



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 138th Year serving Harrisburg Area



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



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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!

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!

2021 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vernon Stout 2021
Officers and Staff	Senior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger PCC 2021
	Junior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 2021
	Secretary ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-21
	Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-21
	Council 01 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Anthony Kline 16 - 21
	Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 15-21
	Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21
	Patriotic Instructor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18 - 21
	Chaplain ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-21
	Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Lee F. Walters, PCC since 2007
	GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2021
	Graves Registration ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger 14-21
	Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2021
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2021
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-21
	Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~	Vacant 2018
	Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011
	ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-21
	GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-21
	Longevity Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC since 1943
	Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Joseph E. Long, Jr., PDC

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/>

March 2021 *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

Next Camp Meeting

Camp 15 will meet in-person with-masks, and social distancing, on Sunday March 21, 2021 at Jo Jo's Restaurant, downtown Mechanicsburg! See invitation to rescheduled December banquet, to this date, in the January/February combined newsletter.

You pay \$34 each meal at the door on the 21st.

Camp Birthdays for February and March

Ottens, Russell J

Messersmith, Donald Max

Drumm, Paul Kimber

Brothers and Sisters in Distress by Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain, CPA, and ARNG.

- Blessings for Dave Klinepeter! Greg Kline, Tony Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline; and Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin!
- Mrs. Ellen Kowalski to care for Jerry!
- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan among our prayer list too! God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!
- Mrs Crystal Kratzer's condition continues to improve, as well for Brother Russell Kratzer who is on tele-duty versus field work. Mr and Mrs Paul Drumm are on the road to recovery too! And lastly this issue, D. Mike Klinepeter.
- If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them! DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Dues for 2021

Brothers and Sisters thank you for your prompt dues this season and for the ladies that wrote a number of the remittances for our brothers.

Membership cards have been mailed except for those brothers that are expected at March event at Jo Jo's Restaurant downtown Mechanicsburg on the 21st. Those membership cards will be hand-carried to the brother, to save the camp the postage. *Have a penny save a penny!*

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2021 available next issue!

Did you know?

Where did GAR Post 58 General J. F. Hartranft meet in 1934?

According to the Roster of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, the Post was located in Harrisburg City Hall, and they met 1st and 3rd Friday at 2 p.m., John Urich, Commanding.

Fast forward to 1971, where did SUVCW camp 15, General John F Hartranft, meet during the 70's?

According to the Roster of Pennsylvania Department 1970 -1971, Camp 15 with membership of *only* 20, met 2nd and 4th Monday at 8 p.m. in the Brotherhood Building at 6th and Maclay Streets, uptown Harrisburg. [on the land of the former Civil War training camp, *Camp Curtin*. Camp 15 Secy, Edwin K Kramer of Lemoyne, served as Departmental Chief of Staff.

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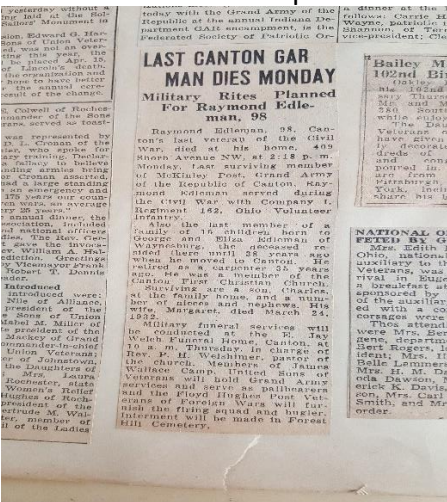


Current history note: the former Brotherhood Building, shown above, has new owner who plans, in near future, to renovate the old 2 story building.

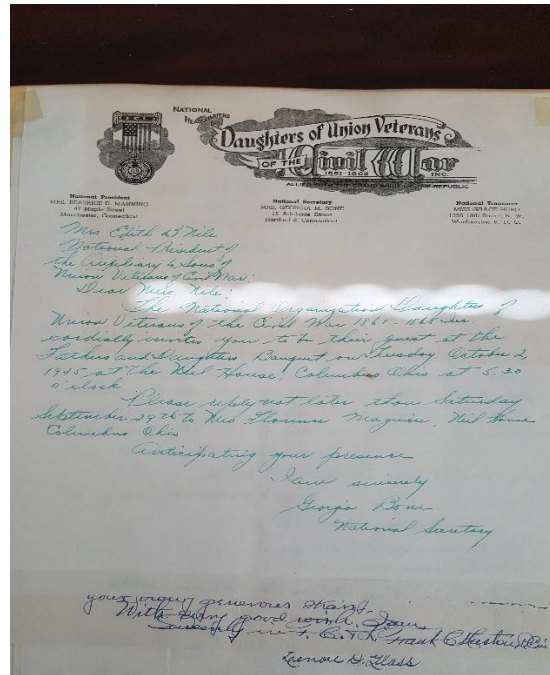
Surprise Find

Recently the personal scrapbook of the 1940's National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW was donated to suvcw Hqs by her grand nephew Shawn Aebi of Woodinville, WA. His great aunt, was Edith Aebi Nile, PNP of Alliance OH.

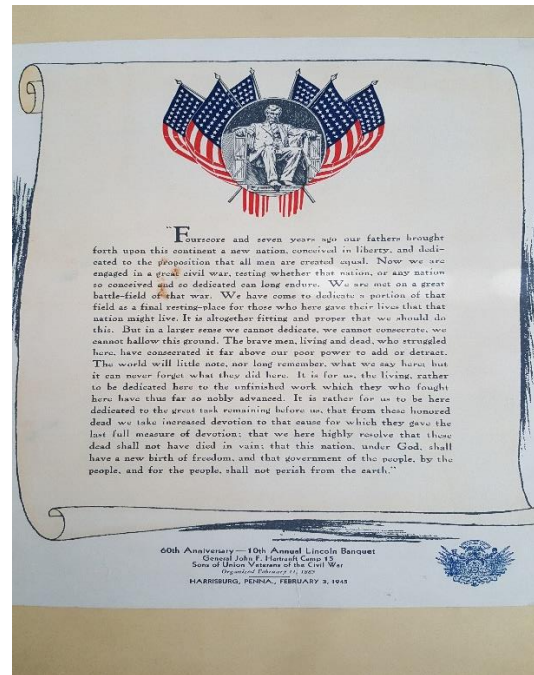
Shawn reflects, "the scrapbook is quite amazing, filled with numerous newspaper items during the time frame and including WWII and shortly thereafter, as well as mementos from her national travels. It certainly captures the patriotic sentiment of the country during those war years. It includes many newspaper accounts of the G.A.R and SUVCW." some examples:



Last Canton, Ohio GAR veteran.

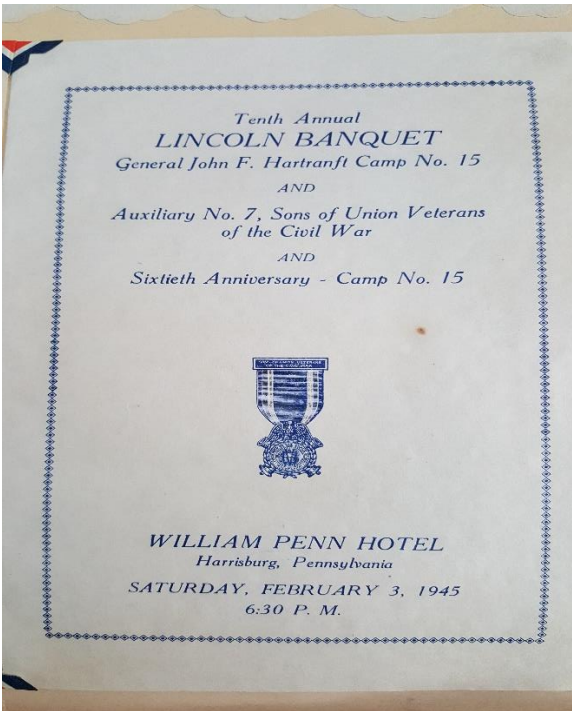


Daughters Letterhead document above; and a Hartranft treasure in 3 parts:

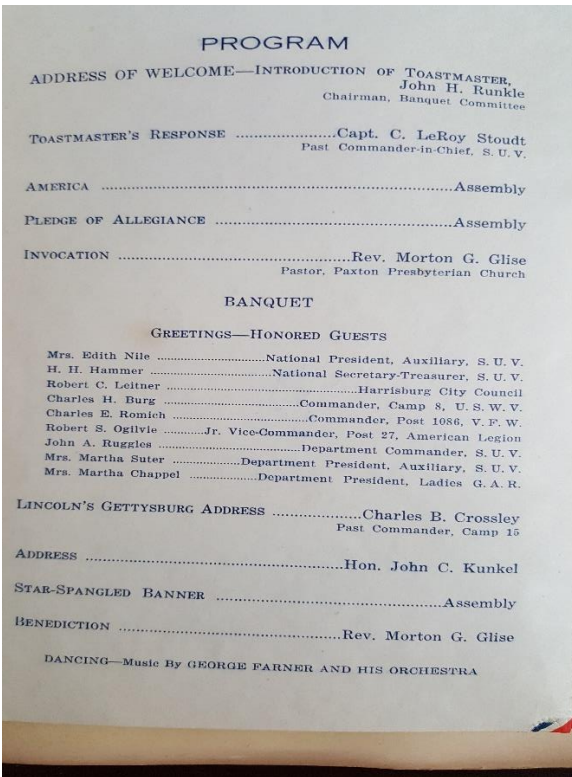


You are invited to downtown Harrisburg for the 1945 Lincoln Banquet hosted by Hartranft Camp!

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Held in former Wm Penn Hotel!



Question for our good brother, Dave Klinepeter:
Were you present for this event or were you on active duty with the US Navy?

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]!

March

Camp meeting scheduled for March 21st, just prior to the make-up banquet, at Jo Jo's Restaurant, downtown Mechanicsburg.

April

Camp meeting scheduled for April 18

May

Camp meeting scheduled for May 15th.
Camp celebrates **Memorial Day** on **Saturday 29th** with *breakfast* at Peachtree Restaurant, North Progress Avenue [less than 3 miles from NCWM]; and then the *placing of flags* upon veteran's graves at historic Harrisburg Cemetery 13th and State Streets!

And, Camp 15 Parades on Monday 31st. Contact Greg Kline for details.

June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2021 unknown at this time. Stay tuned for updates. Camp 15 and the SUVCW can contribute to this weekend, such as informational and recruiting tables at NCWM Saturday.

Pennsylvania Department **Encampment Convention June 24-25-26** at Altoona, PA

National Encampment August 4th – 9th at Hilton St. Louis Frontenac at St Louis, Missouri.

Enjoy your summer!

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 annual calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff at 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, cousins, your neighbor and all of your friends to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of the Allied Orders are always welcome!

Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

God bless you and yours and God bless the USA.

APPOMATTOX ‘Early Bird’ DINNER

Annual Dinner; Saturday, April 10, 2021 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Hoss’s Restaurant

Near Grove City Outlets

Rt. 208 next to Grove City Outlet

Grove City, Pa 16127



Hosted by Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 and Davis *(Star) Camp

Dinner Buffet and order from the menu

Program: by Isaac Eaton Camp No 504

Door prizes and drawings; A great opportunity to meet and socialize with old and new friends of the Sons of Union Veterans.

RSVP to Timothy Bennett of Isaac Eaton Camp / Tim Ryan of Davis * Camp

Directions to Hoss’s Restaurant

From the South: I 79 North to Grove City Exit 113, turn Left on Route 208 W approx ½ miles, Restaurant will be on the right side.