



# 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 136<sup>th</sup> Year serving Harrisburg Area



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Happy Holidays

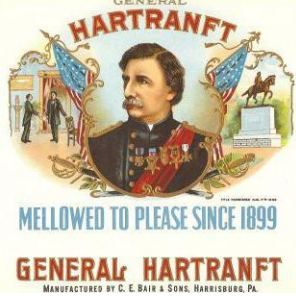
December 2018



**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>2018 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander . . . . . Logan Swanger 2018 Senior Vice Commander . . . . . Vernon Stout 2018 Junior Vice Commander . . . . . Scott Debo, PCC 2018 Secretary . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18 Treasurer . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18 Council 01 . . . . . Scott Debo, PCC 15-18 Council 02. . . . . Anthony Kline 16-18 Council 03 . . . . . Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21 Patriotic Instructor . . . . . Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018 Chaplain . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18 Counselor . . . . . Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08 GAR Historian . . . . . Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018 Graves Registration . . . . . Logan Swanger 14-18 Guide . . . . . Vacant 2018 Color Bearer . . . . . Vacant 2018 Guard . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18 Eagle Scout Coordinator . . . . . Vacant 2018 Signal Webmaster . . . . . Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18 ROTC Coordinator . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18 GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18 Longevity Brother . . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943</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 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](http://www.PAsuvcw.org) National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

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### Brothers and Sisters our next Camp event

will be our New Year business meeting on Sunday January 20 2019 at 2 p.m. room 222 upper level of the National Civil War Museum building high atop Reservoir Park—the highest elevation within the city of Harrisburg.

### Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by, Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, Kentucky Colonel and Camp 15 Chaplain

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mary Jane Bannan PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline!
- Tony Kline, PCinC Gene Mortorff and Mrs. Linda Mortorff!
- Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Scott Debo PCC, Mr and Mrs. David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer, Darlene Alcorn's son, Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Mrs. John Martin, and Ellen Higgins! Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC, and Brother John Martin.
- Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith PCC; Mrs. Robert Manning. Brother Dave Sosnowski.
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht!
- PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, and

PCinC Richard Partington; Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan to our prayer list too!

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

### From Family of our late brother Ted Hazard

*To: David W. Demmy Sr., PCC Ex Director  
Dear Commander Swanger,*

*I was very moved by your touching tribute in honor of Ted.*

*He was proud to be a brother in the SUV and enjoyed his correspondence & former*

*commander Mascioli over the holidays. Thank you for your condolences. Stephanie Hazard and family. Please share this with Camp #15.*  
*Thank you*

### Snow Across the Ages in Harrisburg Region



holly branch



May be Market Street 1903!

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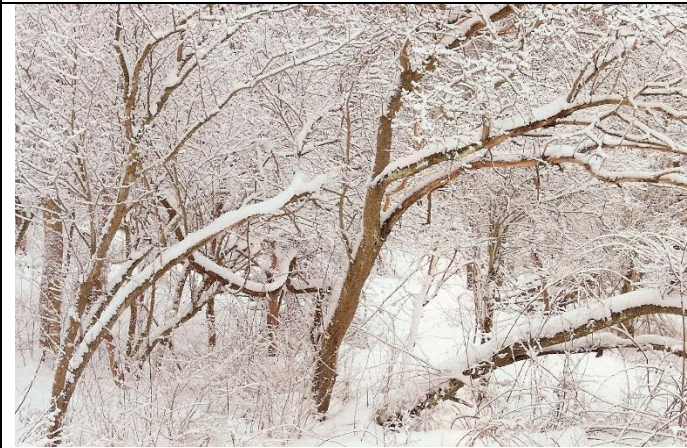




A CCC Camp under snow prior to WWII!



Valley Road in Colonial Park!



Snowfall at GAP! Fort Indiantown GAP!



Onion snow, maybe! Sky above a brother's deck....

**March 1928** – 26 inches of snow accumulated *during* the month of March 1928; most of it fell heavy and wet the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> into the 18<sup>th</sup>.

It was the heaviest 24-hour snow fall in 37 years of record keeping. Downtown Harrisburg received 15" of snow itself. Note: A man's suit could be purchased at Doutrich's Clothiers for \$28.00. The original Harrisburg Senators opened the 1928 season with a win over the Williamsport Grays in the New York-Penn League at Island Park. A fishing license in 1928 cost a mere \$1.50 and pork chops sold for 27 cents a pound; more than an Easter ham that sold for 20 cents a pound in 1928!

### Camp Meeting Minutes

No minutes as we do not meet in November. Historically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November when we would normally meet, is generally the same weekend as Remembrance Day celebrations in Gettysburg PA; thus, we expect you may desire to attend those events and celebrations and we forego a camp meeting in November and likewise for December, we celebrate our annual camp banquet for the holidays in lieu of a camp meeting so close to the holiday activities of our busy lives.

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Our next regular monthly meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday on **January 20, 2019**.

### ***"A Weary World Rejoices..."***

*This is the season of peace and yet, we find ourselves in some of the most hectic and chaotic moments of our lives. We have lists to get through, things to be done, cookies to be baked, places to go and people to visit. There are parties and gatherings and gifts and the list just goes on and on.*

*And the thought of sleeping in heavenly peace seems out of reach and all we can feel is the weariness of our world. Many of us are tired and it is our hope that at some point, in the warm glow of a fire or candlelight or a beautifully lit tree that we can relax a bit, reflect on the good things and find God's promised peace.*

*There is only one way that our wish will come true...we will need to do something in order for that wish to become a reality. We will need to say "no" to those things that take us further away from that peace and, "yes" to the things that bring us closer to those moments of peace.*

*We are good at doing the opposite and then we wonder why we seem to need a vacation after Christmas is over to recover. May you find moments during this Christmas season when you can take in the grandeur and beauty, the majesty and magnificence of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...come to be our peace. Shine On!"*  
Pastor Dave B.

### **Camp Member's Bio's**

Last issue of the *Hartranft Herald*, we featured the BIO of our camp commander, Brother Logan!

We invite you to share your information with us for publication in a near future issue of your camp newsletter. Send request for worksheet to:

[DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

Upon receipt of the worksheet, save it to your PC; then rename it and begin to input your data in the blank fields. Save as you go. If there is a query you do not want to answer, fine, just skip and move forward. Upon completion, save it 1 more time and send file back to camp at [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

David Demmy will edit your data for space for adding it to a future newsletter and we thank you for your experience and support to the camp's monthly newsletter.

## **Camp 15 Dues time – year 2019**

### **1st notice**

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2019 Camp 15 dues of **\$35** to January Camp Meeting!

Life Members' dues is \$7.00 for Pennsylvania Department collection.

Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita!

Sunday January 20th

Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to

**'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'**.

Or mail your check to

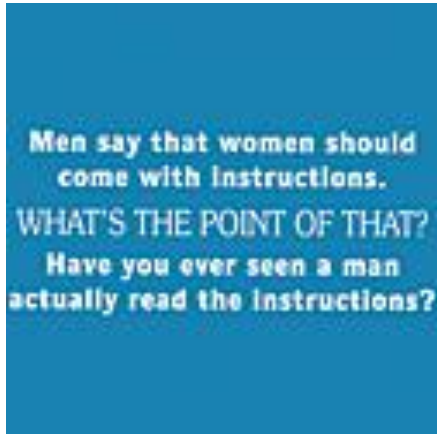
David W. Demmy, Sr., 881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

Check protects both parties!

Membership cards for 2019 will be issued in mass later this winter!





SUVCW National Banner

### Gettysburg Remembrance Day 2018



A wonderful start to the Remembrance Day weekend. Had the honor of helping place flags on graves in the Pennsylvania section of the National Cemetery. Many thanks to the members of the SUVCW, ASUVCW and DUVCW who turned out to lend a hand. It's a Remembrance weekend memory I'll never forget. By Greg Kline, PCC, Camp 15, Secretary!



Center Stage!

Your left! Your left! Your *other* left!



Brother Scott



Brother Dave and Sister Ellen



Brother Dave in his annual tradition of bestowing SUVCW license plate to sitting CinC, Don Shaw!

**Camp 15's Annual Holiday Banquet**



and I'm not gonna tell you again how General so and so....



bingo items



Table center pieces –annually handcrafted and presented by Dave Demmy Jr, camp webmaster!





Dave Klinepeter presented to David Demmy the 1885 Bylaws of GAR Post 58 Harrisburg PA containing the name Levi Demmy, David's great great uncle and baby brother to David's great great grandfather David Demmy, both members of Co C, 127<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Vol Infantry 1862!



2019 camp officers are sworn in.....



Camp Commander Brother Logan Swanger, center, in the past has worn an ah xmas sweater to our annual affair; this year he provided hat and nose to the camp officers – charming!



A word of the gospel by brother Scott Teeters.



Shake shake shake, here comes the lucky number!



**Winner** Dave Demmy Jr with de-nephew Jameson Scott Demmy!

Jameson, to become a junior member in another 4 years!

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## On the Road with Camp 15

**Next camp business meeting will be Sunday January 20, 2019/**

Our Brother Greg Kline is a 'PCC' of Camp 15 and also of the newly established Camp 503 in Sunbury. Currently he is our Camp secretary and also, the Pennsylvania Department Senior Vice Commander, which means he is on the path to become the Pennsylvania **Department Commander 'DC'** next year **2019** at the PA department encampment convention to be held at Crown Plaza at King of Prussia exit off of turnpike.

The dates for this event are June 27-29 and it was voted at 2018 encampment to go back to 2-day encampment affair with events/tours of the area.

To support Brother Greg's promotion to department Commander, one of 30 other commanders across our nation, I am making this plea to you to reserve this event and dates and to do all in your power to attend and, not only vote for Greg, but support him in his endeavors.

More data forthcoming when we receive it. in the meantime, you may research the **Crown Plaza at King of Prussia**

Next issue, a *Hartranft Herald* Photo session of our namesake, Gen John F Hartranft!

## 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, cousin, 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!

Continued with other data below!

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BY THE WAY by Dave Klinepeter

First, I want to thank Hartranft Camp 15 for all the honors and comments to me this last year. They are greatly appreciated. Memories I will forever remember, the good times, the things we *accomplished together*. Although now I live farther away, I am still active in Civil War related events. During October I was on a crew shooting a cannon (owned by son Mike Klinepeter) in competition at the **North-South Skirmish Assoc.** fall shoot. They talked the ole guy [me] out of retirement. It was very special to me, because 4 generations of Klinepeter's served the gun.... I had belonged to the NSSA back in the 1960-1980 period. (I was at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Bull Run in 1961). God Bless my late wife Gloria for allowing me to travel some much! The last of October I helped Mike at a Civil War Relic show in Gettysburg, PA. On Remembrance Day I attended the ceremony at the **Woolson monument**, met with numerous friends I had not seen in a while. Did not participate in the parade --- cannot walk the distance any more. Went to the SUVCW dinner, had the honor of presenting Commander in Chief Donald Shaw with our license plates. Of course, I attended the SUVCW Ball, which is conducted by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. Head Dance Master is Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC. I was delighted to attend Camp 15's Christmas Party. And, I do look forward to coming your way this coming year.

Merry Christmas to all, and have a safe New Year.  
Djk



Above, A Living Tribute to our brother Joe Long by his family and local community. Our Hero and Patriot brother, Joe, was instrumental in getting Camp 15 out of dormancy in 1999 and active again; and the camp continues to grow today.

Hartranft Born in December

**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 visited. The General, of course, is our Camp's namesake!

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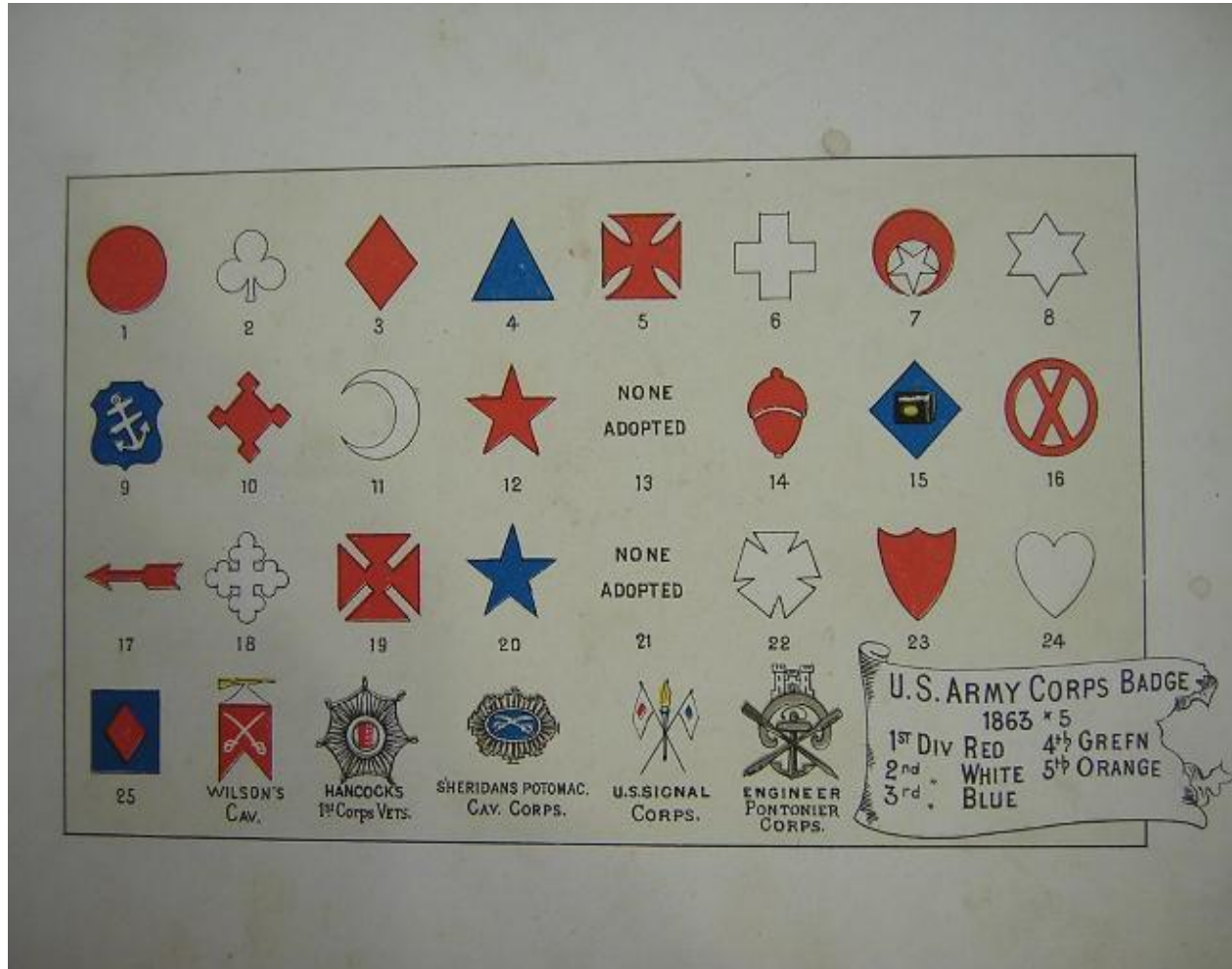
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You asked for it:

**1863 Corps Badges**

**In living color**



Some were carried over into WWII by design and color

E.g. #8 above is very similar to the former US 6<sup>th</sup> Army of west coast.



Anything else, just ask, and if it is readily available, we'll share it here for you, our brothers and sisters!

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National Civil War Museum Page:

# 2019 Lessons in History Speaker Series

Our Lessons in History Program continues throughout the year with a FREE lecture each month. Regular admission applies for entrance to the Museum galleries.

 <p><b>Saturday, January 19, 2019</b>  <b>Brett E. Kelley</b>  <i>"New Acquisitions and Seldom Seen Treasures of the Museum"</i></p>	 <p><b>Saturday, July 27, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Mary DeCredico</b>  <i>"Manufacturing for our Masters: Slave Labor, the Tredegar Iron Works and the Confederate War Effort"</i></p>
 <p><b>Saturday, February 23, 2019</b>  <b>Wayne E. Motts</b>  <i>"Wearing Both Blue and Gray: Five Men Who Fought On Both Sides during the Civil War"</i></p>	 <p><b>Saturday, August 24, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Louise L. Stevenson</b>  <i>"Lincoln in the Atlantic World"</i></p>
 <p><b>Saturday, March 23, 2019</b>  <b>Garry Adelman</b>  <i>"The Whole Civil War in Forty-Five Minutes"</i></p>	 <p><b>Saturday, September 21, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Lorien Foote</b>  <i>"The Yankee Plague: Escaped Union Prisoners and the Collapse of the Confederacy"</i></p>
 <p><b>Saturday, April 6, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Amy Murrell Taylor</b>  <i>"Embattled Freedom: Journeys through the U.S. Civil War's Slave Refugee Camps"</i></p>	 <p><b>Saturday, October 19, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Earl J. Hess</b>  <i>"Civil War Logistics: A Study of Military Transportation"</i></p>
 <p><b>Saturday, May 11, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Caroline E. Janney</b>  <i>"Heading Home: The Army of Northern Virginia in the Wake of Surrender"</i></p>	 <p><b>Saturday, November 16, 2019</b>  <b>Col. Matthew Spruill III, USA Ret.</b>  <i>"Decisions at Gettysburg: The Nineteen Critical Decisions that Define the Battle"</i></p>
 <p><b>Saturday, June 8, 2019</b>  <b>Dr. Suzannah Ural</b>  <i>"Mississippi and the Care of Confederate Veterans"</i></p>	 <p><b>Saturday, December 14, 2019</b>  <b>Calobe Jackson</b>  <i>"Sunday School Connections to the Underground RR in Harrisburg"</i></p>

For more information on upcoming events, please visit:  
[www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)



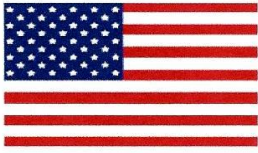
THE NATIONAL  
CIVIL WAR  
MUSEUM

One Lincoln Circle  
in Reservoir Park  
Harrisburg, PA 17103  
717-260-1861

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## General John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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SUVCW @ King of Prussia Area, PA

Lincoln Memorial @ Springfield, IL

Memorial Day Activities

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SUVCW @ Cleveland, OH

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Remembrance Day @ Gettysburg, PA

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Camp 15 @ Reservoir Park

Reserved PA Mid-Year meeting!  
 January 21 M. L. King, Jr. Day  
 January 26 WWII Battle of Bulge  
 February 9! Lincoln Luncheon  
 February 18 Presidents' Day  
 May 25 Camp Memorial Day t  
 May 27 National Memorial Day

June 27-29 PA State Encampment  
 July 4 Independence Day  
 August 8-11 National Encampment  
 September 2 Labor Day  
 October 14 Columbus Day

November 11 Veterans Day  
 November 16 Remembrance Day  
 November 28 & 29 Thanksgiving Day  
 December 8 Annual Holiday Event  
 December 25 Christmas Day  
 January 1, 2020 God Bless USA