

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 134th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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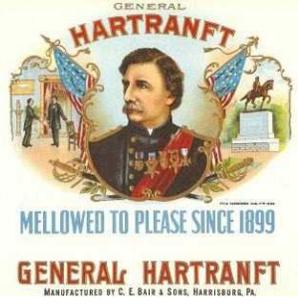


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Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!
A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7.

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!

<p>2017 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander Jeffery Smith 15-17 Senior Vice Commander Logan Swanger 15-17 Junior Vice Commander Vernon Stout 2017 Secretary Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-09 TreasurerDavid W. Demmy, Sr. 07-17 Council Anthony Kline-16-18 Council Scott Debo 15-17 Council Vacant 2017 Patriotic Instructor . . . Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Chaplain David W. Demmy, Sr. 00-16 Counselor Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08 GAR HistorianDave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Graves Registration Logan Swanger 14-17 Guide Devin DePamphilis 2017 Color Bearer Kevin Williams 2017 Guard Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17 Longevity Brother Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1965 Eagle Scout Coordinator vacant Signal Webmaster Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005 ROTC Coordinator Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17 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 3rd 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 National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

March 2017 Hartranft Herald Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Awarding winning newsletter -- Marshall A. Hope award presented to Hartranft Camp 2010-2011

[This March 2017 issue of your Hartranft Herald is draped in honor of our late Brother, Past Commander in Chief 'Bud' Atkinson of Camp 1, Pennsylvania.](#) Brother Bud went to his reward Saturday March 11, 2017 --- National General Order 18 dtd March 12 2017.

Forthcoming monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, **March 19, 2017** at Nat'l Civil War Building high atop Reservoir Park @ Harrisburg

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!



[The tardiness of this monthly news is due to the pre-St Paddy Day Nor-Easter blizzard this week!](#)

[Camp 15 Dues time – year 2017](#)

[5th published notice](#)

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2017 Camp 15 dues of **\$35.00** along to next Camp meeting.

National Life Member's dues still \$9.00

Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to
'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.

Or mail your check to

David W. Demmy, Sr.,

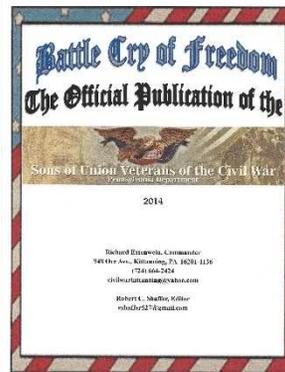
881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

National Life Members pay small remittance to Camp and department of Pennsylvania for operational expenses. Life Members are exempt from annual National Per Capita amount of \$23.00 for 2017. Dual Members, pay National Per capita for each Camp they make application to. The Application fee is not required with 1st dual membership application nor subsequent membership as a dual Brother in additional camps across our great patriotic organization.

Nonpayment will result in the Camp dropping you as a viable Brother and reinstatement will be \$45 including national reinstatement fee of \$10.

The Pennsylvania Department's newsletter



The *Battle Cry of Freedom* [sample cover at left] has been published and an e-mail was issued to all Brothers with a valid e-mail address as a notice to open the news at the Pennsylvania website. If you do not have e-mail access, or did not receive the news by e-mail, or you want a hardcopy of the Pennsylvania News,

please David Demmy 717 232 7000 for a copy. *The Battle Cry* includes Camp 15's article indicating Camp activities during the immediate past year!

Membership in Camp 15 entitles you to quarterly national magazine, The Banner.

If you are missing the winter 2017 banner, please contact us with your current e-mail and mailing addresses.

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

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Officers Present

- Commander.....Jeff Smith
- SVC.....Logan Swanger
- JVC..... Vern Stoudt
- Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC
- Treasurer/Chaplain.....Dave Demmy, Sr
- Pat. Instructor/Historian....Dave Klinepeter
- Guide/Guard....TBA
- Council 1.....Scott Debo
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- Council.....TBA

Officers Absent

- Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz
- Guide/Guard....TBA
- Council 3.....TBA

Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr, Paul Drumm

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Jeff Smith at 2:02 PM

The meeting minutes from October 2016, were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, second by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr, motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Brother Dave Demmy, Sr. Available funds may be \$300 after payment of Department and National per capita. Brother Dave mentioned that the Camp did not incur any losses this time as a result of our 2016 Christmas party and that there were 31 in attendance!

Motion to accept by Brother Vern Stout, second by Brother Scott Debo

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read communications in the form of

National and Department orders including General Order# 10 regarding the passing of PC-in-C Charlie Kuhn, General Order# 11 regarding the language in Camp and Department bylaws pertaining to Members and Associates under the age of 18 and Department Order# 8, again announcing the passing of PC-in-C Charlie Kuhn. He provided details for the Department Lincoln Luncheon to be held on February 18 at the US Army Heritage Education Center in Carlisle and hosted by Brindle Camp#50. The luncheon was subsequently cancelled due to insufficient early reservations to cover the cost of the meal which needed to be ordered several weeks in advance.

Old Business:

Commander Jeff Smith provided an update on Camp 15's Adopt-A-Position work day in the Fall of 2016 at the Knap's Battery position on Culp's Hill at the Gettysburg battlefield The cleanup was well attended Camp 15 volunteers put in around 2 ½ hours of beautification efforts. The cleanup was proceeded by lunch and fellowship at Gettysburg Eddie's on Steinwehr Avenue

New Business:

There will be a Community Free Day at the National Civil War Museum on Saturday, February 18 from 10-4. JVC Vern Stoudt mentioned that he will be willing to work at Camp 15's usual recruiting table and suggested that the table be moved to the top of the stairway above the rotunda to get exposure to attendees who are going to see the scheduled speakers.

Other possible recruiting events were discussed including the Gettysburg Artifact Show and the upcoming Harrisburg Civil War Days.

Brother Greg Kline discussed the appeal that was sent out by the 2017 Department Site Committee for donations of material goods for the local VA hospital near the Encampment which is in Cranberry Township, north of Pittsburgh. Toiletries, comfort items and even fishing tackle will be collected for donation.

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter discussed events of historic and patriotic importance which occurred in January and February including Inauguration Day, the anniversary of the Vietnam Accords, National Freedom Day and President's Day. He mentioned that there will be a presentation by local author and historian Cooper Wingert entitled "Slavery and the Underground Railroad" at the Camp Curtin United Methodist Church on February 26.

Brother Dave spoke about the passing of PC-in-C Charlie Kuhn and read from Camp 15's history about the revival of Camp 15 in the late 1900s and Charlie's efforts with other senior personnel to revitalize Camp 15.

Brother Dave spoke about the passing of PC-in-C Charlie Kuhn and read from Camp 15's history about the revival of Camp 15 in the late 1990's and Charlie's major contributions to that effort. He also mentioned the passing of George Lomas of Gettysburg and read his obituary. He talked about the artillery ceremony that was held in George's honor over Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg. 6 cannon fired with one being draped in black and retiring without firing. Brother Dave had the honor of pulling one of the lanyards!

The meeting was closed by Commander Smith at 3:21 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

Congratulations to Camp 15 Dual Brother **Robert Manning** of Idaho, upon becoming a Life Member of our grand organization.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

On February 11th I visited the Carlisle Heritage Center for what was called Reenactor Recruiting Day. This was not just for Civil War, but from all periods, of history. Also included several Ladies Aid Societies and the *Victorian Dance Ensemble* under the direction of our Camp brother Larry Keener Farley PCC. Carson Long Military Academy presented a Patriotic program. [See photo section below] I met up with PDC Doug McMillin and his wife. On February 18th the National Civil War Museum had a free day and Camp 15 had a recruiting table set up. A number of our members manned it. On Sunday February 26th was the meeting of the *Camp Curtin Historical Society*.

As I have mentioned on many occasions there are numerous meeting and historical talks for those of you who are interested.

Did you know? A SCALAWAG was a white southern politician who joined the Republican Party after the Civil War! They were branded traitors by many.

Abraham Lincoln met his vice president, Hannibal Hamlin on Election Day 1860.

Winchester, VA changed hands at least 70 times in 4 years.

William Tecumseh Sherman so despised newspaper reporters, it is said he foamed at the mouth when seeing one.

A few dates to recall:

April 12, 1861 Fort Sumter

April 19, 1861 Start of the Union blockade, ended June 23, 1865—

Robert E. Lee gleaned much useful information from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

April 12, 1862 Great Locomotive Chase--April 6-7, 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Va.—

April 12, 1864 Battle of Fort Pillow, Tn.

April 1, 1865 Battle of Five Forks, VA--April 9, 1865 Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Va.—

April 14, 1865 President Lincoln shot, and April 15, 1865 Lincoln dies.

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National Civil War Museum Community Free Day
Saturday February 18, 2017, *Photos by Dave Klinepeter*



Camp Brothers Vern and Greg manning Camp 15's table.



Brothers Jeff and Vern recruiting and recruiting!



Barbara Barksdale famous for reviving Midland Cemetery of Steelton and Sergeant Joseph Lee of 3rd US Regulars USCT, Philadelphia.



Cadets of Carson Long, New Bloomfield, honoring veterans at recent Carlisle Heritage Center, demonstrating proper manner to follow US Flag! As flag was folded, a cadet explained the procedure!

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. _____

English Ain't:

I did not *object* to the object! [what] speak English!

The 14th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball

in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building will be held on March 25. Get your reservation in now before it is sold out. This ball has raised

over \$91,000 for monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project (Readshaw's Raiders) see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q21G2tBsTgc&feature=youtu.be>. Email us for an information packet and reservation form at preservationball@civilwardance.org.

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Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr, Lee Walters, PDC, Bill Kuhn, Glenn Stephens, Dan Lute.

Guests attending: Dane DiFebo, Searfoss Camp CC, Charlotte Walters, PDP, Darlene Stephens.

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

The meeting minutes from January 2017, were read

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by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, second by Camp JVC Vern Stoudt, motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. Total checkbook balance of \$2,778 was reported with \$1,532 committed to payment of Department dues and National per capita. This leaves a working checkbook balance of \$1246.

Motion to accept by Brother Vern Stoudt, second by Brother Scott Debo.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read communications in the form of National and Department orders including Department Order#9 appointing Brother Glenn Knight, PDC as the new Department Chief of Staff.

Old Business:

Brother Greg Kline gave a report on the free day at the National Civil War Museum on Saturday, February 18 from 10-4. Camp 15 once again staffed an information and recruiting table which was well received by the attendees.

New Business:

Brother Dick Simpson of Lancaster Camp#19 will be the featured speaker for our March 19 meeting and will be speaking on the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. Dick's speaking fee is based on donation. Motion was made by Brother David Demmy, Sr. to donate \$50 to Dick Simpson for his preservation efforts, seconded by Brother Greg Kline, motion approved.

Brother Greg Kline mentioned that the Department Education Committee will be filming a reenactment of a late 19th century GAR meeting on April 29 at the 3 GAR Museum in Philadelphia and it was suggested that Camp 15 make this a Camp field trip to see the Museum. All those interested, please contact Brother Greg Kline.

Camp JVC Vern Stoudt mentioned that Commander Jeff Smith is looking for a possible Spring cleanup date for our adopted Knap's Battery position on Culp's Hill on the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Klinepeter discussed events of historic and patriotic importance which occurred in February and March including both Groundhog Day and President's Day in February and the anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner being made the National Anthem in March of 1931.

He displayed photos of a choir which sang patriotic songs at the Reenactor Recruiting Event at the US Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle.

They did a flag folding in reverse to explain the significance of each fold of the flag.

Brother Klinepeter closed out his always informative talk with interesting facts about President Lincoln's campaign, inauguration and personal facts including that he was a successful wrestler and a licensed bartender!

The meeting was closed by SVC Logan Swanger at 3:10 PM

Faithfully submitted
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC
Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15
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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]!

March

Camp meeting scheduled for **Sunday 19th** guest speaker, Brother Dick Simpson.

National Council Meeting, of SUVCW, near Columbus, OH, Saturday March 25, 2017

April

Camp meeting scheduled for **APRIL 9th**

Note change of date due to Easter weekend the 3rd weekend of April.

May

Camp meeting scheduled for **May 21st**

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

June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2017 during weekend of June 16-17.

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.

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 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, 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

Speaker at March Camp Meeting

Our speaker for March 19, 2017 Camp 15 meeting is Dick Simpson. Dick and his wife Deborah, spend their summers on Willoughby Lake in Westmore, Vermont. Dick's family has lived in the area for six generations.

He is the Historian for the Town of Westmore where he lectures on local history. From November to April they live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dick has been touring Civil War battlefields since Junior High School, mostly following the 3rd and 15th Vermont Regiments in which his relatives fought and died. He has six Civil War slide programs that he gives throughout the Northeast. With over 150 lectures, he has raised over \$10,000 dollars for battlefield preservation through donations and his Civil War book raffles.



Brother Dick, left, is also a civilian Civil War reenactor portraying Frederick Holbrook, the Civil War governor of Vermont.

He is an active member of dozens of Civil War organizations in Vermont, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, including the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

Gen. Geo H Thomas Camp #19, Lancaster. Dick's discuss in **March** with us will be about:

"The Forgotten Battle of Franklin Tennessee"

The battle of Franklin Tennessee began on November 30, 1864 when a 20,000 strong Confederate force under General John Bell Hood cornered the Federal Army of General John Schofield at Franklin, Tennessee. Late that afternoon, 100 regiments of the South's best soldiers, numbering 20,000 men, began a spectacular assault along a two-mile front. What occurred in the next five hours was one of the great tragedies of the American Civil War. There were more Confederate soldiers advancing that day than in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg and there were more Confederate

losses than at almost every one-day battle of the Civil War. Before it was over a record six Confederate generals would lose their lives.

Yet there is no National Cemetery and no National Battlefield Park at Franklin. Instead, almost all of the 1864 trench line of that battle has become

suburban neighborhoods and small businesses. Great strides have been made to save parts of this battlefield since Dick began this lecture in 2003. Slides of what Franklin looks like today will be part of this program. PHOTO ABOVE from File Photo!



WEAR RED - Each Friday, wear red in tribute to 'remember everyone deployed' till our women and men in uniform all come home!



~ For Your Eyes Only ~

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Journey to the Centre of the Museum

The new schedule of our "members only" tour has just been released. A unique opportunity for our members to see inside the workings of The National Civil War Museum. Tours are limited in size and fill up fast so chose your date and sign up now. Museum curator, Brett Kelley will lead this two-three hour visit to the archives where you'll view rare letters and diaries written by candle or fire light

from the hand of war weary soldiers in the field, Union and Confederate alike. See authentic battle maps, newspapers and commissions that rarely see the light of day. Travel deep into Collections Storage to see the a vast number of artifacts currently not on display including: weapons, uniforms, drums, and portraits. You'll be amazed and inspired! These tours are only open to members and are free of charge, but you must register in advance and space is limited.



2017 Journey Schedule

Wednesday, March 8 , 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

To sign up for your Journey, contact:
 Mary Beth Kerekes ~ 717-216-1861 ext. 1108
mbkerekes@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

STAY CONNECTED:

