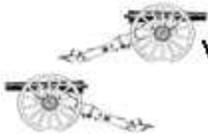




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Attend our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!
A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15 and Auxiliary 7. Come One,
Come All - Ladies and Brothers, and Family & Friends, all are welcome to our Camp meetings
at the National Civil War Museum and field trips at-large! Bring your camera!

Brothers and Sisters November Camp meeting

Traditionally Hartranft Camp 15 does not conduct a business meeting during the month of November.

Why? Historically we meet the 3rd Sunday of the month and during November, the 3rd Sunday of the month most often falls during Remembrance Day weekend celebrations at Gettysburg and the Camp officers and staff believe our time would be better spent celebrating and participating in Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg, especially the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve Parade and other events in Gettysburg!

And we do not conduct a business meeting in December. Instead, in early December, we gather to break bread together, celebrate the festivities of the season, and enjoy great food, good company, great conversations and a little seasonal fun. See our October *Hartranft Herald* newsletter for RSVP and other details about the holiday banquet: time and cost and fun activity details! We hope to see

you and yours sharing with us on **Sunday, December 14th**. RSVP today! Pay by November 26th!

47th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry

Dear Brothers of Hartranft Camp 15,

My cousins and I just attended the 150th Commemoration of the Battle of Cedar Creek, VA in which my distant cousin (Joseph Stephens) was killed and my distant great uncle (Samuel Remaly) wounded but survived - both with the 47th PA Infantry Regiment. I believe the 47th was composed of men from areas throughout Eastern Pennsylvania, stretching from Harrisburg to the L e h i g h V a l l e y

While there, we stopped at Hupp's Hill Museum where I purchased a DVD entitled "The Battle of Cedar Creek" by Civil War Videos (Civilwarvideos.com). When addressing the composition of Thomas's 2nd Brigade (1st Division, XIXth Corps) the narrator referred to the 8th

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Vermont, the 12th Connecticut and the 120th New York.....but totally omitted Thomas' fourth -- and possibly largest regiment -- THE 47TH PA, which formed his extreme right flank. As 8th Corps troops fled through its lines as the 47th got into position, the Rebs under Kershaw and Gordon launched their initial attack through the fog. The 47th put up a desperate fight but was pinned down in the Y-shaped ravine south of the 8th Vermont monument and overrun, sustaining 50-75% casualties. I feel that something should be done about erecting a monument there to the 47th pa so that their sacrifice shall never again be forgotten!

I'd appreciate any consideration and comment that any of my SUVCW brothers can provide as to how to best address this concern.

Fraternally yours, Glenn Stephens Hummelstown, PA, Member Hartranft Camp.

2014 Wreaths Across America

PFDA will be hosting the annual wreath-laying ceremony, recognizing those who serve our country, both present and past, in the **Rotunda at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 12noon.**



As a partner with *Wreaths Across America*, a national program in honor of fallen soldiers during the holiday season, PFDA is once again proud to support their initiative in our state.

The event will include remarks by legislators, representatives of veterans groups, prayers by a military chaplain, taps and the wreath-laying by the president of PFDA. The audience will include a delegation of state veterans who have served throughout the world, funeral directors, legislators, and the general public, active military family members, members of groups associated with the military, the media and members of Hartranft Camp 15. You too are invited to attend!

Give me the perseverance to postpone procrastination until tomorrow.

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Officers Present

SVC.....Jeffrey Smith
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr.
Pat. Inst./Historian.....David Klinepeter
Council.....Jeffrey Smith

Officers Absent

Camp Commander.....Scott Debo
JVC.....Logan Swanger
Secretary.....Gregory Kline, PCC
Council.....Lee Walters, PDC
Council.....Gregory Kline, PCC
Guide/Guard.....Thomas Bowman
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz

Members attending:

Kevin Williams, Robert Treat, David Demmy, Jr., Tony Kline

Guests attending:

Dot Kline

Prior to meeting, SVC Smith appointed Brothers in the audience to perform the duties of the officers not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Jeffrey Smith at 2:15 PM.

The Minutes from September 21, 2014 were read by Tony Kline in the absence of Secretary Gregory Kline. Motion to approve by David Demmy, Sr. and seconded by Robert Treat. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was discussed by Treasurer David Demmy, Sr. "Funds available for

expenditures is \$683". Motion to accept by Robert Treat and seconded by Kevin Williams. Motion carried. Bookkeeping available upon request!

Orders, Communications and Bills:

Tony Kline read correspondence from the PA Department and National which included the following:

PA Department Order #6 informing the Department of the passing of Camp Commander Carl Bowers of Washington Camp #120.

National General Order #5 ordering the suspension of Col. Edward D. Baker Camp #6, Camp-at Large in Oregon and the suspension of the Department of Iowa and the Department of Kentucky.

Old Business

- 1) SVC Jeffery Smith reminded the Members that Camp #15 will be staffing a recruiting table at the Gettysburg Antique Show at the Eisenhower Convention Center on Saturday, October 25 from 9-5 and Sunday, October 26 from 9-2. Camp #15 volunteers are encouraged to attend.
- 2) Regarding the Adopt-A-Position at the Gettysburg Battlefield, SVC Jeffrey Smith reported that we will need to select a position on the battlefield and maintain it semi-annually, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. He suggests we might want to select a Pennsylvania Battery location because some of our active members reenact with a battery. He suggests Knaps Battery on Culps Hill and Powers Hill. Brother Jeff will meet with Brother Greg Kline and decide on a location and to probably set a first clean-up date for Spring 2015. All Camp #15 Brothers are invited to volunteer.

New Business:

- 1) We received a request from Andrew Adam a Boy Scout from Mechanicsburg and his mother Anita asking for a donation to help

support Andrew's Eagle Scout project. He is planning to erect a monument commemorating a Civil War drummer boy and a sketch of the proposed project was shown at our meeting. He wanted to place the monument on the grounds of the National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, but city officials rejected his request! David Demmy, Sr. remarked due to the high estimates of the cost project, Hartranft Camp could initiate an application to the national committee on monuments who may grant a donation in favor of young Andrew's project. It was decided to have Brother Logan Swanger, our Eagle Scout coordinator, talk to the scout to maybe consider a different location! *The Heroes Grove* in Lower Paxton Township may be an excellent site for a civil war hero drummer boy monument! Otherwise, Mechanicsburg may become best choice!

- 2) As part of *Wreaths Across America*, Camp #15 has been asked to participate, in a ceremony to be held at the State Capitol Rotunda on Monday, December 8, 2014 at noon. We have been asked to lay a wreath and say a few words. SVC Jeffrey Smith said that he, Commander Scott Debo and Secretary Gregory Kline have indicated they may possibly attend. More volunteers would be helpful and you should let Jeff know if you plan to attend.

Election of Officers

A list of nominees to serve for the year 2015 is as follows:

- Camp Commander.....Jeffery Smith
- Senior Vice Commander.....Gregory Kline
- Junior Vice Commander.....Logan Swanger
- SecretaryGregory Kline
- Treasurer.....David Demmy, Sr.
- Council.....Lee Walters
- Council.....Scott Debo

CouncilThomas Bowman

A motion was made by David Klinepeter and seconded by Tony Kline to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the candidates.

All other positions are appointed by the Camp Commander.

Likewise, Camp treasurer Demmy moved that current Camp dues and fees for 2014 continue into 2015. 2nd by Secretary Kline and approved.

Announcement, if you should desire to become a Camp officer or member of the commander's staff, or if you want more information about any of the positions, job description etc., please ask commander or Hartranft Herald Staff for data. Job descriptions are located on National website at www.suvcw.org

[Elected officers will be installed at 2014 Camp holiday event on December 14 at Reservoir Park!]

Have you RSVP'd? Please do today!

E-mail DoubleD@Demmy.cc with your name and number attending. You may pay up till 26th.

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Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor David Klinepeter made numerous comments regarding Civil War events of late 1864 and other dates coming soon that we are to keep in mind, such as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Pearl Harbor. He also presented various Currier and Ives prints, other pictures, books and copies of speeches of interest.

The meeting was closed by Senior Vice Commander Jeffrey Smith at 3:50 PM.

Faithfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Tony Kline, Acting Secretary

For Secretary Gregory Kline

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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What have you done lately?



Cooper's Battery B spent a great day recently with Cub Scouts and their families at the Civil War Day held at Hawk Mountain Scout Camp! Several cannon personnel are members of SUVCW Camp 15 serving capital area of Pennsylvania and/or Camp 503 in Sunbury region.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN by Dave Klinepeter

In the fall of 1864 President Lincoln was running for a second term, his opponent was General George McClellan whose party was talking about making peace with the Confederates. Following is a poem from a fall issue of Harpers Weekly in 1864.

THE SITUATION

Slow fades the summer in the leaf,
With steady pace the autumn comes,
And still our throbbing pulses time
With bugle-note and roll of drums.

Still waves our starry flag on high
It's greeting to the broad blue dome,
And still we gather 'neath its folds
In spite of treacherous foes at home.

We heed no offerings of a Peace
That clouds the honor of our land;
Our Hands will never yield the sword
Till firmly based the Right shall stand.

The giant cataract echoed loud
The calm reply our ruler gave:
"Restore the Union of the States

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And loose the fetters of the slave!"
Ah, not till then may battle cease
Though thick the rain of blood and tears;
This sacred baptism of fire
Must purify the stains of years.

It was by blood the land was bought,
The precious blood which patriots give
To win the birth-right of mankind;
It is through the blood that we shall live.

As Abraham, known in days of old,
Offered up Isaac in God's eyes;
Our land, the mother of us all,
Offers her sons a Sacrifice.

On Southern slopes their graves are green,
No war dreams stir their tranquil sleep;
Theirs is a rest forever sealed,
Whether the Nation smile or weep.

Oh, let it not be all in vain
That these have died! The smoke-stained sky
Is ringing with the cry of "Peace!"
And men proclaim the end is nigh.

Oh, God of battles, hear our prayer
Above this wild and stormy din,
And grant that ere the leaves shall fall
Freedom and Peace be ushered in!

(President Lincoln did win a second term)
Poems were quite popular during the
war. djk

November 11, 1865 Closing of Camp Curtin in
Harrisburg, Pa.

"The field upon which we now stand will be known as classic ground, for here has been the great center point of the organization of our military forces. When my administration of public affairs will have forgotten and the good and evil will be only known to the investigation of antiquarian, Camp Curtin, with its memories and associations, will be immortal."

Governor Andrew Curtin's comments to a group of returning veterans in November 1865.

November 11, 1918 End of WW I

1863 President Lincoln, by Proclamation, set as side the last Thursday of November as a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise."

National Civil War Museum upcoming Events
"Ought it not to be a Merry Christmas?" presented
by Myra Reichart
12/18/14 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

1865 Exhibit Opening with Harold Holzer
1/14/15 5:20 pm to 7:30 pm
Banners of the Fallen - The Battle of Bentonville
3/14/2015 - 3/26/2015

Banners of the Fallen - The Battle of Five Forks
3/26/2015 - 4/8/2015

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Camp 15 Dues time – year 2015 1st notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2015
Camp 15 dues of \$35 along to Holiday Event on Sunday
December 14th.

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

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Treasurer's Report by David Demmy Sr.

Interim data for November to date:

\$892 cash on hand includes \$288 earmarked for 2015
dues to Pennsylvania and national; and pending balance
due for Camp holiday event December 14 due to caterer;
an outstanding check!

Available cash for expenditures is \$604.

Camp 15 owes a hearty thank you to the brothers that
make periodic cash donations; provide stamps and paper
for newsletter; and offer their time and talents to provide
data for the Hartranft Herald and the good of the Order.

2014



You and yours are invited to break bread with General John F. Hartranft,
Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
at our annual Christmas Banquet gathering.

When Sunday, December 14, 2014
Where National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg
Cost \$25.00 per person, prepaid – payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW
Payment Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/26/14
Fellowship hour 11:30 – 12:30 Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.
Activities Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for 2015
Entertainment Holiday Bingo



Don't fall asleep, RSVP now

Please RSVP today by email to DoubleD@Demmy.cc or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174 leave your full name and *number of persons attending!* Please remit full payment no later than November 26 for a full accounting for preparation of our annual event.

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All participants: please bring 1-3 *items for the gift table*, ITEMS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED FOR VIEWING! Each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item. Return to your seat and *play again* – good luck!

Items may be, e.g.: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, music, gift certificates, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – you may make it interesting for all of us by making unusual choices! Any items remaining and suitable for our US armed forces may be sent to overseas military service personnel.

Likewise, if you are interested, bring some cash to engage in the Camp's 50/50 opportunity! 50/50 Tickets are \$.50 each; or 12 for \$5.00 – that's two free.

Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://WWW.NATIONALCIVILWAR MUSEUM.ORG/VISIT.ASPX](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/visit.aspx)

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2015 Camp 15 dues of \$35 along!

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



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!

Have a safe trip!

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to the Lord”. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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EXTRA - EXTRA 7th NOTICE 2015

70th WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration January 2015

the World War II Federation

and

Fort Indiantown Gap

Presents the 69th WWII - Battle of the Bulge Living History Commemoration

Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA

Saturday, January 31st, 2015

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM I-81 North

Indiantown Gap exit 85b

Public Schedule

World War II Battle of the Bulge Living History Schedule of Events for the Public

Saturday, January 31, 2015

1000 (10AM) Static Displays in Area 13 Open

1000 (10AM) Flea Market Opens

1030 (10:30AM) Veteran Tour of Battlefield Load Bus 13-XXX

1100 (11AM) Vet Tour of Battlefield Depart for Battlefield 13-XXX

1300 (1PM) Veteran Tour of Battlefield Return from Battlefield

1300 (1PM) Veterans arrive at Barracks 13-XXX

1400 (2PM) Public Displays Close.

1400 (2PM) Flea Market Closed to the Public

More data at <http://www.wwiifederation.org/>

This is not a camp function, but you are truly invited if interested in this subject.

See camp photos among past *Hartranft Herald*s at www.suvcwHarrisburgPA.org

The Day to HUG a World War II Veteran is coming in less than 80 days, 10 hours, 51 Minutes, and 12 Seconds

Prior to this Saturday event, camp members and friends gather at Farmer's Wife Restaurant at Ono, Pennsylvania, just a few miles east of the Gap on Route 22 East.

I-81 85A for Route 934 to Annville; only go ½ mile to Route 22 East exit!

We gather about 8 a.m. eat, and then convoy to GAP parking area.

GAP reenactment is free.

Buffet breakfast available or you may order from large menu – pay as you go.

End this issue of your Hartranft Herald

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