



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



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~~~~ In Memory of Endeavors of WWII Veteran's ~~~~

*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!

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| 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 ~ ~ ~  | Wayne Blattner 2021                |
|                        | 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, 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.

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### Camp Birthdays for May and June

Demmy Sr, PCC, David W  
Keener-Farley, Lawrence E  
Lute, Daniel G  
McKay Jr, Thomas Edward  
Mills, Terry A  
Diemer Jr, Wesley E  
Kline, Gregory Edward  
Proper, Michael Scott  
Riegle, Charles William

Brothers and Sisters in Distress by Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain & Treasurer, a 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, and, lastly, brother D. Mike Klinepeter is recovering! As we go to press, we learned Brother Duke Hall has been deployed once again with the US Army. He is in an area where he is not allowed to receive US Mail – must be a major bummer for him and his buddies.
- Blessings to family of Brother Bill Fischer of camp 8 as a grandchild is expected this summer.
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- If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them!  
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Camp 15's next business meeting, Sunday May 6, 2021. 2 pm upper level Nat'l Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg.

Of special note, our Patriotic Instructor, brother Jeff Smith, PCC, will present show and tell material regarding WWII [World War 2] in living color.

Our newsletter editor, David W. Demmy Sr., will also have on hand a collection of items of WWII era on the Home Front, like ration books, photos of ETO, [that's European Theatre of Operations of WWII], mostly items from our late brother Floyd J. Demmy.

Therefore, any one with WWII data, photos, artifacts, ration cards, hats, *uniforms*, please have them available on display at our May meeting. **[come early to see our displays]!**

**This will be last spring/summer camp meeting till early autumn on Sunday, September 19, 2021.**

### **Memorial Poem**

A poem dedicated to the Memory of the Union Soldiers who fell during the War of the Rebellion and are buried at Arlington, Virginia.

Bring the fairest flowers that bloom,  
Full of beauty and perfume, Lay a garland on each tomb.  
Every sepulcher you see  
Is a shrine, henceforth to be Consecrate to liberty.  
Here, beneath the earth's green breast,  
Loved, lamented, honored, blest,  
Twice ten thousand martyrs rest!  
Twice ten thousand martyrs, slain  
Truth and justice to maintain Theirs the loss, but ours the gains!  
When rebellion's fiery flood  
Swept the land, these heroes stood  
Met, and quenched it with their blood.  
Can such service be repaid?  
Can the record they have made- Can their glory-ever fade?

Bring the fairest flowers that bloom,  
Full of beauty and perfume, Lay a garland on each tomb.

Pausing on your silent way, While affection's vows you pay,  
Bathe with tears each budding spray.

Grateful tears, with blessings fraught,

For the deeds these heroes wrought,

For lesson they have taught.

Be your blooming strown,

Doubly on the altar-stone

Reared to those who rest-"Unknown."

Here, unrecognized, they lie,

But above the starry sky

Martyrs' names can never die!

Kneeling, on this sacred sod,

Swear!-to follow Freedom's God

I the path these patriots trod!

Swear!-their little ones to bless:

Cherish, shield them from distress;

Unprotected, fatherless!

Swear!-that this fair land shall be

Evermore a legacy, Precious-undivided-free!

Taken from pages 15-16 of "The National Memorial Day: A Record of Ceremonies over the Graves of Union Soldiers, May 29-30, 1869". Published by the Grand Army of the Republic, 1870 Washington City

Written by Francis DeHaes Janvier and given at National Cemetery, Arlington Heights

This book has 1064 pages of ceremonies around the nation in 1869.

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## Welcome new Dual Life Member Brother to Camp

### 15: Coach Ben Hobbins,

EMBA, CEO Desert Olympic Aquatics, USMS High Performance Coach

NCAA All American, Head Coach - US Masters Swimming DOTritons (DOT) CA / USA Triathlon DOTritons (DOT) CA / Desert Olympic Aquatics Elite

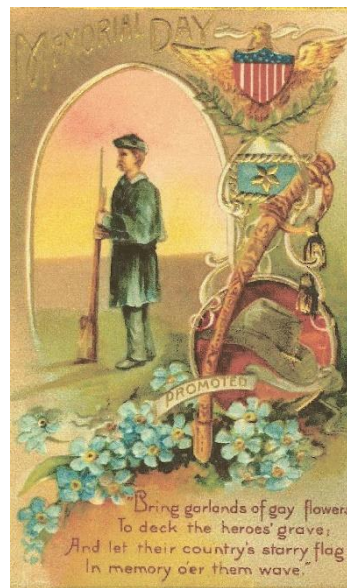
Select / Tritons Fitness Circles / Genesis Programs / All American Swim Clinics & Triathlon Camps

Brother James Benjamin Hobbins, lives in Palm Desert. In brother Ben's spare time, he remastered this old GAR Eagle image for us, The SUVCW:



"Remastered Logo gift from John F Hartranft Camp #15, PA Dept, brothers Hobbins, Demmy" for use for letters, memos, anything to license and be a fund raiser for any camp or department.....

Ben, a recent member of the National Life Member corps, became an eligible brother of SUVCW based upon his grandfather, Dr. William James Hobbins, Surgeon, 9<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Eagle Regiment. AND: being grand-nephew to *Maj Gen John White Geary of Harrisburg*, grand-nephew to GAR Dr Surg Jos Wm Hobbins (his grandpa's brother) Camp Randall Mustering, Hospital and Prison Camp, and grand-nephew to 8th WI Volunteers Hospital Steward Dr. James A Jackson, Eagle Regiment.



***Memorial Day is just not a holiday, it is a time to pause and remember our soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their all for our country. If you can, thank a veteran for their service.***

## 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]!

### May

Camp meeting scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.



Camp celebrates **Memorial Day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** beginning with *breakfast* at Peachtree Restaurant, North Progress Ave [about 2 miles from NCWM];

and then the *placing of flags* upon veteran's graves at historic **Harrisburg Cemetery** 13<sup>th</sup> and State Streets [western end of State Street Bridge]!

See map later in this issue...

Following this event, at approximately 11 a.m., we will move onto **East Harrisburg Cemetery**, 2260 Herr Street, 17103, at the far upper eastern portion of this cemetery, to pay tribute to our late sister Mary Jane Bannan's gravesite, [which is in deplorable condition] by adding fresh soil and grass seed! See map in *April newsletter*!

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

### June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2021, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Camp 15 and the SUVCW can contribute that weekend, such as informational and recruiting tables Saturday at NCWM.

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

National Encampment August 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> at Hilton St. Louis Frontenac at St Louis, Missouri.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 annual calendar available upon request. Send *e-mail* or contact Hartranft Herald staff [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto: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 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, cousins, your neighbor and all of your friends to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of the Allied Orders are always welcome!**

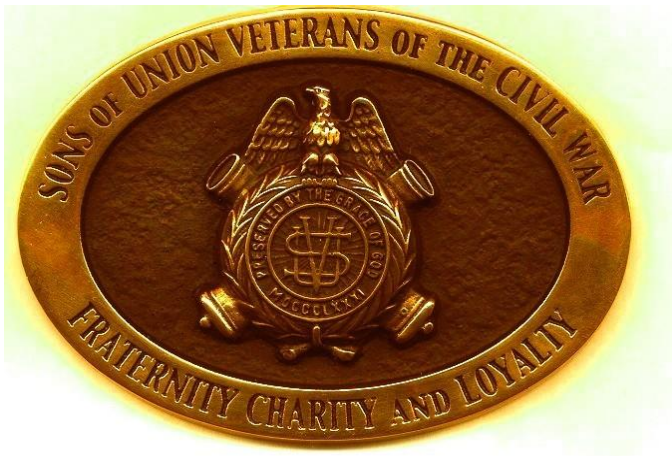
Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882  
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

God bless you and yours and God bless the USA.



## Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle

*Fits up to 1 - 3/4 inch Belt*

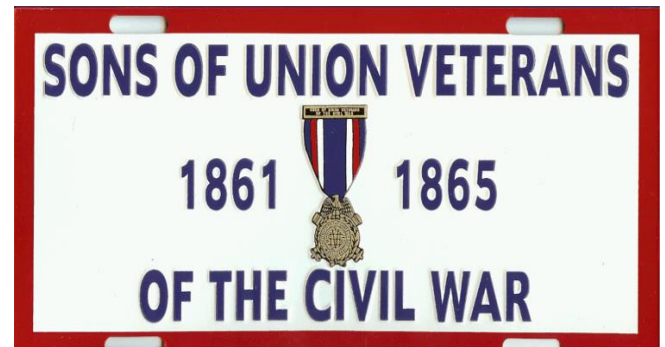


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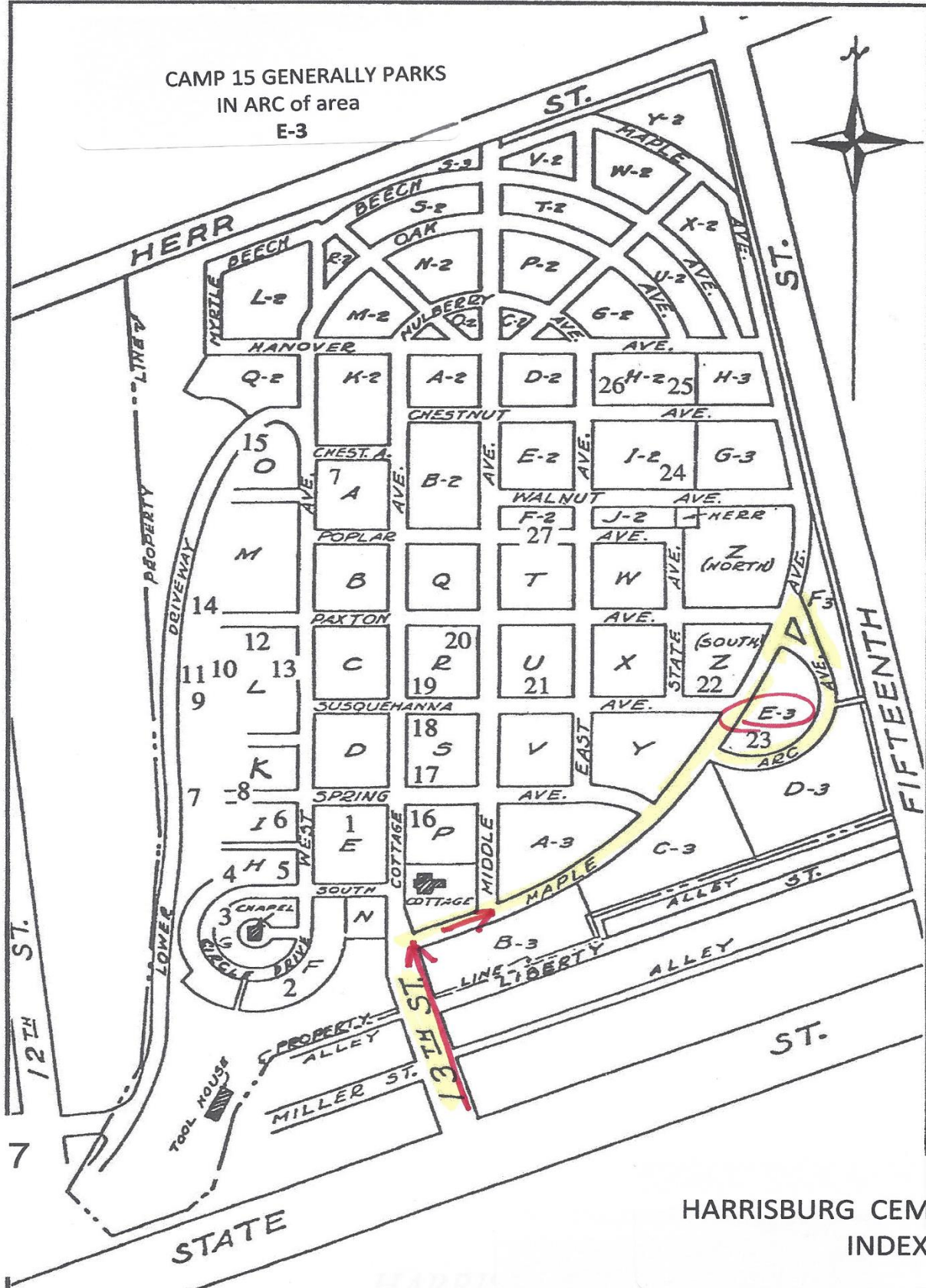
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