



# 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 132<sup>nd</sup> Year in Harrisburg

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**Volume 15, No. 6**

**Summer time at Last**

**June 2014**



**Volume 15, No 7**

**July 2014**

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!

## [Camp 15 summer activities](#)

June - Pennsylvania Department 2014 encampment at  
Williamsport, PA – June 26, 27, 28.

July – Heroes Grove parade and dedication day, Lower  
Paxton Township, east of Harrisburg. Saturday July 5  
contact Brother Greg Kline with queries at (717) 571-  
6877 or e-mail at [gregsuvchw@yahoo.com](mailto:gregsuvchw@yahoo.com)

August – 2014 National encampment at Marietta  
Georgia, August 14, 15, 16. See recent *Banners* for data  
or visit national website at [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org)

Next Hartranft Herald will be a combined issue for  
August and September in time for the next Camp  
meeting on Sunday, September 21 at Reservoir Park 2  
pm.

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Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Officers Present

SVC.....Jeffrey Smith  
JVC.....Logan Swanger  
Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC  
  
Treasurer/Chaplain... David Demmy, Sr  
Pat. Inst./Hist....David Klinepeter  
Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC  
Council.....Jeffrey Smith

Officers Absent

Commander.....Scott Debo  
Council.....Lee Walters, PDC  
Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman  
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

Floyd Demmy, Tony Kline, Don Fry, and Dave Demmy, Jr

Guests attending

John Albright

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Jeff Smith at 2:01 PM

The meeting minutes from April 2014, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Don Fry, second by Brother Tony Kline, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. The checkbook has a working balance of \$1782. Motion to accept by Brother Don Fry, second by Brother Dave Klinepeter, motion approved.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read correspondence from the Department which included four Department Orders. The included the following:

Department Order# 9 suspending 2 camps for failure to file required paperwork.

Department Order# 10 announcing activities relating to the 125<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Johnstown Flood. This order also announced the annual prayer service hosted by Davis \* Camp and details for the 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment in Williamsport.

Department Order# 11 urging all Brothers to participate in Memorial Day Observance activities.

Department Order# 12 reinstating one Camp mentioned in General Order# 9 since they filed their required paperwork

Old Business:

1) Adopt-a-Position project at Gettysburg National Military Park. Motion made by Brother Dave Klinepeter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother Tony Kline to table any action until the September meeting. Motion approved.

2) Request for donation from the Keystone Nationals youth baseball program. The website and details are to be forwarded to Camp Council for consideration.

3) SVC Jeff Smith reemphasized the Camp's upcoming Memorial Day activities including decorating graves in the Old Harrisburg Cemetery and marching in the Gettysburg parade.

New Business:

1) Motion was made by Brother Dave Klinepeter, seconded by Brother Greg Kline to place an ad in the National Encampment booklet identical to the one the Camp placed in the Pennsylvania Encampment booklet. Motion approved.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Klinepeter discussed his recent trip the Civil War Relic Show in Ohio and mentioned relevant dates to remember in May and June, including VE Day on May 8, Armed Forces Day on May 17, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day on June 6 and Flag Day on June 14.

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Good of the Order:

Brother Floyd Demmy treated us to a telling of his stories from World War II in the European Theater. Just like the attendees at Floyd's recent talk to the Central Penn WWII Roundtable in Hummelstown, everybody was ready to hear just one more story!

Well done again, Brother Floyd and thank you for your service!

The meeting was closed by Senior Vice Commander Smith at 4:15 PM

Faithfully submitted  
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Gregory E. Kline, PCC, Secretary  
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15  
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Brothers and sisters in distress



Brother Dave is out and about like a young Andrew Curtin following his recent surgery.

Brother Robert Manning reports his wife is making progress after her recent concern. Lot of time and hard work to recuperate after an affliction. Best wishes Mrs. Manning.

Brother Floyd's war bride of nearly 70 years passed onto Heaven Monday July 14. To Brother Floyd, David, Dave, and Jon Demmy, the officers and Brothers of Camp 15 offer our very sincere condolences to you and the family.

Patriotic Instructor by Dave Klinepeter

On July 5th 2014 there was a parade and ceremony for the Dauphin County Hero's Grove ground breaking. This was held at Brightbill Park in Lower Paxton. Hartranft Camp 15 took part in the parade and had a display table set up at the park. The ground breaking is for an amphitheater to be built in honor of veterans, first responders and law enforcement personnel. There seemed to be a very good turnout. Our own State Rep Ron Marsico was master of ceremonies. He has been a very strong supporter of veterans, first defenders and law enforcement personnel for a number of years. Members of Camp 15 who participated in the event were Commander Debo, Greg Kline, and Tom Bowman, Mike Proper, Dave Demmy, Floyd Demmy and myself. Hope I did not miss anyone else. DJK

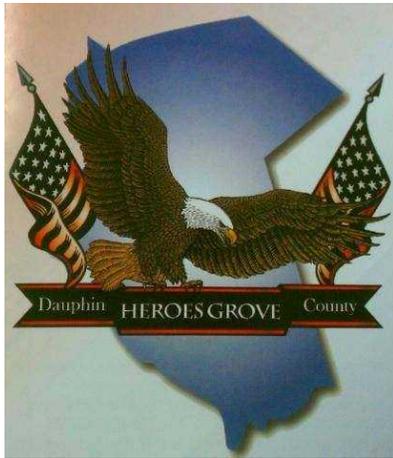
Treasurer's report as of June

Checkbook balance as of July 15 is \$1818. \$818 is available for expenditures approved by Camp council.

Hot weather humor

A coach [little league] liked to reward his team with \$2 bills after a hard played game. Anyhow the season had ended and he had a stack of \$2 bills remaining. So he went to a big box retailer to buy some items. When presenting the \$2 bills the cashier called the manager. The manager then called the police, who in turn called the secret service. The secret service confirmed to all the other parties that the \$2 bill was legal tender that was no longer being printed, but it's acceptable as money.

## Heroes Grove of Dauphin County by Greg Kline



Harrisburg's Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was honored to participate in the groundbreaking activities for Heroes Grove in Lower Paxton Township, Saturday July 5, 2014.

The Camp previously purchased a paver to support this community site. When completed, the amphitheater will be used for community events to honor emergency responders, veterans and law enforcement personnel. I'd like to thank the following Brothers for marching in the pre-ceremony parade and/or helping to staff our booth at the festival: Scott Debo, Tom Bowman, David Demmy, and Mike Proper. Two of our WWII members, each a WWII veteran, were among the audience for the ceremonies: Dave Klinepeter and Floyd Demmy.

### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

By Dave Klinepeter

Another Memorial Day has come and gone. Over all, I was well pleased with the response of the general public. Yes, we have a long way to go yet, but more folks seem to be participating in veteran affairs. Like a number of other members of Hartranft Camp 15 SUV I had a full week end. On Thursday Sept 22, thanks to PCC Commander Brother Greg Klein, I gave a talk at the Susquehanna Round Table in Sunbury on the Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Veteran organizations after the Civil War. On Saturday some members of Camp 15 gathered for breakfast, than to Harrisburg Cemetery to help Post 27 American Legion and others place flags on veteran graves. I was disappointed to hear my ole WW11 buddy, Les McClure, was injured and was unable to participate. As far as I know this is the first time he has missed since 1946. I left early to go to the Midland Cemetery in Steelton for Memorial Day

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services. Governor Curtin was an invited guest. I found out from Barbara Barksdale, the president of their association, that the attending color guard (3rd USCT reenactors from Phila) have been coming there for 24 years. She has been instrumental, over the years in bringing the cemetery back from an overgrown tree and brush area. On Sunday my trip was to Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, stopped to visit with my wife, than attend the special memorial services. As you drive in the entrance there are several thousand small American Flags on each side, than there are large casket size flags spaced all through the grounds. It is awe inspiring to see so many veterans of our various wars. The program was well attended. After the opening the master of ceremonies introduced the numerous honored guests seated in the front. Of course everyone politely clapped each time. He then mentioned there was a special person in the audience he wanted to introduce. This WW 11 veteran would be 100 in August, had landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, an active Life member of the VFW. Everyone stood up at once and must have clapped for 5 minutes. The veteran's name is Daniel Lucis. He stated, he expected to see all of us there again next year. I had a chance to meet him after the program. I also had the pleasure of meeting Helen Sajer, President of the Pa Wounded Warriors, Inc. They help veterans who are in need. If anyone is interested go to [info@pawoundedwarriors.org](mailto:info@pawoundedwarriors.org). On Monday my journey took me to Gettysburg for a carriage ride with President Lincoln in the Memorial Day parade. The master of ceremony at the National Cemetery, Barry Decker, was a past member of Camp 15 and now member of Camp 112 of Gettysburg. I did meet several member of Camp 15 in Gettysburg. I also know a number of our members were in numerous Memorial Day services. Should you be interested there are numerous pictures and stories about Camp 15 participating in Memorial Day services over the years, just go to the [back issues](#) of the newsletter and *check May and June issues!* DJK

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HARPERS WEEKLY Saturday June 4, 1864

TOUCH THEM TENDERLY

O Touch them tenderly; they fell  
In the harsh storm of shot and shell,  
When, like a vast plutonian bell,  
Rang the resounding air  
To artillerean thunder-strokes,  
Shivering a chained nation's yokes,  
The steeping pines and spreading oaks  
Fell with the soldiers there

Touch tenderly these sons of Mars;  
wrap Sedgwick in the flag of stars;

sponge the brave blood from Wadsworth's scars  
Through which his spirit fled  
From honor here\*to glory where  
The banner blue in fields of air  
Is bright with stars forever fair  
Without the stripes of red.

Touch tenderly the living brave:  
Blessed be the gentle hand that saves  
A hero! while our banner waves  
The loyal heart will beat  
With quicker pulses where they tread.  
Bind softly the poor wounds that bled  
Where the wild flowers their odors shed.  
Making the free air sweet.

Touch tenderly the gallant men  
Who smile at their red wounds, and then  
Ask to be ordered back again,  
to join the fight anew;  
To go where Grant and Hancock lead;  
To follow Butler, Burnside, Meade;  
To watch and march and charge and bleed  
Where waves the starry blue.

Touch tenderly the man whose life  
Is dear to mother, sweet-heart, wife,  
Whose blood was poured out in the strife  
Of liberty with crime;  
For braver than the Spartan band  
Are the defenders of the land,  
Who live a living bulwark stand,  
Each crowned with deeds sublime.

pm.

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#### 150 ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR 1864

There were many small battles and actions and several larger ones. General Grant had many men and supplies while Lee could not replace the men lost nor get enough supplies. According to Civil War Times and other publications there will be numerous events listed for the 150th. The National Parks, Historical Societies, Civil War Round Tables and other groups will have speakers, and events during the summer. Check them out.

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### 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

Camp 15 does not conduct a business meeting during the long days of summer.

Next major event will be the National encampment August 15 and 16 at Marietta, GA.

First time, national encampment to be held in Georgia.

September 12 testimonial dinner for newly elected Betsy Nightingale, President of the Pennsylvania auxiliary to the SUVCW.

See additional data in flyer later in this issue.

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

pm.  
Pennsylvania department mid-year meeting to be held on Saturday October 25 2014. Additional data forthcoming in next issue of your Hartranft Herald.

Please update your social calendar now.

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

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## 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 the Sons of Union Veterans of the 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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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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