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

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

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**Summer Time**

June & July 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!

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| <p>2018 Hartranft Camp 15<br/>Officers and Staff</p>  | <p>Commander . . . . . Logan Swanger 2018<br/> Senior Vice Commander . . . . . Vernon Stout 2018<br/> Junior Vice Commander . . . . . Scott Debo, PCC 2018<br/> Secretary . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18<br/> Treasurer . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18<br/> Council 02. . . . . Anthony Kline 16-18<br/> Council 01 . . . . . Scott Debo, PCC 15-18<br/> Council 03 . . . . . Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21<br/> Patriotic Instructor . . . . . Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018<br/> Chaplain . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18<br/> Counselor . . . . . Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08<br/> GAR Historian . . . . . Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018<br/> Graves Registration . . . . . Logan Swanger 14-18<br/> Guide . . . . . Vacant 2018<br/> Color Bearer . . . . . Vacant 2018<br/> Guard . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18<br/> Eagle Scout Coordinator . . . . . Vacant 2018<br/> Signal Webmaster . . . . . Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18<br/> ROTC Coordinator . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18<br/> GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18<br/> Longevity Brother . . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965</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!

Have a safe and wonderful summer time Brothers and Sisters



Brothers our next Camp business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm within the NCWM building high atop Reservoir Park!

Brothers and Sisters in Distress By Brother Chaplain, David W Brother, Sr.

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

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

PCinC Richard Partington; and now we add Mr and Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan to our prayer list too

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

### A note from a veteran sailor

Every night, at 2200 on Navy ships, the chaplain says the evening prayer.

I remember the evening of 26 May 1981 after the flight deck fire on the USS Nimitz, 15 killed, 45 injured. The Chaplain said tonight's prayer is by Erma Bombeck: "Lord, today I dropped my jelly sandwich, and tomorrow

I will probably drop it again. But Lord, do you think you could make it land jelly side up this time?"

Sometimes I think of that and smile, seemed to make the day better. Shared by Don Darby, PCinC, Ohio.

Camp 15 offers our sincere condolences to Brother Wayne Motts, CEO of the Nat'l Civil War Museum, upon the recent death of his Mother!

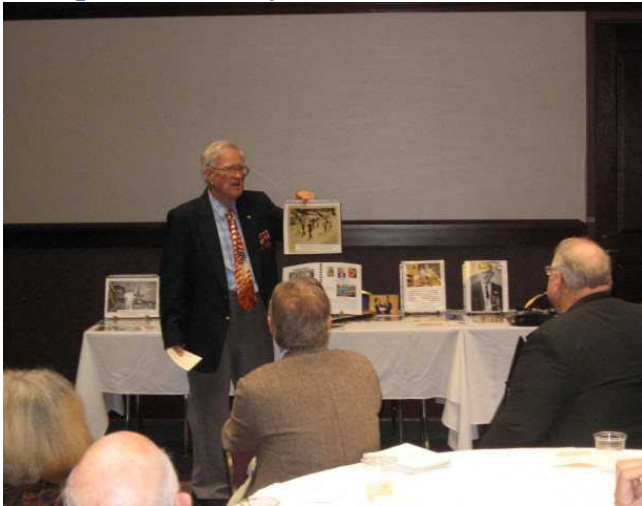
## WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men..."

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

Photos from 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for Dave Klinepeter – 12 May 2018



Guest of honor with his captive audience!  
Craig Caba down front!



View of captive audience



Brother Dave with a number of the ladies  
L to R: Jennie Demmy, Susan Mertz, Rosemary Jackson, Dave, Mary Jo Long and Mary Jane Bannan!



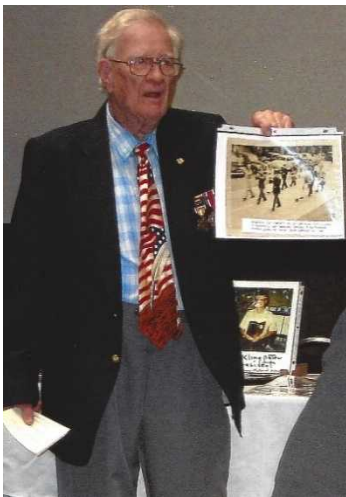
L to R: David Demmy, Sr., Jeff Smith, Vern Stout, Tony Kline, Gene Mascioli, Dave, D. Mike Klinepeter, Greg Kline, Larry Keener-Farley and Scott Debo. Dave Demmy Jr, behind the camera!



Making his last presentation of a SUVCW License Plate, Brother Dave extends one to Pennsylvania Dept Commander Chris Carty.



This one got away or perhaps it missed me by this much! Dave discussing his days as an artilleryman!



Dave discussing photos out of his and Camp 15's past!



Dave finishing up his last tale for us. His stories and history of Camp 15, the SUVCW, and Knaps Battery are legendary and we will miss Dave till his next visit to Harrisburg! God Bless you Dave!  
Last 3 images courteous of Brother Gene Mascioli, PCC

[A message from Brother Bill Jackson, correspondent for the Hummelstown Sun](#)

Spent last Saturday afternoon with Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin, originally from Bellefonte. No, not really, but with my friend David J. Klinepeter of Harrisburg who has been portraying Pennsylvania's Civil War governor for the past 25 years.

The occasion was a celebration of Dave's 75 years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our local Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 of that organization honored Dave with a reception and luncheon at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

Dave's membership application date reads July 9, 1943, when at age 18, he joined Camp 15 and its fife and drum corps. Since that time, with a couple of years off in the Navy during WWII, he has been a near constant reminder of the debt we owe to Union veterans for preserving our country. He has attended our meetings and encouraged our Hershey Civil War Round Table practically since we started it in 1991.

Dave is moving to the western part of the state to be near his son and grandchildren. However, we do expect to continue to see him in the personage of Governor Curtin at major Civil War events.

William S. Jackson

[MEETING MINUTES, Gen. John F. Hartranft  
Cmap 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA](#)

**Sunday, May 20, 2018** ~~~ 75° overcast a.m.

Officers Present

Commander.....Logan Swanger, PCC  
SVC.....Vernon Stout  
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr., PCC  
Pat. Instructor/Historian Jeff Smith, PCC  
Council.....Tony Kline  
Council ..... Jeff Smith, PCC

Officers Absent

JVC.....Scott Debo, PCC  
Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC  
Council.....Scott Debo, PCC  
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz  
Guide/Guard.....TBA

Note - a number of our Brothers are on Duty this weekend at New Market!

Members attending:

Thomas McKay, Jr. – accepted oath of membership today!

Guests

Jeremiah Swanger  
Dorothy Kline  
Dane DiFebo

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Logan Swanger at 2:00 PM.

The meeting minutes from the April 15, 2018 meeting were read by Acting Secretary Tony Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Jeff Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SVC Vernon Stout, motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Demmy reported having filed IRS Form 990N electronically as UHTXLUHGRQRUDERXW0D\ DOVR a working checking account balance of \$1200.00, after routine expenditures, and remitting 2018 dues to Department of Pennsylvania. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

#### Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Nothing reported in addition to those named and prayed over as indicated in monthly Camp newsletter!

#### Applications & New Members

Brother Tony Kline read the application of Thomas Edward McKay, Jr. A motion to accept was made by Brother David Demmy, Sr. and seconded by SVC Vernon Stout. Motion approved.

Brother Thomas McKay, Jr. was initiated by Camp Commander Logan Swanger as a member of the Order and Camp 15

#### Orders, Communications and Bills

Camp Commander Logan Swanger read a note that was sent to him from the Newport Public Library.

It acknowledged receipt of our \$100.00 check for putting a civil war book in the library in memory of our late Brother Larry Sheibley-Beasom, PCC.

Acting Secretary Tony Kline read General Order #27 granting the Meritorious Service Award posthumously to Gene Turner PDC.

Also read were 2 Department Orders. Number 7 instructing all Department Officers and Heads of Committees to send their reports to the Department Chief of Staff by June 1, 2018. And number 8, regarding nominations for the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award.

#### Unfinished Business:

Brother Jeff Smith stated that we will be parading in Gettysburg Monday, May 28, 2018. The parade forms at 1:00 p.m. at Lefever Street and moves out at 2:00 p.m.

Brother Jeff also reminded us that on Saturday, June 2, 2018, weather permitting, we will be at Knap's Battery on Culps Hill at Gettysburg for our annual Adopt-A-Position cleanup activity. We'll meet at O'Roark's restaurant at 11:30 for lunch and go to Culps Hill from there.

SVC Vernon Stout reminded us that Saturday, May 26 we meet at 8:00 a.m. at the American Diner for breakfast. From there we go to the Old Harrisburg Cemetery to place flags on veterans' graves.

Brother Jeff Smith made a motion to allot \$3,000.00 from the Larry Sheibley-Beasom bequest to be used over a period of 6 years for providing approximately 2 speakers per year, seconded by SVC Vernon Stout. Motion carried.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. suggested that we advertise when we have speakers.

Brother Jeff Smith made a motion to have the three councilmen and the SVC form a Speaker's Committee to compile a speaker agenda, seconded by Brother Tony Kline. Motion carried.

#### Good of the Order:

SVC Vernon Stout announced that Brother Gene Mascioli is working on setting a date for when we can visit the PA Civil War flag museum.

SVC Vern Stout announced that June 22 is a free day at the National Civil War Museum. He suggests we set up a recruitment table and he will send an email to the Camp.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith discussed Civil War cavalry and displayed some items relating to the cavalry. Among them were several different types of carbine rifles, several swords and a Remington 44 caliber revolver, all used by the cavalry? He mentioned the various purposes the cavalry served and he talked about cavalymen, John Buford and Hugh (Kill Cavalry) Kilpatrick.

The meeting was closed by Commander Swanger at 3:45 PM

Faithfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Tony Kline, Acting Secretary

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

TGIF

Thank God I'm free!

Thank God we live in the land of freedom!

- “Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” -Marcel Proust
- “Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it all into words is all that is necessary.” - Margaret Cousins
- “Change your expectation for appreciation and the world changes instantly.” -Tony Robbins

Continued

## On the Road with Camp 15

## Be Proud - Wear the Badge

have a safe summer~!



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, 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!



*Antietam - A Tour Through Time  
September 22, 2018*



*It's here!  
See, Touch & Feel - A Tour Through Time Antietam  
Saturday, September 22, 2018*

Join CEO Wayne E. Motts, the staff of The National Civil War Museum, and Antietam Battlefield guide Stephen Recker on a unique and never before offered tour of Antietam Battlefield. This tour will consist of stops on the Antietam Battlefield and will feature artifacts and items of the soldiers who fought in the struggle. Tour participants will be able to hold historical treasures used and/or associated with men of the Union and Confederate Armies engaged at Antietam.

*Stephen Recker is a collector of rare Antietam photographs and relics, and items from his collection can be seen on battlefield waysides, and in the newly renovated museum at Antietam National Battlefield. Steve is the author of "Rare Images of Antietam, and the Photographers Who Took Them" and is a member of Antietam Battlefield Guides, a service he founded in partnership with WMIA, previously the non-profit at Antietam National Battlefield.*

*The tour departs from The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA*

- Six hours of touring
- Bus transportation around the field
- Seeing and handling of priceless Antietam artifacts, photographs, and letters
- A signed copy of Steve Recker's book "Rare Images of Antietam, and the Photographers Who Took Them"
- Lunch

*The artifacts will be subject to a level of care commensurate to their condition. All artifacts will be subject to change based on the weather condition and in cases, when appropriate, the artifacts will be in riker mounted boxes protected from the elements.*

Members \$150 per person    Non-Members \$175 per person

REGISTER  
NOW

The items featured are not currently on display in the galleries of The National Civil War Museum. Consider a membership and join an exclusive members only behind the scenes tour. Visit our website: [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)

## Save the date! Don't miss the fun!

Visit our website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for registration and ticket prices.  
These signature events are a great way to experience history as never before.

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### Annual Blue & Gray Gala September 27, 2018

Save the date for an evening of cocktails and tasting tables amidst the galleries of The National Civil War Museum. Event includes a silent auction and raffle.



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