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The Newsletter of Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Memorial Day

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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!

2017 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff	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 Treasurer David 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 Historian Dave 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 Coordinatorvacant Signal Webmaster Dave W. Demmy, Jr 2005 ROTC Coordinator Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-17 GAR Highway Officer. Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-16
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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. Dept of PA: www.PAsuvcw.org National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

January 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

During the last 2 months, our Sunday afternoon Camp meetings were conducted on sunny days with 40° and the April meeting was held during 68° under very sunny skies. Let the Sun shine on!

Our Forthcoming **May monthly meeting** will be held on **Sunday, May 21 2017** at Nat'l Civil War Building high atop Reservoir Park @ Harrisburg.

And then a few days later, on **Saturday May 27 2017**, Camp 15 will conduct its annual Memorial Day activities beginning with breakfast and then mosey over to Historic Harrisburg Cemetery and place flags upon all veterans' graves, especially the union and confederate veterans of the Civil War.

Memorial Day weekend for Camp 15

On Saturday May 27, camp members and family will be everywhere in the Susquehanna Valley honoring their civil war ancestors and veterans at large. A contingent of camp members will be present at cemeteries and parades this weekend and Monday the 29th too.



First, Brothers and friends will gather in Harrisburg for breakfast and then mosey over to historic Harrisburg Cemetery, entrance near 13th and State streets. Harrisburg Cemetery, listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, holds local and national history, as well.

Breakfast at **8 a.m.** at American Dream Diner [shown this page] on Herr Street between 18th and 20th streets at Arsenal Blvd and then, we'll move onto historic Harrisburg cemetery, cross over 13th 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! *Pay as you go!* Wear good walking shoes or boots for the ruff conditions of the old cemetery.

Queries are invited. DoubleD@Demmy.cc

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



Camp Dues for 2017. We always appreciate Brothers who timely remit their annual dues covering department of Pennsylvania dues and National per capita funds. A few Brothers, after several notices, did not renew their relationship with the Camp and SUVCW; and therefore, unfortunately, we had to drop them from our rolls. Camp 15 for 2017 is now a little slimmer than a year ago!

The Camp thanks all concerned Brothers for their renewal and especially the Brothers that made personal donations to the Camp for normal operating expenses like our printed *Hartranft Herald* to Brothers and Sisters that do not have e-mail. E-mail is our most efficient mode of communicating with our Brothers. Camp 15 is also on *Facebook!*

2017 Armed Forces Day USA provided by AHEC at Carlisle PA. Visit the USAHEC and Experience Tanks and *Armored Vehicles* during Army Heritage Days!



APC:

Armored Personnel Carrier circa Vietnam War!

Have you ever been close enough to a tank to feel the ground rumble beneath your feet? Or watch as it crashes through what looks to be an impenetrable terrain, taking out anything in its path? The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, PA is making your dreams come true, May 20 and 21, 2017. This year's Army Heritage Days will highlight the *100th Anniversary of the Armored Corps* by filling the *Army Heritage Trail* with *armored vehicles, past and present*.

From a WWI Armored Car to an M1 tank of today's Army, each armored vehicle will be manned by living historians who will bring to life the stories of the Soldiers who once made these armored vehicles their home. In addition to the static displays, the USAHEC is creating its own tank course for these historic vehicles to run on.

Army Heritage Days is a timeline living history event about U.S. Army history and the American Soldier. The event will take place on the Army Heritage Trail and USAHEC and will run both days from 9AM to 5PM. As always, the weekend-long event will feature lectures by well-known historians or Army leaders, military equipment displays, tactics and weapons demonstrations, and a meet and greet session with U.S. Army veterans. This family-friendly event will also have *many children's activities* including a passport program, which allows children to travel back through time and claim a prize. You won't even have to be worried about paying for entry, as the entire experience is **free** for all visitors!

As the event draws near, updates and additions will be announced via social media and our website. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter via #CountdowntoAHD to stay in the loop. For more information regarding the USAHEC, the 2017 Army Heritage Days, or to follow as the schedule is released, please visit our website at www.usahec.org or call 717-245-3972.

Guest Speaker at our late winter meeting; photos by Brother Dave Klinepeter



SPEAKER BROTHER DICK SIMPSON, , ABOVE



DAVE AND DICK; DAVE INVITED DICK TO BECOME MEMBER OF HARRISBURG HARTRANFT CAMP!

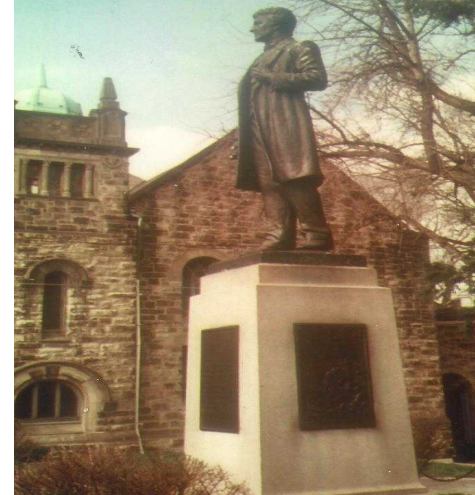


DAVE ON DUTY WITH SAMPLING OF ONE OF HIS MONTHLY DISPLAY SETUPS!

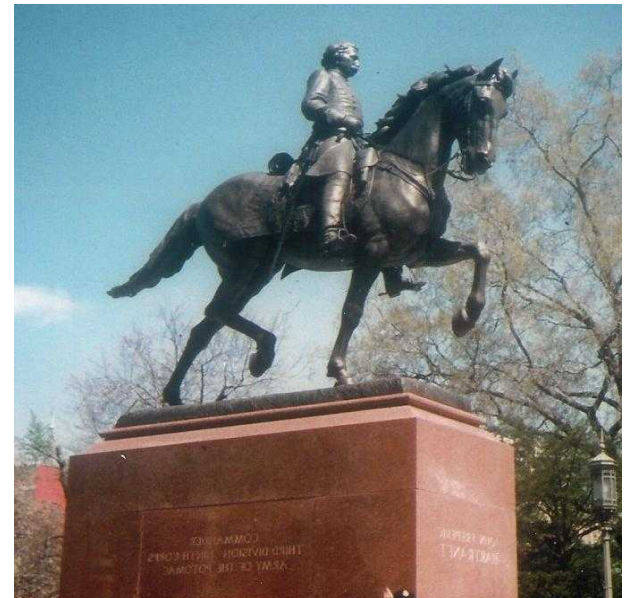
Photos out of the Past by Past Camp Commander Brother Gene Mascioli and *Hartranft Herald* Staff



Impressive State Capitol Bldg. at 3rd and State Streets



War Governor Andrew Curtin Monument at 6th and Woodbine Streets, uptown, Harrisburg; preserved by Camp Curtin Historical Society 1990. Please visit it sometime! You will be impressed with the monument in the *smallest* Pennsylvania state park!



Hartranft Monument on Capitol grounds



Sgt Kirkland administering to a Yankee, member of 127th Pennsylvania Vol Inf Regiment 1862 at Battle of Fredericksburg, VA. This monument is the center piece on Lincoln Circle driveway on the grounds of the Nat'l Civil War Museum.



Our late Brother Floyd being entertained by Patriot of 1776.



German reenactors at annual Battle of the Bulge conducted at Fort Indiantown Gap each January, preparing lunch from real WWII chuck wagon!

Brothers of Camp 15 have historically visited this annual event year after year.

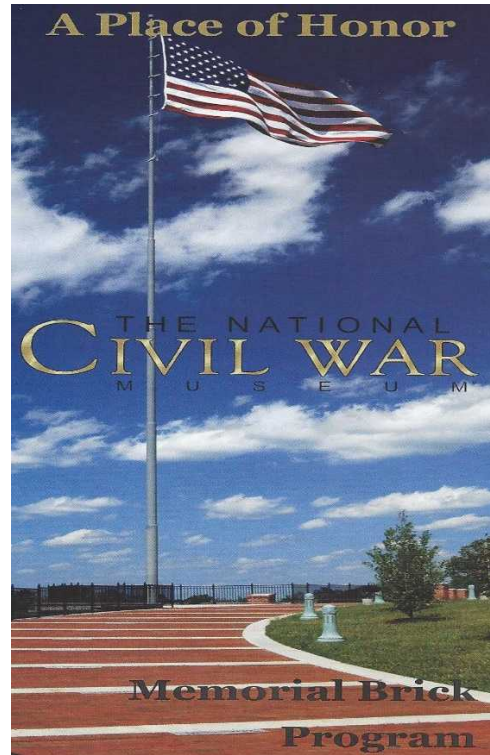


Floyd signing autograph book of a Philadelphia region history school teacher! 2012 at GAP!

Nat'l Civil War Museum Walk of Valor Bricks



Display of Floyd's mini size medals and awards



Pick up new order form at Museum

And if you have not joined the Museum, now is good time to step up and become a member; and speaking of members, your Camp officers' thank you for renewing your dues in 2017. Your membership card should have arrived by now. If not let us know.

For those Brothers that did not renew, we will miss you and hope when circumstances improve, you may join of our ranks of honoring our civil war ancestor or any civil war veteran.



This Brick was provided by Camp 15 to our grand Patriotic Instructor Brother Dave K.

Quoting one is plagiarism; quoting many is research!

--- DWD, Research Analyst 1971-

2005



Lawyers, Guns and Money: Firearms & Estates” @
The National Civil War Museum
Apr 21 @ 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Lessons in History Program with Kevin Levin @
The National Civil War Museum
Apr 22 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

3rd Annual Taste of Jazz – St. Paul’s Episcopal
Church – Harrisburg @ The National Civil War
Museum Apr 30 @ 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Lessons in History Program – “Treasures of the
NCWM with Brett Kelley, Museum Curator @ The
National Civil War Museum
May 20 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The 2017 Lessons in History Program is free to the
public. Regular museum admission applies for
entrance to the museum galleries.

Lessons in History Program with Hari Jones @ The
National Civil War Museum
Sep 16 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Hari Jones, Independent Scholar will present on
"Southern Occupation by USCT Troops after the
War" .

2017 Blue & Gray Gala @ The National Civil War
Museum
Sep 28 @ 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm



POLICE STATION TOILET STOLEN....
Cops have nothing to go on!

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.; 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!
- David McReynolds and Skip Whitlam!
- Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters!
- If you know of others, please share their names
with us to add to our prayer list.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave
Klinepeter

At the April meeting of our Hartranft Camp 15 my talk
was about April 6, 1917. It is the official 100th
anniversary of the United States of America entering
WW1. After my talk, Commander Smith invited other
members to tell if they knew someone who had served
during WW1. Of course, May is always *Memorial Day*
Remembrance. This year it is on May 29th. We
remember those veterans who have passed away, in
some places with parades and cemetery ceremonies, in
November we remember and honor ALL veterans for
their services. In following through with the WW1
theme, I am reprinting part of the May 31, 1917
Telegraph News, MEMORIAL DAY SOLEMN WITH
NATION AT WAR. Even Greater Tribute Paid Those Who
Died In Defense Of U. S.: G.A.R. Veterans Are Given
Wonderful Ovation In Parade: City Mourns as Bells Are
Tolled.

Never since the observance of Memorial Day began far back in 1868 has the day meant so much to both young and old in the United States, as this great country is rapidly completing its preparations for active participation in the war. Today as the veterans of the historic Civil War filed down the city streets to the cemeteries to pay tribute to their departed comrades, it was evident that the ceremonies were the most somber, yet the most impressive ever observed in the city. With a deeper and truer meaning a new vision came today to the younger generations as they saw before them, the Boys in Blue, living examples of patriotism and loyalty to the flag. The presence of the war scarred veterans, with bent shoulder, dimmed eye and grayed head, filled the young men and young women with more pronounced and more sincere love of country and a greater patriotic devotion to the flag. During the day circulars were handed out on the street by the Grand Army men, bearing this charge: "Young men, your country needs you. The boys of '61-65' present you THE FLAG unsullied, keep it so. Don't be a slacker, but enlist in some branch of the service". Compliments of the Patriotic Instructor of Post 58 G.A.R.

LEAVES STRONG IMPRESSION But this year the wonderful devotion of the old soldiers for the comrade who have answered the call of Death, left an impression which will be more lasting than ever before. Each year since 1868 the Boys in Blue formed a line, than with large numbers in the ranks, and marched to the burial grounds, posted the flags and strewed the flowers and returned home. Each year the numbers grew smaller, but the men, even as they grew more aged, never failed the trust to honor the comrade who had gone before. Today but a mere handful remain. In 1865 thousands marched down Pennsylvania Ave in Washington for the final review, went to their homes and received an honorable discharge. In the morning G.A.R. Post 58 went to East Harrisburg Cemetery on Herr Street, and G.A.R. Post 116 went to Paxtang Cemetery on Paxtang Avenue.

Cheers for the Past and Present

The parade formed at Front and Market Street, moved off at 2 pm Crowds lined the streets traversed by the veterans and cheered the Boys in Blue and the Boys in

Olive Drab in the National Guard companies. (next is listed the units of the first division, mostly National Guard, other veteran organizations. The second division consisted of the G.A.R. Post, *Sons of Union Veterans*; autos with veterans and speakers) At 13th and State Streets, members of the Colored G.A.R. Post 520 left for Lincoln Cemetery and G.A.R. Post 58, and G.A.R. Post 116 with the *Sons of Union Veterans* proceeded to the Harrisburg Cemetery for services.

Note because of length I have not listed the names of the units in the parade or the list of people involved in the cemetery ceremonies The last two Civil War veterans in Harrisburg to attend Memorial Day services were John Barton and Ephraim Slaughter, both of Colored G.A.R, Post 520 I will have a newspaper clipping from May 31, 1939 at the May meeting showing both men at the Harrisburg cemetery for the memorial services.

Harrisburg, PA had 3 Grand Army of the Republic Posts
 >John Hartranft Post 58 (the oldest)
 >Seneca Simmons Post 116, and
 > David Stevens 520 (colored)

Dauphin County boasted of these posts too:

- Post 78 Middletown---
- Post 212 Millersburg---
- Post 232 Lykens---
- Post 280 Williamstown---
- Post 351 Steelton---
- Post 376 Gratz---
- Post 393 Fisherville---
- Post 443 Hummelstown--- and
- Post 523 Halifax

Photos from the Past

Our National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website offers you the opportunity to post your Civil War ancestor(s) photo (and story) on our National website:

The *Photos from the Past* web page was initiated by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, then National Webmaster, in February 1998, as a means for the

members of the SUVCW and other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the general public to honor and preserve the memory of the men who preserved the Union 1861 - 1865. Since then, the popularity of the page and the number of veterans listed has continued to grow.

Anyone who has photographs of their Civil War ancestor either during the Civil War or after, or photographs relating to the post Civil War veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, is welcomed to electronically submit them along with accompanying identification to the [Backup National SUVCW Webmaster](#) for inclusion on that page.

Important Notice: Large graphics (photograph) bitmap (bmp) files (100,000 bytes and larger) CANNOT BE ACCEPTED as they monopolize the recipient's email program in terms of downloading. If you have a large bmp file, you will need to obtain access to a graphics program and first reduce the size of the file and then save (convert) it to a JPG. File or gif format before sending. Your graphics file that you submit should not be any larger than 30,000 bytes.

[How to become a National Life Member of the SUVCW:](#)

Visit National website at <http://www.suvcw.org/> then select **Governance and forms**, scroll to **form 9** and complete the one page application. Mail your completed form and remittance to National Headquarters at Harrisburg.

There are two kinds of people in this world.

Those that can extrapolate from incomplete data!

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts! Do You Want Fries With That?

Computer programmers don't byte, they nibble a bit.

[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]!

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

May

May 6 activity to Philly GAR Museum has been postponed by PA Department Education committee.

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!

Potential cleanup day at Gettysburg announced for May 13th at 11:30 a.m. for lunch first! See commander for details.

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.

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!

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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 9, 2017 sunny & 67°!

Officers Present

Commander.....Jeff Smith
SVC..... Logan Swanger
JVC.....Vernon Stout
Secretary.....Greg Kline, PCC
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr
Pat. Instructor/Historian....Dave Klinepeter
Council.....Scott Debo
Council..... Tony Kline

Officers Absent

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

Brothers attending:

Paul Drumm and Dane DiFebo (Searfoss Camp)

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

The meeting minutes from March 19, 2017 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother David Demmy, Sr, 2nd by Brother Dave Klinepeter, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A checkbook balance of \$1300 was reported. Brother David discussed the fact that 6 Brothers had unpaid dues as of March 31 and will be dropped from the Camp Membership rolls. Secretary Kline spoke about the process that is used by the Camp to inform Brothers of delinquent dues, Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Brother

Logan Swanger, 2nd by Brother Vern Stout. Motion approved.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read communications in the form of General Order# 19, regarding personal opinions expressed under the auspices of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Personal opinions under the patronage of the SUVCW are strictly forbidden!

Secretary Kline received our annual invitation to participate in the Gettysburg Memorial Day parade and will be submitting the form to indicate that we will be participating again this year. Secretary Kline will be sending a Camp dispatch to inform the Camp of all Memorial Day activities.

Camp 15 received a letter from Camp# 34 Brother Dick Simpson (last month's speaker) stating that he has made a donation on behalf of Camp 15 for \$100 to the Save the Franklin Battlefield fund.

Unfinished Business:

We still need to confirm the May 6 date for the filming of the GAR meeting reenactment in Philadelphia.

Brother Dave Klinepeter passed out an itinerary for the **Harrisburg Civil War Days** to be held from June 16-18. Camp 15 will have a recruiting table at the National Civil War Museum on Free Day 17th!

Adopt-a-Position: Commander Smith announced that the Spring work party will be held on Saturday, May 13 and we will meet first for lunch at O'Rourke's on Steinwehr Avenue at 11:30. Secretary Kline will send out a Dispatch to the Camp.

New Business:

Brother David Klinepeter made a motion to run a full page ad for Camp# 15 in this year's Department Encampment booklet. 2nd by Brother Greg Kline, motion approved.

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Good of the Order:

Brother Greg Kline discussed his recent visit to the GAR Hall in Johnstown with Brother Tony Kline and Camp 503 Chaplain Dot Kline. Brother Randy Beisel of Johnstown offered to provide future tours for anyone interested and could also include a visit to the Johnstown Flood museum and the Flight 93 Memorial.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter mentioned April & May dates of historic significance including the anniversary of the April 9th surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant which again coincided with Palm Sunday, as it did at the time of the Civil War. He also mentioned POW Recognition Day on April 9, the May 7, 1945 surrender of German forces in WWII and Armed Forces Day on May 20.

Dave brought up the upcoming Army Heritage Day in Carlisle on May 20 for anyone interested in attending. This will highlight the 100th anniversary of the Armored Corps and will feature period equipment, reenactor demonstrations lectures and a meet and greet with veterans. The event hours are 9-5.

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
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Eligibility for Cold War Veteran Recognition Certificate

Eligibility:

All members of Armed Forces - Served faithfully and honorably Cold War era of September 2, 1945 thru December 26, 1991

Provide Form DD 214 or other showing name, SSN, ID and dates of service.

Fax to 800 723 9262

Or mail to

Cold War Recognition
4035 Ridge Top Road
Fairfax VA 22030-7445

Send following text or memo and documents to:

Dear Committee on Cold War Recognition,

This is a request for a Cold War Veterans Recognition Certificate.

I certify that I, , served *honorable* on active duty in the US Army during the Cold War era of thru and I am eligible for the certificate. Enclosed is a copy of my DD 214 form of service performed.

Your name etc. End!

GAR

The Grand Army of the Republic

Memorial Day

The custom caught on; even some Confederate States picked it up, although some established their own Confederate Heroes Day. But for most of the country, the last Monday in May became the official Decoration Day, and finally turned it into a Federal holiday in 1971 when Congress passed it into law!



Memorial Day is just not a holiday, it is a time to pause and remember our soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their all for our country. If you can, thank a veteran for their service.

Veterans

Brothers of Camp 15, if you are a veteran of US Armed Forces, we would like to acknowledge you and record a brief history of your service similar to sample below.

Name		Service	Years	Rank	Activity	Station
Floyd	Demmy	US Army WWII Bronze Star	1944-1945 reenlisted 1945-1946	Cpl	Rifleman Mustering out clerk Regimental clerk	ETO WWII Fort Dix, NJ Fort Campbell, KY

Send text or *copy* of your separation form DD-214 to DoubleD@Demmy.cc and we will add you to Camp 15's Veteran Roster!

Presently we have 10 living US Veterans among our brotherhood of Hartranft Camp 15

If you are a veteran and have not previously shared your military life with us, please do so ASAP.



This youngster is being groomed for brotherhood in Camp 15. In another 5 years, Jameson Demmy, son of Camp 15 member Jon Demmy, will be eligible for Junior Membership ages 6 thru 13.