)
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15
SUVCW

Forthcoming Camp Meeting

Sunday, October 16 at 2pm at NCWM building at Reservoir Park! **Room 222 upper level as usual!**

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, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan!

Job Descriptions

Brothers, the following Camp positions may be available in 2017 or 2018!

Eagle Scout coordinator and Junior Vice Commander! Here are the respective duties:

Eagle Scout Coordinator

Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator- The purpose of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator is to recognize the advancement of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout, to maintain statistics of requests and presentations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate. There is no provision in the Order's Regulations for a Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator. If a camp does not want to participate in this program the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator is responsible for the certificates. If the camp wants to participate the Camp Commander is encouraged to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator to coordinate and/or perform the following duties. Camps that do not elect to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator are still required to perform the duties listed below and the information for filling out the certificates

will be sent to the Camp Commander. The activities of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators should include:

- (a) Maintaining an email address and keeping the DESCC informed of any changes.
- (b) Maintaining a listing of the Scout Council and their office address in their area.
- (c) Establishing and maintaining contact with the local Scout Council in their area
- (d) To keep the Scout Council informed of any changes to our program
- (e) Receiving requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and make arrangements to present the certificate.
- (f) Submitting a report to the Camp Encampment showing the total number of certificates presented.
- (g) Keeping a record of all certificates presented during the year and providing this to the DESCC by July 1st.
- (h) Performing all other duties as regulated by the C&R, National encampment and Commander-in-Chief.

Camp Junior Vice Commander-

The purpose of the office of Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the recruitment and retention of Brothers (Members, Associates, and Juniors).

The Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and shall perform such duties as pertain to their office. The activities of the Camp Junior Vice Commander should include:

- (a)) Contacting prospective Brothers whose names are supplied to the Camp by the Department Junior Vice Commander.
- (b) Supplying prospective Brothers with membership materials including two membership applications, a copy of a SUVCW organization descriptive

leaflet, and an invitation to the next Camp meeting.

- (c) Keeping track of applicants' progress in completing membership applications.
- (d) Encouraging delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order.
- (e) Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of both the Camp Commander and Senior Vice Camp Commander.

Little if any homework!

Union Recruits Wanted!! By Commander Jeff

Camp 15 will be participating in the Gettysburg "Adopt a Position" Program on Saturday November 12th! Back in 2015 our Camp adopted Knapp's Battery on Culp's Hill at Gettysburg. The battery is near the base of the tower on Culps hill.

The "Adopt a Position" program allows volunteers to provide "clean-up" in various places in the park. Last November several brothers from Camp 15 spent an enjoyable 2 hours together, trimming brush, sawing branches, etc. on Culps Hill. The autumn weather was pleasant. There was plenty of time for socializing and enjoying good laughs together while we worked. This year again, the Camp will be meeting to put in a couple hours of work in the same area. We will first meet for lunch at "Gettysburg Eddy's" on the Emmittsburg Road, not too far from the area of the famous Pickett' charge. We will meet at the restaurant at about 11:15, and after enjoying a meal and socializing together, will proceed to Culps Hill at about 1:00 PM. The brother's that participated last year had a great time, and we hope to have new volunteers joining the ranks this year. Details are as follows:

What: Gettysburg "Adopt A Position" – Camp #15

When: Saturday, November 12th, 2016, (Meeting for lunch at 11:15-11:30 AM to 12:45 PM; starting work at 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM)

Where: Gettysburg, PA, lunch at Gettysburg Eddy's (Emmittsburg Road); work at Culp's Hill

Who: Union Volunteers – Brothers of Camp 15

Why: For Fun, Socializing, and for maintaining the Honored and Hallowed ground of Gettysburg

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Jeff Smith, Commanding

Hartranft Deceased

Hartranft, John Frederick (1830-1889) — Born in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 16, 1830. A Republican, he served in the Union Army during the Civil War; was Pennsylvania state auditor general, 1866-72; then Governor of Pennsylvania, 1873-79; and candidate for Republican nomination for President, 1876. He received the Medal of Honor in 1886 for action at Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861. The General died October 17, 1889. His Interment is at Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, PA, which Camp 15 has often visited. The General, of course, is our Camp's namesake!



[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 meetings:

Sunday October 16th room 222 upper level NCWM building at Reservoir Park.

Clean Up Day At Gettysburg

Saturday November 12th see story earlier in this news

Pennsylvania Department Mid-year October meeting to be announced in near future.

No meeting in November, please visit Gettysburg for annual SUVCW Remembrance Day events November 19th weekend

Sunday December 11th annual Camp Holiday banquet. Social Time 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Invocation about 1 p.m.

[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.

[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!

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31 If you believe with every fiber of your being that God is for you, an alternate reality awaits you.
– Mark Batterson, Washington, D.C.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter
**General Orders No. 23 Headquarters Department of Pennsylvania
Grand Army of the Republic
N.E. Cor. 10th and Chestnut Sts.
Philadelphia October 29th 1889**

1. Copies of the printed Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Encampment, 1888 and Annual Encampment, 1889 of the Department have been transmitted to Commanders of Posts to be placed with the Post records. They are not to be retained by the Past Commanders, but are Post property

11. Since the issue of General Orders dated September 17th 1889, the following Posts have been mustered XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXX

111. The proceedings, findings and sentence of Post Court-Martial in cases of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

1V. The following applicants for membership have been rejected” XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Adjutants will make proper entry in BLACK BOOK

V.. The following changes in names of Posts have been approved:

Post No. 58 has adopted name Gen. John F. Hartranft(Harrisburg, Pa)

Post No. 78 has adopted name Gen. Simon Cameron (Middletown, Pa)

Several others are listed

V1. Posts are warned against assisting

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V11. The following discharge papers can be had upon application at these Headquarters by proper persons

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By Command of Department

Commander THOS. J. STEWART

I wanted to show some of the paper work involved in the GAR. Also to show when Post No. 58 of Harrisburg actually adopted General Hartranft,s name, when first organized they only had a number. Yes Camp 15 SUVCW is named after Post No. 58 Grand Army of the Republic.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND ARM OF THE
REPUBLIC
CONTINUED OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP BADGES of the
GAR**

In the last newsletter I showed the 1869 membership badge. There were numerous complaints that it looked to close to the Medal of Honor ,but continued in use till 1876 when the eagle had its wings lowered, there were several minor changes in the star. This badge was used till 1881 when there were minor changes, again mostly in the star in 1882 till 1886. In 1886 the last changes were made. This time they added a campfire scene to the reverse of the eagle and included a Patent date. In earlier stars there were laurel branches in the five points on this last star the three lower stars were changed to corps badges for Hancock’s Veteran Corp, Wilson’s Cavalry and Sheridan’s Cavalry.

The illustration shown is taken from the Grand Army Blue Book dated 1896. This was their book of official rules and regulations. This shows the last issue badges. Includes is a description of the officer badges and the meaning of the small devices in the shoulder boards

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Special note. 1875-1877 John F. Hartranft of Pennsylvania was Commander-In Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Records show they had 27,079 member.

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[Chapter 5.—Article 9.]

OFFICIAL BADGES.

The following description of the badge for officers is from the report of the committee, and as adopted by the National Encampment at New Haven, 1873. Amended at St. Louis, 1887, or by subsequent action, as stated in the notes.

That this official badge consist of a miniature strap and ribbon, to which shall be pendent the bronze star of the membership badge; that this strap be one and one-half inches in length, one-half inch in width, enamelled, with a border one-eighth of an inch in width, of gold or gilt, and on it be the insignia of official position in the Grand Army of the Republic, making use of the familiar star, eagle, leaf, and bar of the old service; that the field in enamel be, for the National and Department officers, black; for Post officers, dark blue.

That the ribbon be one and one-half inches in length in the clear, and one and one-fourth inches in width, to be composed of the flag as on membership badges, with a border of one-quarter of an inch on each side; the borders to be in color, for National officers, buff; for Department officers, red (cherry); and for Post officers, light blue.

That this badge be worn conspicuously on the left breast of the coat.

That, to distinguish the different Departments, a miniature shield in gold or gilt, with the coat of arms of the State, may be worn pendent to the strap.

The insignia of rank upon the straps are as follows:

For Commander-in-Chief, four silver stars.

For Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, three silver stars.

For Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Department Commanders, two silver stars.

For the official staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Surgeon-General, Provisional Department Commanders, Senior Vice-Department Commanders, one silver star.

For Junior Vice-Department Commanders, one gilt star.

For the official staff of the Department Commander, Medical Directors, Aides-de-Camp, and Assistant Adjutant-General to the Commander-in-Chief, Assistant Inspectors-General, Post Commanders, silver eagle.

For Senior Vice-Post Commanders, Aides-de-Camp to Department Commanders, silver leaf.

For Junior Vice-Post Commanders, Assistant Inspectors, Post Surgeons, gilt leaf.

For members of Council of Administration, silver letter "C."

For Chaplain-in-Chief, silver star and cross.

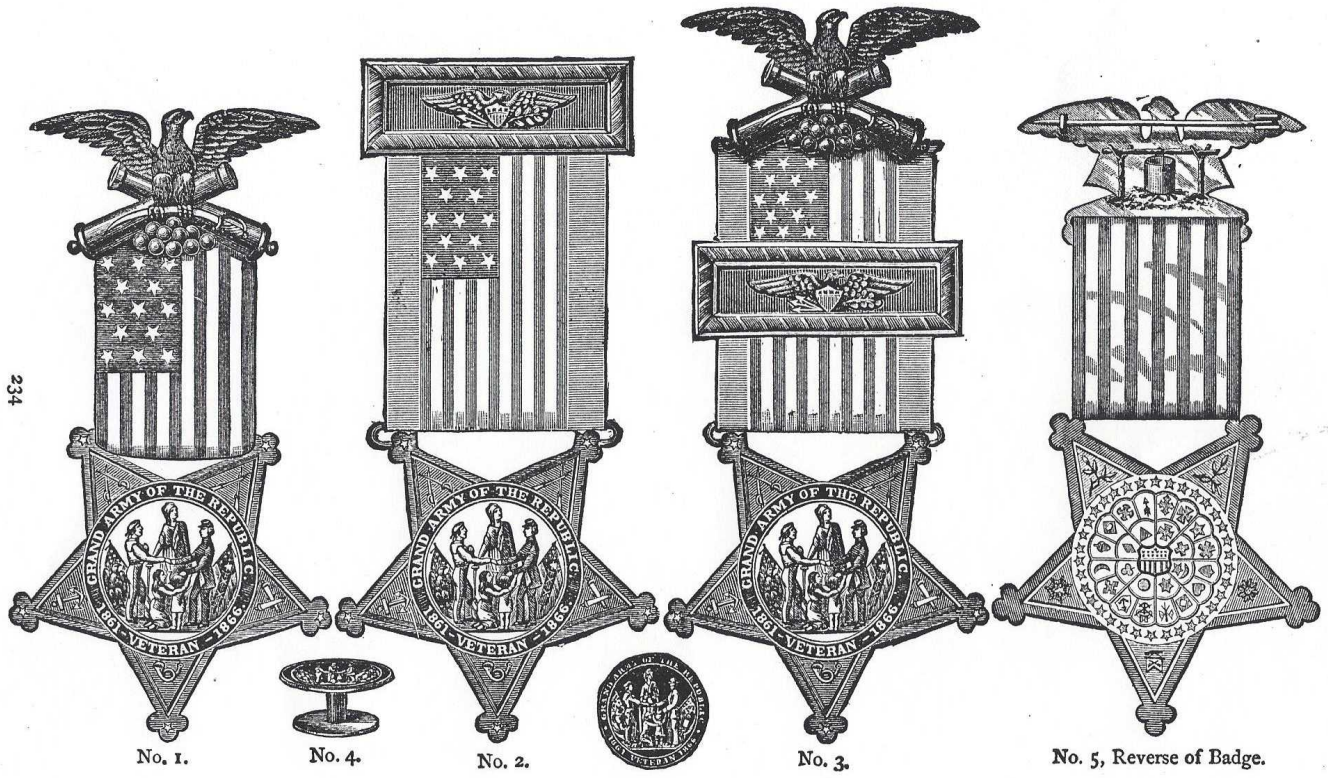
For Department Chaplain, large silver cross.

For Post Chaplain, small silver cross.

For Post Officer of the Day, two gilt bars.

For Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster, one gilt bar.

For Officer of the Guard, vacant field.





The Old Mill by Floyd J Demmy 2005

If interested, The Family tribute to our late Brother Floyd Demmy is available on internet at

Visit www.Demmy.cc
Click on
He Already Knows
Tribute to Floyd J Demmy
Just above obituary

112 pages including appendix
Visit Table of Contents for
Civil War, WWII, Family Tree!

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Commander Jeff asks, "Where's Floyd?"



Ah, 2nd from left, with .38 under left arm with trusty Garand over right shoulder!
 Photo from Official Army War Photos of the 10th Armored Division 1945 near Frankenstein Germany.
 The squad's halftrack bringing up the rear! Notice the troopers always diligent for snipers!



2016 Camp 15 annual 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 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 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.

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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.NATIONALCIVILWAR MUSEUM.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!



Potential centerpiece for 2016
Compliments of Camp 15

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If interested



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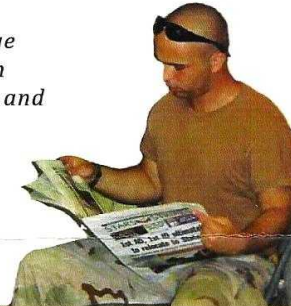
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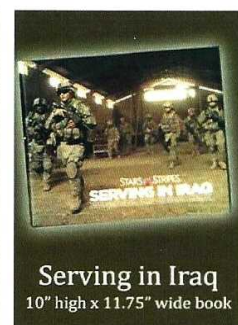
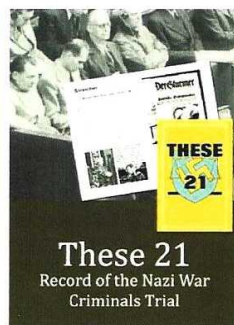
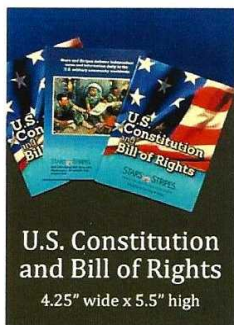


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