



# 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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**Fall into Autumn**

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Attend 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!

### Brothers and Sisters next Camp meeting

The forthcoming Camp business meeting will be held on Sunday September 21, 2014 at Reservoir Park 2 pm, upper level room 222.

### Camp Advent Gathering

It is never too early to think and plan ahead for Camp 15 Holiday event, Sunday, December 14, 2014 at Reservoir Park, noon to approx. 4 pm. Update your appointment calendar now!

Fellowship hour begins at 11:30 – 12:30  
Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm. Down payment has been deposited with 2013 caterer!

### 145 Days to reenactment of the Battle of the Bulge

Saturday, January 31, 2015, next reenactment of the WWII Battle of the Bulge at Ft. Indiantown Gap: I-81 exit 85b.  
<http://www.wwiifederation.org/c5/>

Camp personnel gather for breakfast and fellowship prior to events at the GAP. Additional data forthcoming.

### Pennsylvania Department Mid-year Day Meeting

In compliance with Pennsylvania Department By-Laws, Article II, Section 7, the Mid-Year Meeting of the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW will take place on Saturday, October 25th 2014. This year the meeting will be held at Hoss's Steak House in Carlisle PA just off the PA Turn Pike.

All Department Officer and Committee Chair reports are due to the Chief of Staff, Paul McMillin, PCC no later than September 27th. Submissions by email are preferred. Send to [paul.mcmillin@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.mcmillin@hotmail.com).

Brothers attending the meeting may enter the building at 10 AM and proceed to the banquet room. At 11:30 AM a brief break will be called to allow the attendees to order lunch for themselves from the regular menu. The wait staff has been advised that all meals will be on separate checks. A

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break will be called at 12 Noon for the serving of lunch. The meeting may last to 3 PM.

It is the request of the Department Commander that the committee for the training videos have the first videos available for preview at the meeting.

The Educational Committee will be given time to present the program layout and progress and call for volunteers as needed.

A report on the progress of the SVR muster project with the 2nd Military District, SVR will also be given.

Fund raising efforts for the rescue of the Soldier's Monument in Gettysburg's Soldiers National Cemetery will be discussed.

All brothers of the PA Dept are encouraged to consider attending this meeting. This is your chance to see what is happening, ask questions, and make connections. These meetings are your chance to have a voice at Department. Please make use of the opportunity.

Douglas P. McMillin, Commanding  
Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW

See displays of other coming activities thru-out this newsletter.

#### Camp Chaplain remarks by David W. Demmy Sr

The Demmy family expresses heart-felt thank you to all concerned who shared memories, love, and prayers for Brother Floyd and family over the recent loss of Floyd's life partner, his wife, Gret Jacobs Demmy, 1926 – 2014. Donations to the American Heart Association are greatly appreciated too.

The following is from a recent church e-mail update:

“The Power of a Visit - This week I have two unique opportunities that were connected to my prayer circles. I am praying circles around some people who are going through difficulties in their lives right now and this week I go to talk with them, in person. The power of being "in person" with someone is something we can easily devalue. In our world of social media and instant messaging we can

get lulled into thinking that our connections with others is strong and meaningful.

An "in person" visit brings something our modern devices lack. There is a great deal of communication that we miss when it's kept at a distance via social media. Things like body language, voice inflection and facial expressions get lost when we depend solely on our digital stuff to be our primary communication tool. How someone says something is just as important as what they have to say.

The power of an "in person" visit opens us up to all the aspects of communication that make up the human experience. I want to encourage you today...take time to visit. It can be as simple as a few minutes during a lunch break, coffee before/after work, stopping in on the way home, or it can be the intentional trip because that person is important. Don't forget that the personal visit has power to help, heal, encourage, brighten and enliven someone's day...oh, and that someone just might be you.”

--- Pastor B.

Brothers and sisters, have you visited one another lately? Have you invited a brother or sister or friend to a recent Camp or Tent meeting? Life is too short!

Renew a friendship today in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

*I never had a policy; I just tried to do my best each and every day – Abe Lincoln.*

#### New Camp Brothers

Hartranft Camp will be initiating new Brothers:

- 1) Devin P DePamphilis, Harrisburg, PA., a student at Harrisburg Academy, bases his right of membership upon his 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Uncle William Williams 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Delaware Infantry;
- 2) Kevin J Williams, Camp Hill, PA., Advertising Creative Director, bases his right of membership upon his 2nd Great Uncle William Williams 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Delaware Infantry;

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3) Michael W Smith, Clearwater, Fl., formerly of Harrisburg, retired US gov't, bases his membership upon his Great Grandfather, Godfrey Smith, 210<sup>th</sup> Regiment PA Vol Infantry.

These new Brothers will be initiated Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>!

[Editor's note, yes Brother Larry, since you are keeping score, Brother Mike is a cousin to the Demmy clan!

Brothers, Devin, Kevin and Mike, Camp 15 welcomes you into the fraternal brotherhood of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, one of the five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic [GAR].

#### Headstone Dedication Ceremony in Richfield, PA

Members of the Camp #15 joined with the Brothers of Camp #503 of Sunbury to perform a headstone dedication ceremony in Richfield on Saturday, August 9, 2014.



The ceremony honored the Civil War service of Private Isaac Smith of the 151<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, Company D. Smith's badly worn headstone in the Lauver's Church cemetery was recently replaced by retired Air Force officer Andy Dill of Michigan who spoke on behalf of Isaac Smith's descendants. Pennsylvania Department Commander Doug McMillin was on hand to offer remarks on behalf of the state leadership of the Sons of Union Veterans.



The ceremony was conducted by Greg Kline, Past Commander of both Camps; and Scott Debo, Camp Chaplain of Camp 503 and Commander of Camp #15. Also participating were Camp #15 Brothers Tony Kline and Tom Bowman, Camp #503 Senior Vice Commander Dennis Dewalt, Camp #503 Brother Gene Kistner and Camp #503 Auxiliary Chaplain Dorothy Kline.

A rifle salute was performed by the 151<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry reenacting group commanded by Captain Brandon Benner and TAPS was played by Mark Schlegel, Junior Vice Commander of Camp #503.

This is a perfect example of the good work of the order and the continued benefit of Camp #15 and Camp #503 working as a team.

Submitted by Gregory Kline, PCC Camp 15.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

Following my knee surgery in June the surgeon very strongly suggested I slow down on my activities till late fall, to give time for things to settle in place. Guess it has something with old age also. For the first time in 50 years I did not go out to the field for the Battle of Gettysburg in July. I would usually have chance to meet fellows who were interested in their Civil War ancestors, and thus a talk about the SUVCW. I am looking forward to our meeting in September. I've been during a lot of reading, especially my set of Harpers Weekly

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dated 1861-1865 (it is now available on the computer) in 1864 there was a radical change in tactics when General Grant took over command. He went after Lee. I am reading a new book the title is "Mark the Lines of Your Weary Marches" by Keith Foote. The travels and travails of Battery B, 1st Pa Light Artillery 14th Pa Reserve Vol Corps, 43rd Pa Regiment "Cooper's Battery" There are numerous pictures of then and now. Our camp commander, camp secretary and several other members of the camp 15 are members of Cooper' Battery. There are numerous 150th anniversary dates coming up in the fall. Check 1864 Dateline on your computer. --- DJK



Grey hair abounds on these Camp Brothers filling up for their annual trek to pay tribute to veterans at rest in Harrisburg cemetery.



Memorial Day 2014 at Midland Colored Cemetery, Steelton, PA, 3d USCT color guard on duty from Philadelphia, PA



National Cemetery at Gettysburg, PA



Camp Brothers and Sisters enjoying breakfast prior to convoying to historic Harrisburg Cemetery, for Memorial Day weekend 2014.



Two mature veterans sharing in the activities at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery's annual ceremonies for Memory Day, near Annville, PA.

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Governor Andrew Curtin with Miss Cindy, Gettysburg, PA.



Daniel Lucis, saluting at Indiantown Gap, turned 100 in August. He hit the Omaha Beach on D-Day 1945.



Camp 15 Brother Mike Proper on duty at the Heroes Grove ribbon cutting event featured in the summer Camp newsletter.

WWII 70<sup>th</sup> D-Day Anniversary on the horizon.

Visit [www.Time.com/dday](http://www.Time.com/dday) for after the battle images, reflecting on D-Day and the photo that almost wasn't.

Past and present are *joined together* in photographs that combine scenes from D-Day 70 years ago with the very same locations in Normandy today!

Thank you Time and Life for presenting this story.

## On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum

Next Camp 15 business meeting to be held on Sunday, September 21 at Reservoir Park 2 pm.

September 27th testimonial dinner for newly elected Betsy Nightingale, President of the Pennsylvania Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

See additional data in flyer later in this issue.

Saturday, October 4, 2014, testimonial dinner for department commander Douglas McMillin.

See additional data in flyer later in this issue.

Saturday October 18, 2014, testimonial dinner for newly elected Ellen Higgins, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War.

See additional data in flyer later in this issue.

Mid-year meeting.

Pennsylvania department mid-year meeting to be held on Saturday October 25 2014. See flyer in this issue of your Hartranft Herald.

2015 Battle of Bulge reenactment of 1944 actions!

January 31, 2015 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail to Hartranft Herald staff.

## 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 of 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!

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in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

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Gettysburg Camp 112 & Auxiliary 27  
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*invite you to celebrate*

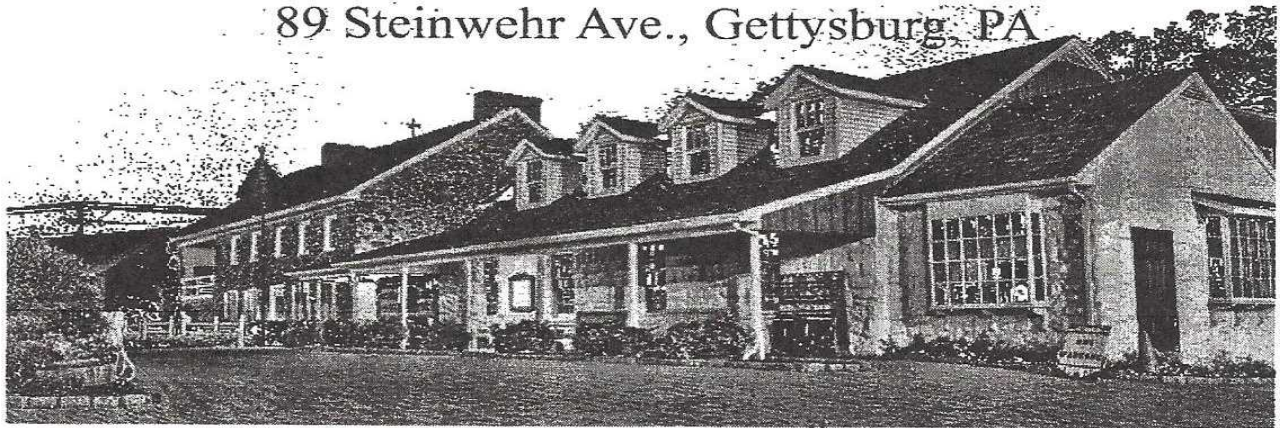
**Pennsylvania Department Commander  
Douglas Paul McMillin**

at a testimonial in his honor

at

**The Dobbin House**

89 Steinwehr Ave., Gettysburg, PA



**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

1-4 pm

featuring Mrs. Dobbins Dinner Buffet

Chicken Coq Au Vin \* Baked Ham with Pineapple Raisin Sauce \* Stuffed Shells & Tomato Sauce  
Rice Pilaf \* Oven Roasted Red Potatoes \* Buttered Dilled Carrots \* Green Beans Almondine  
25 Item Salad Bar \* Dessert Bar \* Coffee, Tea, or Iced Tea

Dinners are \$28.00 per person

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Meals \_\_\_\_\_ x \$28.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total

Send Reservations to: Paul McMillin, 140 Partridge Circle, Carlisle, PA 17013  
Please make checks payable to Gettysburg Camp #112, SUVCW.

*“Entertainment to be announced.”*

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The pleasure of your company is requested at a Testimonial honoring

## **Ellen M. Higgins**

National President  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865

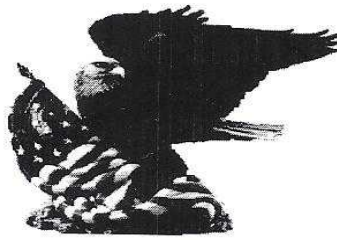
**Saturday, October 18, 2014**  
**Gathering Time 12:30 PM – Luncheon 1:00 PM**

Williamson Banquet and Event Center  
500 Blair Mill Road, Horsham, PA 19044

RSVP by October 6, 2014 with \$25.00 remittance to:  
Debbie Schiesser, 115 North Hamilton Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Feel free to share this invitation with your Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders





Testimonial Dinner for PA Department ASUVCW President  
**BETSY NIGHTINGALE**

**Date: September 27, 2014**

**Place: Jean Bonnet Tavern – 6048 Lincoln Highway, Bedford, PA 15522**

**Time: 12:15 pm (tavern information talk) – 12:30 pm luncheon**

**Speaker: Dr. Barbara Zaborowski – The Underground Railroad 1:30 pm**

**Meal Choice:**

Cranberry Almond Chicken Salad on a Croissant or  
Grilled Chicken Breast on a Roll

Also included are drinks - coffee, iced tea, or lemonade  
and desserts - oatmeal or peanut butter pie.

Luncheon cost: \$20 per person. Registrations are limited to first 60 people.

**Please make checks payable to: ASUVCW, Camp 502**

Complete the form below **by Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** and send to:

**Judy Kay Bell**

**174 Bellview Lane**

**Somerset, PA 15501**

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Testimonial Dinner for PA Dept. Auxiliary President – Betsy Nightingale – Sept. 27

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Meal choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Meal choice \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of meals paid: \_\_\_\_\_