

# 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 134<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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**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>2017 Hartranft Camp 15<br/>Officers and Staff</p>  | <p>Commander . . . . . Jeffery Smith 15-17<br/> Senior Vice Commander . . . . . Logan Swanger 15-17<br/> Junior Vice Commander . . . . . Vernon Stout 2017<br/> Secretary . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09<br/> Treasurer . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-17<br/> Council . . . . . Anthony Kline-16-18<br/> Council . . . . . Scott Debo 15-17<br/> Council . . . . . Vacant 2017<br/> Patriotic Instructor . . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/> Chaplain . . . . . David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16<br/> Counselor . . . . . Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08<br/> GAR Historian . . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/> Graves Registration . . . . . Logan Swanger 14-17<br/> Guide . . . . . Devin DePamphilis 2017<br/> Color Bearer . . . . . Kevin Williams 2017<br/> Guard . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17<br/> Longevity Brother . . . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965<br/> Eagle Scout Coordinator . . . . . vacant<br/> Signal Webmaster . . . . . Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005<br/> ROTC Coordinator . . . . . Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17<br/> GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16</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 month. 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. PA: [www.PAsuvcw.org](http://www.PAsuvcw.org) National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

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Our March meeting was conducted on sunny St Paddy Day weekend following the late winter Nor-Easter blizzard. It was a balmy 40 as commander Jeff Smith took control of the assembly.

Our Forthcoming April monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 9, 2017** at Nat'l Civil War Building high atop Reservoir Park @ Harrisburg.

Note this change in the schedule due to Easter Weekend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April when Camp 15 generally conducts a business meeting.

#### Brothers and Sisters in Distress

By Camp Chaplain, David Demmy. Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

- Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith; Mrs. Robert Manning; Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Marilyn Demmy, Tony Kline, and Mrs. Wayne Motts!
- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane, PCinC Andy Johnson; and the family of Charlie Kuhn Jr, and Logan Swanger Family; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan and Mrs. Dot Kline!
- If you know of others, please share their names with us to add to our prayer list.



As Lenten nears an end this year: Father God, we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. You

died for the sins of all mankind because you loved us with a love we can't begin to imagine. As painful as the consequences of sin can be, you are right there for us to forgive and redeem us. Remind me of how you've helped me so that I can reach out to others. Lord I pray that I may learn from my sins and become a blessing to others in the process. I pray that my mess will become my message. Amen.

#### Camp 15 Dues – year 2017

If you have not remitted your dues for 2017 by March 31, you have been dropped by the Camp for nonpayment of your dues including national per capita!

Reinstatement, *anytime during the year*, is full \$45.00 including national fee of \$10.00.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

By Dave Klinepeter

Have you heard of "Readshaw's Raiders"? On March 21, 2017, I (as Governor Curtin) brother Larry Keener Farley and wife, Annette, were invited to the House of Representatives in Harrisburg, PA, for the reading of a House Resolution. (I will only print part of it) A Resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Gettysburg Monuments Project was founded on April 20, 1997.

A reprinted *Baltimore Sun* news article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* served as the catalyst for the project. Pennsylvania Representative Harry Readshaw (from the Pittsburgh area) established a group of preservationist, fondly called "Readshaw's Raiders". Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised for the repairs and upkeep of the 146th Pennsylvania regimental monuments and

markers on the battlefield. This has been done by numerous contributors. The oldest battlefield preservation organization in the country provided nonprofit status. Thousands of school students, thousands of Civil War reenactors, companies, corporations, preservation groups, and individuals donated. To raise more money a commemorative Gettysburg license plate was produced, authors donated book proceeds, motorcycle rides held, Civil War Balls held and various other events. In 2014 the General Assembly approved a Pennsylvania monument vehicle registration plate of which over 600 have been sold. Numerous people and organizations still support the "Readshaw Raiders" twenty years later. This is only a thumb nail sketch of the House Resolution. Brother Harry is a long-time brother of our Hartranft Camp 15!

On March 25, 2017 the 14th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball conducted by the Victorian Dance Ensemble, in the Rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol. All profits are given to the "Readshaw Raiders". By the way your Patriotic Instructor and brother Larry Keener Farley are founders of the Victorian Dance Ensemble.

Those who did not attend March meeting missed a very good talk by Dick Simpson. His subject was the Battle of Franklin, TN area. I for one never realized that such heavy action took place in those areas. Brother Dick is a member of the SUVCW too.

Did you know?

April 18, 1861 was the opening of Camp Curtin in Harrisburg, PA

May 11, 1864 Jeb Stuart was shot at Battle of Yellow Tavern, he died the next day.

Galusha Pennypacker of Pennsylvania was promoted to brigadier general before his twenty

first birthday. He was called the hero of Fort Fisher and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Two U S presidents, Brev. Major William McKinley and Brev. Major General Rutherford B. Hayes served in the Twenty third Ohio during the Civil War.

Major Robert Anderson surrendered Fort Sumter on April 14, 1861 and raised the flag there again four years later Major General Philip Kearny when riding held the reins of the horse in his mouth because of a missing left arm.

Johnny Clem nine year old enrolled drummer received 13 dollars a month soldier pay. It was contributed by the officers and men of the Twenty second Michigan.

Djk

### Take Time Out

Father God, our life is a series of short sentences that comprise a small portion of history. Godless living and sinful pleasures make our sentences even shorter. When you revealed your kindness and love to us through Jesus, you saved us from ourselves. Lord, help me to count my blessings and name them one by one. I pray that I may live in gratitude for all that you do. Above all, I am grateful for your grace, mercy, and the daily forgiveness that we all need. And all God's people said Amen!

### MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Sunny 40

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Brother Greg Kline mentioned that his Mother, Sister Dorothy Kline who is Chaplain of Sunbury's Auxiliary 503, was taken to the hospital that morning following a recurring nosebleed.

Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith  
JVC..... Vernon Stout  
Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC  
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David W Demmy, Sr  
Pat. Instructor/Historian....Dave Klinepeter  
Council.....Scott Debo  
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Officers Absent

SVC..... Logan Swanger  
Council..... Tony Kline  
Council.....TBA  
Guide/Guard.....TBA

Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr, Dick Simpson (Lancaster), Dane DiFebo (Searfoss), Dan Lute

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Jeff Smith at 2:03 PM

The meeting minutes from February 19, 2017 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Dan Lute, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr.. A checkbook funds available for expenditures is \$ 1260. . Brother David mentioned that we will soon need ink for the printer. Motion to accept by Brother Scott Debo, second by Brother Vern Stout. Motion approved.

Brothers Ill or in Distress

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read communications in the form of National and Department orders. These included Department Order# 10 which announced the disbanding of Jerome Gennari Camp# 90 of Trappe, 3\$ DVZHOODV\*HQHUDO2UGHUVDQGLVVXHGE\ Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin regarding the passing of Real Daughter Rachel Perine and PC-in-C Bud Atkinson.

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Unfinished Business:

Brother Greg Kline announced a possible date change for the Education Department filming of the GAR meeting reenactment at the GAR museum in Philadelphia to May 6 at 9AM. We suggested meeting at the Harrisburg Museum at 6:30AM for the drive to Philly and further details will be provided by Brother Kline as they become available.

Adopt-a-Position: Commander Smith will be checking on June 3 & 10 for possible volunteer dates and will be reporting back at the next meeting.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding the June 16-18 Harrisburg Civil War Days. There will be a focus on Civil War veteran's organizations and the Museum would like our assistance.

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter discussed March historic dates

including the March 4 inauguration of President Lincoln. He also displayed an old cigar box with a photo of the Monitor along with pictures of the Monitor and Merrimack and discussed the historic battle between the two.

Good of the Order:

Lancaster Camp 19 Brother Dick Simpson gave an interesting lecture to our Members about the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee. Brother Simpson generously added the \$50 speaker fee that was given by Camp 15 to the many thousands of dollars that he has donated to the preservation of the Franklin battlefield site from speaking engagements over the years.

The meeting was closed by Commander Smith at 3:37 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

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted [*mostly*] on the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum [NCWM]!

### April

**Camp meeting scheduled for APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>!**

*Note change of date due to Easter weekend the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of April.*

Potential field trip to GAR museum at Philadelphia to be announced.

### May

Camp meeting scheduled for **May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Camp celebrates **Memorial Day** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** with *breakfast* and then the *placing of flags* upon veteran's graves at historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

Potential cleanup day at Gettysburg to be announced.

### June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2017 during weekend of **June 16-17**. Stayed tuned for updates and things Camp 15 the SUVCW can contribute to this weekend.

Pennsylvania Department **Encampment** - **Convention June 23-24-25** at Cranberry Township north of Pittsburgh.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly 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, 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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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT - ENCAMPMENT/CONVENTION

**June 22-25, 2017 - Pittsburgh Marriot North**

100 Cranberry Woods Drive  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066  
Hotel Reservations can be made by calling 724-772-3700

*Reservations are to be made under:*

*“Allied Orders, Grand Army of the Republic”*

Group rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax

**Deadline for the group rate is June 1, 2017**

Each night’s stay includes buffet breakfast, 2 per room  
Extra breakfast over the 2 per room are available for a fee  
Breakfast is available from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

More hotel information can be found at  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pitno-pittsburgh-marriott-north/>

Your stay includes: Complimentary wireless internet access,  
fitness center, business center, indoor swimming pool,  
in room mini fridge, free parking, on-site restaurant

**Banquet**

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic - Department of Pennsylvania  
Encampment/Convention June 22-25, 2017  
Saturday Night, June 24, 2017

Complimentary Cocktail Reception in the Atrium Lounge  
Social time and fellowship – Cash Bar available 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday Night Banquet in the Cranberry III Room June 24, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
Meal includes: Salad, bread, entrée, potatoes, vegetable, dessert, ice tea and coffee  
Price \$35.00 per person

Chicken Breast stuffed with Herbed Bread Stuffing & Gravy # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Flatiron Sirloin Steak with Gravy # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Baked English Haddock Fillet with Lemon Butter # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Pasta Entrée # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon Buffet** Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24, 2017

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Lunch includes: soup, rolls, roast beef, turkey, ham, cheese, garnishes, coleslaw, dessert and drink  
Price \$15.00 per person

Friday Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to “*Department of Pennsylvania - SUV CW*” and mail check and this order form to:  
Richard Orr, PCinC, 310 McGregor Drive, Verona, PA 15147

**Deadline** for Banquet & Lunch reservations is **June 1, 2017**. Children’s meals are available upon request.

Special meals and dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Name and organization of person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal tickets can be picked up at registration

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## Encampment Program Booklet

2017 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention  
 Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic  
 Department of Pennsylvania  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865  
 Woman's Relief Corps

**Please support the 2017 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention by  
 purchasing an AD in the Encampment Program Booklet**

Your support helps to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a wonderful experience for all to enjoy. Suggestions for your AD can be to honor your ancestor, honor a Department or National Officer, or best wishes to a friend or fellow Allied Order member. An order for an AD with a check, payable to "PA SUVCW" and artwork are to be sent to:

Ellen Higgins  
 1731 Shore Road Unit 42  
 Seaville, NJ 08230-1383

[SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com](mailto:SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com)

### **Deadline for submission is May 20, 2017**

AD orders can be sent by USPS mail or email (preferred method). If emailing please send in word doc (please no pdf's) and photos or artwork in jpg format. If you would like a booklet sent to you in the mail, after the Encampment, please include \$2.00 for shipping.. **Cost of AD's**

Full Page - \$40.00  
 Half Page - \$25.00  
 Quarter Page - \$15.00  
 Eight Page - \$10.00  
 Patron – one line - \$5.00



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Tours  
**2017 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention**

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Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865  
Woman’s Relief Corp

Tours

**Thursday June 22, 2017** - Mario Lemieux – UPMC Sports Complex -- Free

This is the site of the Pittsburgh Penguins practice facility and part of the UPMC Sports Medicine program. Located across route PA 228 transportation is on your own. We will meet in the lobby of the hotel and go as a group.

**Friday June 23, 2017** –*Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, A. P. Davis mausoleum, Allegheny Arsenal Memorial, Gen Alexander Hays grave.*

Leave hotel approximately 10:00 AM by bus to tour Soldiers and Sailors 11 – 1 (hopefully, we will be able to see the regimental flags in the collection as well as other items not normally available for public viewing). **Lunch** at the Church Works Brewery (cost *not included* in tour price), wreath laying at A P Davis, Allegheny Arsenal and Gen. Hays sites in Allegheny Cemetery. Cost \$35.00

**Saturday June 24, 2017** – Captain Thomas Espy Post GAR meeting room.

Located in the Carnegie Library, Carnegie, PA. Direction are available to the library. Room is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Transportation on your own. No cost.

Lemieux – UPMC Sports Complex Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Names

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Make checks for the Friday tour payable to Pennsylvania Dept. SUVCW and send to:  
Richard Orr PCinC  
310 McGregor Dr  
Verona, PA 15147

