



# 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 131<sup>st</sup> Year in Harrisburg

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of the Civil War



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★ Memorial Day ★

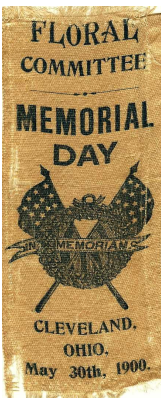
May 2013



### 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!



[Camp 15's May business meeting](#) is scheduled for **Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>** and the following Saturday, May 25, Hartranft camp will participate in the annual tribute of placing flags upon veterans sites at historic Harrisburg Cemetery.

THIS IMAGE IS ONE OF MANY FORMER MEMORIAL DAY RIBBONS EXHIBITING THE ORIGINAL MEMORIAL DAY DATE OF MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>. ---FROM KLINEPETER COLLECTION.

WE HAD SENATOR PATRICIA VANCE AND REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN BLOOM ATTENDING ALONG WITH HARTRANFT COMMANDER SCOTT DEBO.



GREG KLINE, PCC SPEAKING TO ASSEMBLY.

Your folks made quite an impression on all of us!

We still chat about their participation!

### [Pictures of Eagle Scout Court of Honor](#)

We had an awesome time at Alex's Eagle Court of Honor back in March.



[PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR](#) by Dave Klinepeter  
(The Cyclorama building is no more)

In the middle of the month of March, I was in Gettysburg and decided to check out the progress on the removal of the old Cyclorama building. It was about half way taken down.



See photo above. They are cleaning the last of the rubble out and will be seeding it before this summer. For some reason the building was built right in the fishhook of the Union defense line of the Battle of Gettysburg... It opened in 1962 as the National Park Headquarters and visitors center, a year before the 100th anniversary of the battle. Others and I were opposed to putting it in that location, others wanted it there and they won that battle.

The Cyclorama painting of Pickett's Charge was removed, restored, and placed in the new National Park Visitors Center in 2008. A lawsuit developed between those wanting to keep the building there and the National Park Service to remove it. This time the Park Service won. The Park has a long-range plan to return the battlefield to as much of the original appearance as possible. Power lines have been buried, trees have been removed, original style fences installed, crops planted, peach orchard planted.

Numerous volunteers and organizations have been helping with manpower and money to accomplish this goal. Each year the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hold a Civil War Ball the weekend of Remembrance Day and all the profits are given to the National Park at Gettysburg to use on any project.



COMMANDER DEBO MAKES PRESENTATION!  
Their presentation was awesome!!!!  
I personally, as MC, had the best time!

THANKS for your help in this.

I have asked your 2 guys to come back to another Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May the 30th. Martin Sasso will receive his Eagle that night.



Thanks again for ALL OF YOUR HELP! It was quite the night.  
Story provided by Larry Soward, Scoutmaster

[Mother's Day](#) was born thanks to Philadelphia citizen Anna Jarvis on May 8, 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson appointed the second Sunday in May for the holiday. Jarvis led an eleven-year campaign to have a holiday to honor the memory of her mother and mothers everywhere! May's second Sunday was chosen because that was the day, Jarvis' mother died on, in 1905. The carnation was chosen as the customary flower because Jarvis' mother's garden was full of them.



I like the view of Albert Woolson much better now!  
*djk*

ANY VIEWS OR OPINIONS EXPRESSED ARE SOLELY THOSE OF THIS AUTHOR AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THOSE OF HARTRANFT CAMP OR THE SUVCW.

[Patriotic Instructor/GAR Historian](#) (continued)  
 (Reprinted from 2002 April-May Hartranft Herald)  
 MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIES OF HARTRANFT  
 CAMP 15 SUVCW

One of the most important days of the Grand Army of the Republic was May 30. On May 5, 1868 General Logan, Commander-in Chief of the GAR issued his order Number 11 designating May 30 as a time to decorate the graves of fallen comrades. This observance continued for many years and than the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took up the torch.

Leave me take you back to the 1940s and 1950s and tell how things were planned for Memorial Day in Camp 15. Approximately six months before the special day our own Major John H. Runkle (Past National Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans) would attend meetings with committee's in Penbrook, Progress, Paxtang, Enola, West Fairview and The War Veterans Council in Harrisburg. Flags and grave markers were ordered from the Dauphin County Commissioners

Letterkenny Army Depot provided .45-70 blank cartridges! We would receive over 2,800 American flags to place on graves in 14 cemeteries -- some large, most were small.

The Sunday before Memorial Day, we always attended church in a group, accompanied by the

ladies organizations. Every year the service was held in a different Harrisburg church.



FILE PHOTO – [HARTRANFT HERALD](#)

After the services, there was a **parade** in the Penbrook-Progress area. The Sons of Union Veterans Fife and Drum Corps lead the parade followed by Company G Sons of Veterans Reserves Rifle Squad.



FILE PHOTO – [HARTRANFT HERALD](#)

It ended at East Harrisburg Cemetery where a service was held followed by **firing a salute** and taps.

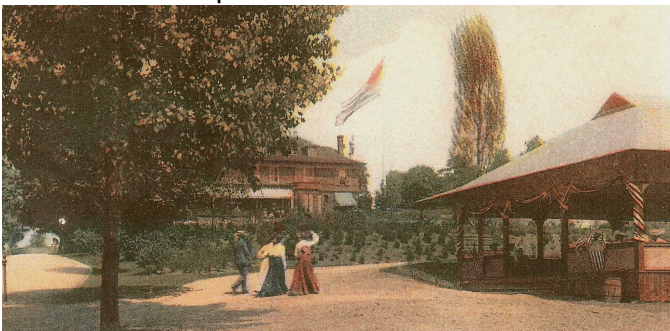
Memorial Day, May 30, not [the] changed date, the big parade was in Harrisburg, Pa. in the morning. In front of our Fife and Drum Corps, Camp Color Guard, and Company G Rifle Squad marched members of Camp 15.

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FILE PHOTO – [HARTRANFT HERALD](#)

Two of them carried an arrangement of Carnations. It had a blue border, white field and a red GAR in the center. This was placed on the cemetery Soldiers Plot. We held a full service than. A guest speaker, General Logan's Order # 11 was read by the Camp Commander, followed by the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by a high school senior. This was followed by the firing of salutes and taps in three different locations.



FILE PHOTO – [HARTRANFT HERALD](#)

After the Harrisburg parade and services we went to **Reservoir Park**, where the Auxiliary had prepared lunch. We were joined by the Camp and Rifle Company from Middletown, Pa for the rest of the day. Following lunch, every one loaded up and went to Paxtang for a short parade and services at the Paxtang Cemetery. This parade always had a group of schoolchildren with fresh cut flowers for the Veterans graves. After that the Company and Drum Corp split up in small groups and headed for 10 different cemeteries to fire a salute and sound taps.

The Sunday after Memorial Day we went to West Fairview-Enola for their parade. Again, there were

services, firing a salute and taps. At all these parades the local Veterans organizations participated with us.

This gives you an idea what it was like in those long gone days.



FILE PHOTO [HARTRANFT HERALD](#) '06 HARRISBURG PARADE Harrisburg discontinued Memorial Day parades years ago, but thank goodness, numerous town around us still honor their Veterans with parades. Each year a number of members of Camp travel to Gettysburg and take part in their Memorial Day parade, even if it is not on May 30. --- dj

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### Meeting Minutes

**Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA  
Sunday April 21, 2013**

#### Officers Present

SVC.....Jeff Smith  
Treas./Chaplain....David Demmy, Sr.  
Council.....Jeff Smith  
Council.....Lee Walters

#### Officers Absent

Commander.....Scott Debo  
JVC .....Stan Zellers  
Secretary.....Greg Kline  
Pat.Inst./Hist.....Dave Klinepeter  
Council.....Greg Kline

Guide/Guard.....Tom Bowman  
Color Bearer.....Kelley Betz

### Members Present

Logan Swanger  
Dave Laman  
Floyd Demmy  
Bill Kuhn  
Larry Sheibley-Beasom  
Tony Kline

### Guests

Charlotte Walters  
Dot Kline

The meeting was called to order by SVC Smith at 2:10 PM.

Minutes from the March meeting were read by Brother Tony Kline, in the absence of Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Lee Walters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brother David Demmy, Sr. Motion approved.

Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. did not have a complete treasurer's report, however he said that there is approximately \$450.00 in the treasury. David reported on the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser and said that the certificates that were turned in for Camp #15 credit have been sent to the Texas Roadhouse auditor in Texas and it will be some time before we will receive a check. Brother Greg Kline collected about \$50.00 from contributions for a drawing for a \$30.00 gift certificate that was contributed by Texas Roadhouse.

Brother Tony Kline read C-in-C Perley Mellor's General Order #19 where several changes to the National staff were announced!

### Old Business

1) *Gettysburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.* SVC Jeff Smith reported that Leslie Culp Camp #1961 of Gettysburg responded to our invitation, but declined to participate because they have too many other activities at that time. He did not get any response from the James Longstreet Camp #1247 of Richmond, Virginia. He may send an invitation to some other SCV camp in Maryland, but is not very optimistic that our proposed events will take place.

## 2) Patriotic Instructor

Using a poster board display to back-up his talk, SVC Jeff Smith gave a cavalry presentation as it existed at the time of the Civil War. He described the differences as to how the South differed from the North regarding selection of horses and mules and the availability and use of weaponry. Jeff displayed several rifles and a sword that the cavalry would have used. In addition, he talked about the Cavalry Generals that were involved in the battle of Gettysburg, including Generals Pleasanton, Buford, Gregg and Kilpatrick. The talk was very interesting and informative.

After the closing ritual ceremony, the meeting ended at 3:35 PM. The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 2:00 PM.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Tony Kline (acting for Secretary Greg Kline)  
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15, SUVCW

Post meeting Treasurer Report: Checkbook balance is 2122, less outstanding 2013 check for per capita dues of 1644 leaves available cash of 478.



### Credential Cards

If your intention is to make either the **Department Encampment in June 2013, at Gettysburg** or the National Encampment in August 2013 at Milwaukee, please make sure you obtain a signed card before traveling to either event.

The Credential Card for the **Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary Greg Kline** and must be filled out fully so

that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

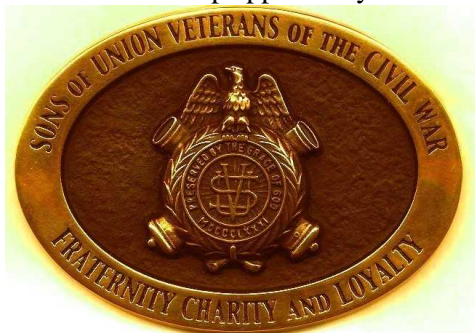
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The Credential Card for the *National Encampment* must be filled out fully and signed by the *Department Secretary* before you are able to participate. So please contact our Department secretary for your card:

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464 Lake Meade Dr  
East Berlin, PA 17316  
717-259-6156  
[charlie\\_kuhn@comcast.net](mailto:charlie_kuhn@comcast.net)

[Brass SUVCW belt buckle](#)

Brothers wear your brass SUVCW belt buckle to May camp meeting and earn 12 tickets for each 12 tickets you donate funds towards camp opportunity!



If you do not have a SUVCW brass belt buckle, you may purchase one prior to the rap of the gravel or rent one for the day!

SUVCW brass belt buckles are for sale exclusively by Hartranft Camp 15, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to any Brother of the SUVCW.

Send \$30 payable to  
**General John F. Hartranft Camp 15**  
C/O Larry C. Sheibley-Beasom, PCC  
523 South 4<sup>th</sup> St., Newport, PA 17074

We heard you traded your old tin-lizzy for a shiny new vehicle.



Now you need a new license plate for the front of your shiny new vehicle. Why not display an exclusive SUVCW full color aluminum license plate available only from Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271

[Memorial Day weekend Camp activities](#)

On Saturday May 25, camp members will be everywhere in the Susquehanna Valley honoring their civil war ancestors and veterans at large. A contingent of members will be present at cemeteries and parades this weekend and Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> too.

First, Brothers and friends will gather in Harrisburg for breakfast\* and then mosey over to historic Harrisburg Cemetery near 13<sup>th</sup> and State streets. Others will be on site at Northumberland county cemeteries and malls and on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> several will be in parades in Sunbury area, Harrisburg and/or Gettysburg too.

Blessings to all Brothers who participate in these events to honor America's veterans!



\* Breakfast at Harrisburg [American Dream Diner](#) on Herr Street between 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> streets, near old **Herr Street Arsenal**, Harrisburg, at 8 a.m. and then we'll move onto historic Harrisburg cemetery, cross over 13<sup>th</sup> at State Street, a mere few blocks from [Diner](#).  
 If the back room is open, we shall use that space due to the number of Brothers enjoying fully cooked breakfast of their choice! Queries are invited.

Following the tribute and placing of flags upon graves at historic Harrisburg cemetery, we will relocate, just blocks away, to the **National Civil War Museum** and bestow a Museum Brick upon our distinguished Brother, **Dave Klinepeter**, for his 70 years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We expect to conduct the ceremony about 11 a.m. and then depart together for lunch at perhaps, the Texas Roadhouse. Please consider joining us for breakfast and tribute at cemetery and of course, honoring our Brother Dave at about 11 a.m.

The Klinepeter ceremony will be, *weather permitting*, conducted outside, second level, on the east side of the building opposite the main entrance at the Museum's [Friends Walkway!](#)

Museum staff, SUVCW brotherhood and family are always welcome to enjoy the activities with Hartranft Camp.

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Sons of Union Veterans organizational name prior to the change over to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Weatherproof colorful camp sticker for your vehicle, brief case, loose-leaf binder, house window, file cabinet, doorway, baby buggy! Purchase em anytime at camp meeting or contact [Hartranft Herald](#) at [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc). One buck each!

## On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

Sunday, May 19, 2013 camp business meeting!

Saturday, May 25, 2013 **traditional Memorial Day activities** by Hartranft Camp 15 thru-out central Pennsylvania region! Placing of flags upon veteran sites at historic Harrisburg Cemetery, followed up with Dave Klinepeter Day at National Civil War Museum! Camp 15 will be presenting Brother Dave with Brick in honor of his 70 years service with SUVCW. projected time is 11 to noon! Afterwards camp will Lunch together!

June 28, 29 Pennsylvania Department annual Encampment at Gettysburg! A Convention! Obtain your credential card from camp 15 secretary, Brother Greg Kline.

National Encampment August 9 and 10, Milwaukee, Wisconsin! Obtain your credential card from Department Secretary, Brother Charlie Kuhn.

### **Remembrance Day at Gettysburg 2013**

Change of date: **Saturday, November 23, 2013**, SUVCW Headquarters will be at Wyndham Hotel at Gettysburg!

December camp annual party  
Scheduled for Sunday December 8, 2013 at National Civil War Museum ballroom!

## **Be Proud Wear the Badge**



**Come out to a meeting and join us!  
The Allied Orders of the GAR**

- ❑ Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- ❑ Ladies of the Grand Armey of the Republic,
- ❑ Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War,
- ❑ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- ❑ 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
- BRING A NEPHEW, UNCLE, BROTHER, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND TO A CAMP MEETING!

Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!

GENERAL JOHN F HARTRANFT, CAMP 15  
HARRISBURG, PA,  
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2013 annual National Encampment convention

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