

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

2019 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander	Logan Swanger 2019
Officers and Staff	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
GENERAL	Patriotic Instructor	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018
HARTRANFT	Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18
Sally Con 1977	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
MELLUWED ID PLEASE SINCE 1899	Eagle Scout Coordinator	Vacant 2018
CENEDAL HADTDANET	Signal Webmaster	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18.
GENERAL HARTRANFT MANUFACTURED BY C. E. BAIR & SONS, HARRISBURG, PA	ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18
	GAR Highway Officer	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18
	Longevity Brother	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943
	Webmaster	Dave W. Demmy Jr., since 2011

at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large -- Bring your camera!

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: <u>www.PAsuvcw.org</u> National: <u>http://www.suvcw.org/</u>See TMI from afar!

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Our next Camp business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 2 pm at National Civil War Museum Building upper level room 222.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, dinner at Longhorns Steakhouse, on Jonestown Road (Route 22) Colonial Park, a mere 3 miles from meeting room for any interested brother and guest of camp 15.

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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:

- Family of Mrs. Melissa Demmy, wife of our brother Jon Demmy. Melissa's mother, Kathy Wickert, passed onto her reward on February 6 2019.
- PCC Gene Mascioli, recent surgery! Gene is on the mend!
- Tony Kline had a recent visit at hospital for a procedure. Please add Tony, our Department Eagle Scout officer, to your prayer listing. Tony is on the mend too.
- 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!
- 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! Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC, and Brother John Martin.
- Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeff<u>e</u>ry Smith PCC; Mrs. Robert Manning. Brother Dave Sosnowski.

- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht! Brother Jerry is still in the hospital as of this writing.
- 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!

Camp 15 Dues time - year 2019

4th and final published notice

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

Life Members' dues is \$7.00 for Pennsylvania Department collection Only. Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita!

~~~~ Sunday March 17th ~~~~~

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!

A mass mailing of Membership cards will take place in near future unless you attend camp meeting and obtain your card in person! All good things take time by our volunteers, including gathering of materials for our monthly newsletter, compiling the news, production efforts, printing and mailing!

Any individual brother who has not remitted his \$35.00 Dues by March 31, 2019, will be considered delinquent and will be reported as 'dropped' from our rolls!

If you have a hardship, please contact us to work out an arrangement for you!



#### National Civil War Museum

Important Dates for Members!

 March 6, 2019 - <u>Members Only</u> Behind the Scenes Tour - See, Touch & Feel Museum Experience.

#### Life Memberships

Any brother other than 'juniors' & 'associates', interested in a SUVCW National Life Membership, please visit <u>www.suvcw.org</u> and select **governance and forms** and *scroll down to Form 9*.

The application is an easy ½ page application, just answer all questions and review text at bottom of sheet. Submit completed form and your remittance according to your age bracket as indicated on application; and mail to address displayed lower portion of the application. In return, you will not only be added to the national rolls as a *National Life Member*, but you will be issued a colorful Certificate and laminated ID Card. There is no authorized camp or department life member program. Only the National SUVCW organization offers a *national life membership* program. constant forms of degradation. In 1847, one heroic mother, a freed slave, received a letter from the master of her two daughters. She had given birth to the girls while still a slave, making her daughters slaves according to the law. In the letter, the master threatened to sell the girls and send them to Louisiana unless she could raise \$400 to buy their freedom. She had no way to get the money but was determined to save her daughters. This is her story, told from clippings from the Green-Mountain Freeman in October 1847.

After finding a few men who were sympathetic to her story, and able to help transport and hide the girls after their rescue, the mother devised a rescue plan. She immediately set out on foot, walking about 35 miles to the home where her girls were kept. Arriving at night, she waited in the woods until the following morning. Not wanting to raise suspicion, she went to the house as she always did when she visited her children. "I stayed there on Saturday and Sunday, til Monday evening; cooked and washed for them, and then bid my children goodbye, as if I should never see them again; for I told 'master' that I could not raise the money."

| Age Range | Fee           |   |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| Under 40  | \$1,000       |   |
| 41-50     | 700           |   |
| 51-60     | 500           |   |
| 61-70     | 325           |   |
| 71 plus   | 225           |   |
| Form #9   |               |   |
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Fee Schedule according to age range

#### An Amazing Rescue From Slavery

During the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the abolitionist movement gained strength in the Northern United States. Free states prohibited slavery, but many of those living in slave states were forced to suffer backbreaking work and



Green Mountain Freeman, October 14, 1847. After leaving the house, the mother again hid in the woods until 11:00 pm. As she quietly approached the house, two dogs began to bark furiously. "I stopped a moment, and hid behind the fence, and saw 'master' get up and open the window, and look out. Not seeing anything, he shut down the window. I waited till I thought he was asleep, and then went forward. I hurried quick into the cellar kitchen, where my children slept."

She waited until she heard the master snoring, then quietly woke the children and told them not to speak a word. "I got on their clothes as soon as I could, and fearing that if I went out by the door the dogs would bark again, I determined to go out by the back window. I found it fastened. I got up on the window sill to take out the nail, and as I was pulling at it, I prayed, 'O Lord, defend me and my dear children this night; I commit myself and them to thee.' At length I got out the nail, and opened the window, and lifted my children out; and then got out myself. The two dogs were there, but they only stood and looked at us, and never even growled." The three of them ran through the garden, over three different fences and palings, and walked four miles to a waiting carriage, reaching it about 1:00 am. Boarding the carriage, they drove as fast as they could towards the city, but had no intention of going to the city, "For I knew that 'master' would be there as soon as he could, after he waked up and found the children gone," said the mother. Instead, the three were secreted in a series of safe houses and transported first to Pennsylvania and then to Boston. Once in Boston, the mother was able to obtain work and her daughters enrolled in school and learned to read and sew.

Would you like to read other amazing and heroic stories about rescues from slavery? Search our archives for more amazing accounts; and check out our Underground Railroad topic page on www.Newspapers.com..... End

#### MEETING MINUTES

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

Sunday, February 17, 2019

#### Officers Present

Commander.....Logan Swanger SVC...... Vernon Stout JVC.....Scott Debo Secretary......Greg Kline, PCC The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Logan Swanger at 2:00 PM

While Secretary Greg Kline was absent from the January meeting brief written minutes were published in February *Hartranft Herald*. Brothers in attendance gave a brief overview of what was covered.

Treasurer's report: A working checkbook balance of \$834 was reported. Brother Jeff Smith reported that an audit of the Camp books was done prior to the meeting and that all is in order. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

#### Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

None reported Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read current General Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief which included General Order# 6 acknowledging the National Day of Mourning for the passing of President George H.W. Bush and General Order# 8 announcing the passing of Real Son Frederick Upham of Colonel John Bryner Camp# 67 of the Department of Illinois. Secretary also read announcements regarding the upcoming Appomattox Luncheon in April and the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in June. Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr Pat. Instructor/Historian....Jeff Smith Council.....Scott Debo Council..........Tony Kline

### Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr Wayne Blattner Gene Mascioli, PCC Dane DiFebo (guest) )

### Unfinished Business:

It was reported that Camp 15 had an enjoyable and successful day staffing a recruiting table at the National Civil War Museum's Community Free Day in February. Two applications were given out to interested men including a descendant of Ephraim Slaughter, Harrisburg's last surviving Civil War veteran.

SVC Vern Stout brought up possible dates for the Gettysburg medical tour which follows up the lecture we sponsored at the National Civil War Museum in October. We will be looking at a June 8 date and Camps 503 and 273 will be invited to attend. We will be doing a bus tour and Vern will be putting together an announcement for the Camp.

### New Business:

SVC Vern Stout reported that he had been in touch with the United Daughters of the Confederacy in an attempt to obtain Confederate flags to place on the Confederate graves in the old Harrisburg City Cemetery over Memorial Day weekend. They wanted to charge \$45 which is odd given that it is a primary part of their organizational mission.

#### Good of the Order

Brother Dave Demmy, Jr presented Commander Swanger with a set of the candlesticks, that were centerpieces at the Camp Christmas party, for his service to Camp 15. Thank you Brother Dave, for your generous donation!



#### Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith discussed events of early 1862 including General Grant's February victories of Fort Henry and Fort Donalson, mentioning that while Fort Donalson was an extended battle over 6 days, Fort Henry fell in a matter of several hours. Jeff provided handouts listing each battle's major commanders, the number of troops engaged and casualty figures. A very interesting fact that he mentioned is the General Grant conquered 45,000 square miles of land in the Spring of 1862, which is a land area roughly the size of Pennsylvania! Brother Jeff's presentation was well researched and very interesting, as always.

The meeting was closed by Commander Swanger at 2:57 PM Faithfully submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC Secretary Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# **On the Road with Camp 15**

**March** meeting will be conducted on Sunday, March 17 at NCWM bldg upper level room 222, at 2 pm.

**April**, As our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday meeting day is Easter 2019, our April camp meeting will be conducted on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 and goals for our department, the largest Department among our grand patriotic organization.

> New Readers, for all of our past newsletters, visit www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org

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# **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 <u>DoubleD@Demmy.cc</u>

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!

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# **Church, Cemetery Rites To Feature Tomorrow's** Memorial Day Prog Harrisburg's two-day observance of Memorial Day will open tomor-**Prospects Good** For Clear Skies Declining to comment on Mon-Bandshell. day's weather except to say, "pros-In a short service at 9.45 a. m., pects are good for a rather pleasant Memorial Day," the weatherman today promised that cloudy skies tomorrow should clear by tomorrow afternoon.

humid weather today is expected to the cathedral. Headed by the to give way to cooler, drier and generally fair weather tomorrow. Occasional rain was forecast for tonight. During the past 24 hours, scat-

row morning at 11 o'clock with the s annual church services in St. Patrick's Cathedral, to be followed at 2.30 p. m. by a combined memorial program and tree-planting ceremony, in honor of World War II veterans, at the Reservoir Park

members of Camp 15, the 6th Infantry Field Music and Company G. 6th Regiment, Sons of Veterans' Reserve, will place a memorial wreath at the Gen. John F. Hartranft monument in the Capitol The generally cloudy, mild and Plaza after which they will parade Sons of Union Veterans of the d Civil War, veterans' groups will meet at City Hall at 10.15 a. m. and h march to the church via Walnut, d

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Out of our Past – Camp 15, By Hartranft Herald editorial staff



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Third and State streets, together with veterans' auxiliaries and Circles No. 17 and 20, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who will meet in State street.

A basket of flowers will be placed in the cathedral by Gen. John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, and Auxiliary No. 7, Sons of Union Veterans in memory of Posts 58, 116 and 520, Grand Army of the Republic.

#### Legion Band Concert

planned by Post 27, American Le-gram: gion, the Memorial Grove Committee and the City Park Depart- minger, regimental bugler, 6th Regment, a short concert will be given iment Infantry, Sons of Veterans by the Post 27 Band under the Reserve; prayer by the Rev. G. direction of Allen Quirk. The Rev. Morton Glise, pastor of the Pax-Dr. Phillip David Bookstaber, of tang Presbyterian Church; selec-Beautiful" and "One World," with Paxtang student; selection, 6th Inces Palb, contralto, as soloists. Or- Memorial Day and Gen. Logan's gan selections will be played by Memorial Day Order, by Maj. John Mary Smith Kline,

program committee, will introduce Reserve; tribute to the Grand Army Joseph Timothy O'Callahan, S. J., wreath at the monument erected chaplain on the USS Franklin by Col. Seneca G. Simmons Post when it was bombed by the Japa-nese. Honor guests will include Charles B. Crossley, past comthree local survivors of the Frank- mander of Camp 15, Sons of Union lin's bombing: Anthony J. Bozis, Veterans; strewing of flowers by 618 Boas street, city policeman; pupils of the Paxtang School; ben-Robert L. Shaffer, 1409 North ediction, the Rev. Mr. Glise; salute Front street, and Harold A. Karl, to the dead by Company G, 6th 104 Second street, Oberlin. Follow- Regiment Infantry; taps, Harry M. ing Father Callahan's talk, the Runkle, Camp 15, Sons of Union choir will sing "Lo, a Voice to Veterans. Heaven Sounding."

Dr. William J. Ross, representing minger and Charles B. Crossley. City Park Director Robert C. Leitner, will preside at this ceremony

Post Band and the salute will be fired by members of Co. G., Fourth Regiment, Sons of Union Veterans. Taps will be sounded by Harry M. Runkle.

#### **Paxtang** Celebration

Memorial Day will be observed in Paxtang Monday afternoon with a parade, forming at Paxtang avenue and Brisban street, moving at 2.15 p. m. north on Paxtang avenue to the Soldiers' Plot in the Paxtang Cemetery where services will be conducted under the direction of John P. Hallman, commander of Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Sons of Union Vet-Prior to the afternoon services erans of the Civil War. The pro-

Assembly, Sgt. Robert E. Hem-Temple Ohev Sholom, will give the tion, 6th Infantry Field Music, invocation opening the memorial Sons of Veterans Reserve; Linprogram. The Harrisburg Sym-phony Choir, directed by Reginald Smith, Paxtang school student; In F. Lunt, will sing "America the Flanders Field, Marianne Lane, Richard Duffan, tenor, and Fran- fantry Field Music; the Origin of

H. Runkle, commanding 6th Regi-John H. Moody, chairman of the ment Infantry, Sons of Veterans guests and the speaker, Father of the Republic and placing of

Congressman John C. Kunkel in the Paxtang Church cemetery A short service will also be held will be the speaker at the planting where a salute will be given by the of a double-flowering Oriental Sons of Veterans Reserve and taps cherry tree, on the hill above the will be sounded. The committee in Ralph Feldser Memorial Bandshell, charge of arrangements consists the first of a 6000-tree memorial to of the Rev. Mr. Glise, R. J. Cole, Harrisburg veterans and those who Mrs. J. K. Masteller, Mrs. Heist lost their lives in World War II. Culp, J. Calvin Neill, Frank Hem-





Typical Memorial Day Parade in Harrisburg 2<sup>nd</sup> Street just past 2<sup>nd</sup> and State Streets! Notice the Civil War Obelisk in center of intersection. During the late 1950s, it was relocated to William Penn High School Campus, due to the pedestrian and street traffic concerns! That's another story!

Photo Source: From the collection of Dave Klinepeter!

End of Out of our Past this month!

For better copy write to or contact Hartranft Herald Staff!

Anna M. Ross Auxiliary #1 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War And Anna M. Ross Camp #1

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Philadelphia



Invite you to the Annual **Appomattox Luncheon** 

# Guest of Honor Margaret Atkinson, PNP 75-year member of ASUVCW

Saturday, April 13, 2019 Crowne Plaza Hotel, King of Prussia, PA

Luncheon will be Buffet-Style Pre-set Garden Salad with choice of Raspberry Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing Bowtie Pasta with Alfredo Sauce, Sirloin of Beef, Stuff Chicken, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables Potatoes, Rolls and Butter Sheet Cake, Coffee and Assorted Soda



Cost: Adults = \$36.00 ~ Children = 24.00

A tribute to Margaret by family, friends and Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders

> Hotel Rooms are available on Friday and Saturday night. For Reservations visit <u>www.cpvalleyforge.com</u>

Mail this form and your check payable to Anna M. Ross, Auxiliary #1, to: Barbara Indan, 2629 Fillmore Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137 Please remit by April 3, 2019

> Number of Adult meals\_\_\_\_\_x \$36.00 Number of Children meals\_\_\_\_\_x \$24.00

Name\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# APPOMATTOX LUNCHEON – western region

Annual Luncheon: Saturday, April 6, 2019 12:00 Noon Oakhurst Grill – Upstairs Banquet Hall,

access, rear parking lot, 2400 Glades Pike (Route 31), Somerset, PA 15501

### Hosted by Mt Union Church Camp #502 & Auxiliary & Susanna Cook Tent 61

Lunch buffet of chicken, turkey, ham, assorted potatoes and vegetables, salad, rolls, desserts with beverage included. Price of the luncheon is \$22.00 per person.

## Program: Music of the Civil War Era: From Battlefield to the Homefront

Presented by Jerry D Clark, a retired Band Director for Albert Gallatin Area School District, Uniontown, Pa. Jerry is a graduate from the West Virginia University School of Music with degrees in Percussion Performance, Music Education and Wind Band Conducting; Jerry now performs with the VFW Post 8543 Band and the American Legion Band Post 400, both in Fayette County, Pa, is a percussionist for a Swing band, and also plays for several local high school musicals in the area each year. He serves on the Board of Directors of the WVU Alumni Band and the Friendship Hill National Historic Site Association. Jerry is also Junior Vice Commander of Camp #502 this year.

### Reservations: Please remit payment no later than Monday April 1,

### 2019 Payment payable to: Mt Union Church Camp 502

## Mail payment & form to Tim Bell, 174 Bellview Lane, Somerset, PA 15501

Directions to Oakhurst Grill, Somerset, Pa

From East: Exit Pa Turnpike 110 (Rt 219 Somerset/Johnstown). Access road to 3<sup>rd</sup> right on to N.

Center Ave then right on W. Main St (Pa 31/281). Continue on Pa 31 West for about 6 miles to Oakhurst Grill on left. From West: Exit Pa Turnpike 91 (Pa 711/Donegal) then left on to Pa 31 East for 12.8 miles to Oakhurst Grill on right. Contact: Bob Wrigley 717-475-5451, email rwrigley@frontiernet.net Please mail the Reservation form below with check.

Appomattox Luncheon Sat April 6, 2019. Mail to Tim Bell, 174 Bellview Lane, Somerset, Pa 15501

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Pay \$22.00 x \_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_