



Hartranft Herald
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Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Autumn Opportunities

September 2024



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!

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, and Term. Includes roles like Commander, Officers and Staff, and various committee members.

Camp 15 routinely meets at the National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm, 3rd Sunday of most months. PA Dept: www.PASUVCW.org National: http://www.suvcw.org/

In accordance with General Order #7, March 7, 2022: "Individuals attending events hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by virtue of their attendance, agree to the usage of their likeness in the Banner, any Camp or Department Newsletter, any SUVCW website and/or on any SUVCW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUVCW material."

September 2024 Hartranft Herald Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Award winning newsletter -- Marshall A. Hope Award presented to Hartranft Camp 2010-2011
Award winning website -- Horace Greeley Award presented to Hartranft Camp 2020-2022

September Camp meeting Sunday 15th

Please RSVP to DoubleD@Demmy.cc your attendance at this important meeting – a kickoff to our autumn activities. Due to scheduling by the NCWM, camp 15 will be meeting in the Education Gallery directly across from the Gift Shop. We will not be in the usual portion of the ballroom.

Summer Events

The Pennsylvania Department Encampment was well attended, at King of Prussia; and Brother Bill Fischer of Scranton Camp 8 was elected as our 2024 2025 Commander.



Mike Peter of camp 101 was elected as Senior Vice Commander and Ted Zeman of camp 273 was elected to the Junior Vice

Commander position.

The National Encampment held at Lexington KY was also well attended with 184 personnel present for the voting of new officers for 2024-2025 and Kevin Martin of Department of Chesapeake was elected as our new Commander-in-Chief.

A few notes of actions that happened during the national encampment:



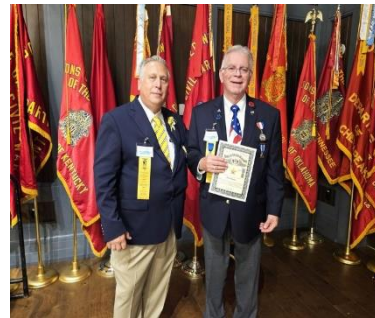
Our PA department won 2 awards for greatest gain of new brothers and the greatest number of new brothers under age 40. Pennsylvania Commander and SVC, Brothers Bill and Mike were



presented with new charters for camp 276 and 505.

Camp 506 is pending approval at the national level.

Also, Camp 15's own brother David W Demmy, Sr.,



was presented with Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star for excellence of service to the National Organization while assigned to National

Headquarters since 2008 at Harrisburg. The award was presented by CinC Peter Hritsko.

Mrs. Susan Mitchell, Assistant Executive Director, was awarded a Proclamation for her devotion to national headquarters and completion of outstanding projects:



Eg 1 headquarters committee had budgeted \$2500 a year for the next

decade for outside storage. Susan worked diligently to remove old items not within the retention schedule, including multiple copies of old Banners and had those items shred free of cost. Eg 2 Susan has scanned and saved every known charter surrendered to headquarters.

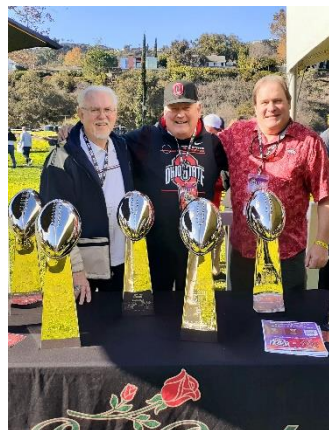
Also this summer our dual brother Ben Hobbins was busy too:

“We had a great event this last weekend at the Rose Bowl. If you guys are football fans over your way, or Rose Bowl can't be beat, you'll love all this action. I was a Badger Rower, Swimmer who then was recruited for Euro bowl and NFL Europe, Arena Football and European Rugby Union play. I know these guys well, especially the younger Badger Ron Dayne as we were playing in the same era. Archie and Ron are good buddies, and Ron is one of mine. We had a big, well deserved event Saturday over there for Arch.”

The Great Archie Griffin
2x Heisman Winner and Four-time Consecutive Rose Bowl Starter Statue Unveiled and Dedicated 17 Aug 2024 Pasadena, CA. [America250](https://www.america250.com) History

Rose Bowl Stadium's Court of Champions, Griffin's statue is adjacent to the Archie Griffin Legacy Walk, which honors the 19 Heisman Trophy winners who have played in the Rose Bowl Game.

Griffin was awarded college football's Heisman Trophy in 1974 and 1975 for OSU. The statue's unveiling marks the 50-year anniversary of his first Heisman Trophy in the upcoming 2024 college football season.



“There's just something magical when you play here in the Rose Bowl,” said Griffin, who along

with family, friends and local leaders were there to see the christened. “Especially when it's played on New Year's Day, and the sun sets behind the mountains.”

“Archie Griffin is part of the fabric of our historic venue for so many reasons, and I can't think of a more appropriate person to sit amongst the center of our new historic Legacy Walk,” said Rose Bowl CEO and General Manager Jens Weiden, in a press release. Griffin's statue is the fifth to be added to the Rose Bowl stadium property, joining Jackie Robinson (2017), the 1999 Team USA FIFA Women's World Cup Champions (2019), sports broadcaster Keith Jackson (2019), and UCLA head coach Terry Donahue (2023)”.

[Brothers and Sisters who may be in Distress](#)
by Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain & Treasurer, a CPA, and ARNG. Also, Memorial Camp 300, PA Dept MAL Camp secy.

Continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP. Tony & Dot Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Ohio; and Mrs. Rosemary Jackson.

Mrs. Ellen Kowalski to care for Jerry, our National Chaplain and our local chaplains too: Scott Teeters, & Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser & PCinC Brad Schall. Mrs Crystal Kratzer's and Brother Russell Kratzer! God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx! Blessings for Klinepeter family as they continue onward. Also, brother Logan Swanger with new concern!

New additions: PCinC Mark Day's wife Barbara is now home. PCinC Mike Paquette has a concern. Mrs. Dave Demmy Jr, is recuperating! And Jeff Smith's mother. Susan Mitchell Assistant Executive Director has an illness and is awaiting 2nd procedure.

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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Special PA Encampment
And
2024 Mid-Year Meeting
Saturday October 19th

Location: [Hoss's Restaurant](#),
[61 Gettysburg Pike](#)
[Mechanicsburg, PA 17055](#)

Special Encampment Start Time: 11:00 AM to 11:30
(Credential Card Required)

Mid-Year Meeting Start Time: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
RSVP to Chief of Staff [Rich Essenwein](#)
Please let the Chief of Staff know if you will be attending the Special Encampment, Mid-Year Meeting, or Both



"I need a couple guys what don't owe me no money fer a little routine patrol."

Above, WWII humor cartoon by the famous
Bill Mauldin

Patriotic Instructor Note by Jeff Smith

I would like to remind everyone that the upcoming weekend of October 4-5 is Fall Muster in Gettysburg. Registration is now open, and any brothers interested should get registered soon so that they get their choice of battlefield tour session in, as the best tours usually fill up quickly.

Many of you may have experienced the wife giving you a Honey Do list and expecting you to complete it within a reasonable period. Can you imagine giving your wife a Honey Do list! Hmmm you would be in the doghouse so fast!!!

Licensed items for sale

S U V C W

**Aluminum Vehicle License
Plate**

FULL 'COLOR' DETAIL



Send \$15 payable to

General John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Greg Kline

205 N. 40th St. Apt. 203
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271

Or purchase at encampment registration desk!

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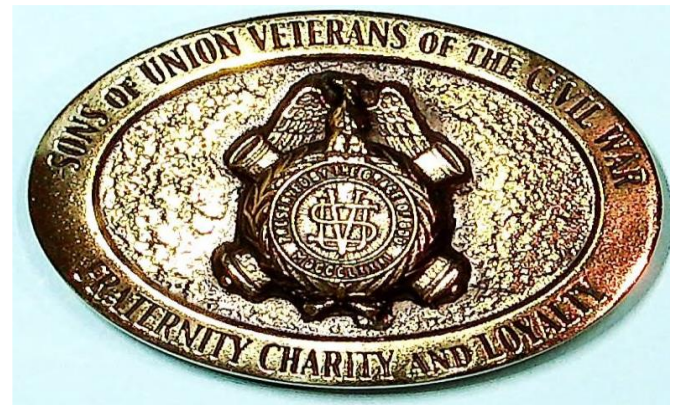
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Available for purchase at most meetings

S U V C W

Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle

Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle



Fits up to 1 & 3/4-inch Belt

send \$50 payable to

General John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Scott Debo

144 Race St, Sunbury, PA 17801

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Or purchase these items in person at any camp meeting..... please provide cash or check.

Camp 15 on the Road for 2024

-September camp meeting Sunday 15 in the Education Gallery of the NCWM bldg high atop Reservoir Park at Harrisburg.....

October 19th Saturday Special PA encampment gathering followed by traditional Mid-Year meeting.

October camp meeting Sunday 20th

November Remembrance Day Parade weekend 16th

Nat'l Council meeting Sunday 17th

Pending December Camp Annual Holiday Banquet Sunday 8th.

Elsewhere, Hurricane Debby caused considerable damage to Allison Hill and Bellevue Park areas of Harrisburg with EF-1 storm:



left, Market street entrance to Reservoir Park Harrisburg, Storm missed the National Civil War Museum Building.



typical scene driving into Reservoir Park from Market street.

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 members submit them.

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, cousin, your neighbor and all 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.