



Hartranft Herald

The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
<http://www.geocities.com/hartranft15/>
Celebrating our 126th Year



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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!

Autumn rushes into fall!

Next Camp Event

Our next event will be our monthly meeting on **Sunday, October 18, at 2pm** at National Civil War Museum high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg. The street address is:
One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park
Harrisburg, PA 17103.
You may access Reservoir Park from either State Street or Market Street.

Happy Birthday to all concerned personnel for October:

Frank Haley	Green Acres, Hbg, PA
John Gearhart	New Columbia, PA
Scott Kramer	Fort Belvoir, VA
Lynn Herman	State College, PA
Penny Rittenhouse	Lewistown, PA
Ted Hazard	Elizabeth, PA

If your name is missing from this birthday roster for this period, please contact the *Hartranft Herald* with corrective information!

You're invited to Mid-Year Department Meeting

Just a reminder that the Mid Year Meeting of the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Doc Holliday's Steakhouse in the Harrisburg West Inn and Conference Center, 110 Limekiln Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Lunch will be your selection from the regular menu. Pay as you go! For Brothers wishing to stay overnight, rooms will be available for Friday and Saturday evenings at the rate of \$55.00 plus taxes per night. Please contact the motel at (717) 920-3627 and reserve your room under "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War".

Coffee and Doughnuts will be provided at 8:30 A.M. and our meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. If you plan to attend the meetings please **John McNulty** by October 20, 2008 so that adequate seating will be provided. – John M McNulty, Pennsylvania Commander - jmm6@psu.edu .

MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General John F. Hartranft Camp #15
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA
Sunday, 20 September 2009

Officers Present

Commander Gregory Kline
Sr. Vice Command John Deppen
Jr. Vice Command Stanley Zellers
Secretary Larry Sheibley
Treasurer - Chaplain. David Demmy, Sr.
Patriot Instr - Historian. David Klinepeter
Council: Norman Houser, Gene Mascioli, and
Donnie Prye

Members Present

Dave Demmy, Jr.
Tony Kline
Lee Walters
Don Fry
Bill Neumyer
Floyd Demmy
Frank Haley

Guests Present – 4 new members to be installed:

Robert Fuller
David Laman
Robert Hollinger and
Allen Spigelmeyer

Officers Absent

Guide Thomas Bruner
Color Bearer Kelly Betz

Camp meeting called to order at 14:05 hours.

Our Camp treasurer, David Demmy, Sr.,
National E. D., stated that the camp has about

\$815 remaining after ordering fifty new **brass** belt buckles for our Camp 15 sales drive. Our camp finally sold the last two .45-70 trap door rifles which we have had for sale for about two years.

Brother Norm Houser will be having coronary by-pass surgery soon. Best wishes!

Four new members were accepted by unanimous vote, sworn-in, and given their badges. They are **Robert Fuller** of Harrisburg, **Robert Hollinger** of East Petersburg, **David Laman** of Marysville, and **Allen Spigelmeyer** of Northumberland. All the brothers welcomed them to Camp 15! See photos later in this issue.

Secretary Larry Sheibley read an announcement about the mid-year meeting of the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW on Saturday, 24 October at Doc Holliday's Steakhouse in the Harrisburg West Inn, 110 Limekiln Road, New Cumberland, PA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All are welcomed to attend! Also, he read two department orders from DC John M. McNulty, [our current Department Commander].

The Camp Curtin Historical Society has organized the Camp Curtin Descendant Brigade for men, women, and children who are relatives of a soldier who passed through Camp Curtin from 18 April 1861 to 11 November 1865. The application fee is \$25 with subsequent dues of \$15 yearly. New members will receive a medal and certificate with their membership. Telephone (7 1 7) 7 3 2 -5330 or email CAMPCURTIN1861@AOL.COM.

Under old business, the revised Camp 15 by-laws are on hold until the Pennsylvania Department SUVCW makes a decision on the category known as *junior associate*! And, nothing has been heard about the Linglestown Church of God's wish to remove three Civil War tombstones from their graveyard.

Our Camp 15 will participate again this year in the November 21 Gettysburg **Remembrance Day parade**. Please contact Commander Kline if you are willing to march.

The June 2010 Pennsylvania Department Encampment will be held in New Cumberland, with Camp 15 of the greater Harrisburg area, assisting the enclosure committee. Please contact Sr. V.-Commander John Deppen to volunteer to assist with this event.

For any snow emergency closings, the Camp 15 Commander will contact David Demmy, Sr., who will notify the local television stations and email the camp members. Also, any camp member who is uncertain about a meeting may call Larry Sheibley at (717) 567-6303 *after* 9:30 a.m., *but* before 11 a.m. on Sunday meeting date.

The secretary offered a booklet of camp officers' job descriptions for anyone interested in holding a 2010 camp office.

Note: Job descriptions were listed in the March and April 2009 editions of your *Hartranft Herald*. All previously published editions of our monthly newsletter, the *Hartranft Herald*, are available at *Hartranft*

Camp 15 website 
<http://www.geocities.com/hartranft15/index.html>

The following brothers' names were placed in nomination for the October election:

Commander: John Deppen

Senior Vice-Commander: Stanley Zellers

Secretary: Larry Sheibley, PCC

Treasurer: David Demmy, Sr., Nat'l E.D.

Camp Council: Gregory Kline, CC

All accepted their nomination. *More nominations and volunteers will be accepted at the October meeting.* Election will take place immediately and the 2010 officers for Camp 15 will be sworn-in at our annual **holiday gathering on Sunday December 13 at Doc Holliday's at New Cumberland.**

Treasurer Demmy offered American Civil War magazines which were donated by Audrey Kyle, wife of our late Brother Gilbert Kyle.

Camp 15, for the second time in two years, won the PA Department award for the 2008 greatest membership increase in the state. The award was presented at the July 2009 Department Encampment at New Oxford. Also, Commander Kline earned a certificate and ribbon at the August National Encampment for recruiting 5 new members into Camp 15 in 2008. Congratulations!

After reminding members of Camp 15's sale of SUVCW license plates and belt buckles, Patriotic Instructor Dave Klinepeter named several September dates which are important in American history. He showed various modern, Civil War related photographs and told stories related to them. Another fine presentation!

Lee Walters, PDC, told of West Chester Camp 149 SUVCW's annual black powder shoot and suggested that it would be fun for our camp to have such an event. He spoke of the SUVCW Committee to Restore Memorial Day which is supporting Senate Bill S70 to restore Memorial Day to May 30. The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), our parent organization, established Memorial Day as a national holiday. Please show your support for Senate Bill S70 by notifying one of your U.S. Senators.

The meeting closed at 15:28.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Larry Sheibley, PCC, Camp 15 Secretary

----- OOPS -----

[Correction to August and September issue of the Hartranft Herald:](#)

The November Camp meeting will be held as usual, on the **3rd Sunday of November**, the **15th**. Apparently an intern on the *Hartranft Herald* journalist staff didn't notice that November calendar began on Sunday the 1st. Perhaps the Daylite Savings Time indicator was blocking the numeral 1 for that date.

Recently it was alleged that many camps and departments do not give their Patriotic Instructor allotted time to present a brief history lesson to the

brotherhood! Please note, here at Camp 15, we are more than fortunate to have Brother **David J. Klinepeter**, a 65-year plus member of our institution, who is a walking-talking wealth of knowledge on the GAR of which we, the SUVCW, are the legal heir!

Brother Dave offers a history lesson monthly in our newsletter, the *Hartranft Herald*, and at nearly all of our monthly business meetings. Brother Dave shares data, tidbits, and trivia on the Civil War, GAR, SUVCW and other data pertinent to Camp 15's membership – well done Brother Dave and God bless you sir for being our Brother and friend!

Notice - at our November business meeting, on **Sunday, November 15**, 2009, Brother Dave will have a **presentation on** past Decoration Day, known today as **Memorial Day; Veterans Day;** and **Camp 15 parade participation** in general, before WWII and into the fifties decade. Please mark your calendar for Dave's patriotic program of *photographs, stories and tidbits of days gone by of the SUVCW in the Harrisburg area.*

[Ah, a fascinating tidbit from our World War II correspondent](#)

Beginning in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape... Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter. Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush. Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever. At that time, there was only one manufacturer in

Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort. By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war...

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were regional system). When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add: 1. a playing token, containing a small magnetic compass 2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together 3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!; British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of satiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square. Who successfully escaped a flight by the rigged Monopoly sets...? Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely; since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse instill another, future war. The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony. It's always nice when you can play that 'Get out of Jail' Free' card!

..... Some of you are (probably) too young to have any personal connection to WWII (Dec. '41 to Aug. '45), but this is still an interesting anecdote of that era. --- Your *Hartranft Herald* field correspondent!

Story verification:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/informedreader/2007/11/19/wwii-pows-perk-monopoly-with-real-money/>

[GAR Historian](#) by Dave Klinepeter

The Grand Army Button

- **The following resolution was adopted by the National Encampment at Minneapolis, Minn. (see page 139, of the National Encampment Journal, 1884)**
- **Resolved That the Council of Administration shall ask for designs for a small pin or button, that may be worn and acknowledged as a mark of membership, and when a design is offered that meets its approval, the same shall be promulgated in orders, and become the recognized badge under the regulations as may be deemed advisable by the Commander-in -Chief and Council of Administration.**
- **In accordance therewith the Council adopted the design for a button, to be worn in the upper button hole on left lapel of the coat. The resolution was adopted by the National Encampment. of the Grand Army of the Republic 1884**

The Button of the GAR

I have seen a little button, of a copper-colored hue,
It was worn upon the lapel of the boys who wore blue;
It is made of cannon captured by loyal, brave, and true,
As they were marching on!

Care for the soldier, who once cared for you,
Vet'ran and hero, the grand boy in blue;
Where would you now be, had he not his brave life
Stood between you and the war's deadly strife?
History's records forever will tell
Proudly the deeds of the heroes who fell,
Forcing rebellion and treason to cease,
Dying for liberty, union, and peace.

Humble in life though he may be to-day,
Little of wealth in his coffers may lay,
Riches are his, of more value than gold:
Valor displayed, passing all deeds of old.
You are his debtors for his gifts to you,
Show yourselves grateful, to justice be true.

Your safety he won, he won you your peace,
See that your blessings to him never cease.

Who are the worthiest the nation's true love?
Who should be shielded till mustered above?
'Tis but his due who imperiled his life;
Keep him from want, comfort children and wife.
Sacrifice grand for your safety he gave;
Bless him who suffered our country to save.

In the days of dark secession, sixty-one to sixty-five,
Not a star from off our banner could be the haughty
rebels rive.

Was the service in the army or upon the rolling sea,
It was the self-same struggle that has made the nation
free;

And we recognize this button, wheresoever it may be,
As a badge of glory won.

The Lapel Button of the GAR!



One of these old relics has been made available for our holiday party. Camp 15 will be offering five dollar tickets for opportunity to win a similar GAR Lapel button as featured in file photo above. Interested persons only!

[Members Page](#)

Out of the mouth of a babe: My 5-year-old daughter, Molly, was looking at a catalog of dolls and accessories this morning! As I was getting ready to leave for work, she announced to me that she wanted to get Satan pajamas for her doll.

Stunned and confused, wondering what kind of catalog she was looking at, I asked, "What

kind of pajamas?"

"Satan," she replied with complete innocence.

"Could you spell that for me, honey?"

"S-A-T-I-N - Satan."

I'm still laughing....I laugh even harder at the thought of one day sending her to kindergarten at Northumberland Christian School in Satan pajamas.



Here's Molly accepting a certificate of appreciation from Dr. John Latschar, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park, at a recent evening's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in

Gettysburg.

I think she was more excited about the cherry pie, but she was a very good girl. This was her reward for going with Daddy to "pick up sticks" twice a year at the park.

Shared by John Deppen, SVC.

[Annual Holiday Party](#)

At this year's SUVCW Camp 15 Christmas party. **Sunday 13 December**, we will begin a new tradition of handing out ten-year membership pins to attach to your SUVCW badge; but, you need to be present to receive one because of the design of the pin and the expense of mailing it. (Special arrangements can be made for those members who live more than 100 miles from Harrisburg.) Those eligible are as follows:

David Klinepeter (65-year pin)

Robert Bannon (15-year pin)


And a 10-year pin for all these members:

Bruce Baker, John Croft, David Demmy, Sr., Floyd Demmy, Wesley Diemer, Donald Fry, Larry Fry, Frank Haley, Larry Keener-Farley, Charles Kuhn, John Martin, Russell Ottens, Harry Readshaw, Ronald Shireman, David Sosnowski, Glenn Stephens, and Lee Walters

If there are any questions, please contact Camp secretary, **Larry Sheibley** @ (717) 567-6303. See you at the Christmas party! Larry will be in charge of the five dollar opportunity on the GAR lapel button as indicated on previous page!

[A Time of Remembrance](#) recently held in Washington DC to honor families of fallen veterans featured our own **John Deppen**, who was nominated and participated in the event to honor surviving family members of US Heroes that did not come back from combat.



Commander-elect  John in photo just left of center. John's ancestor died in service during the Civil War. Notice military personnel in period uniforms above. One source of Army photos is at <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/index.php/tag/a-time-of-remembrance/> and more on the story at http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/09/families_of_fallen_soldiers_ga.html until the sites taken the stories and photos down!

“What an EXTRAORDINARY event - I was honored to be there. Having the children of the fallen onstage made the tears flow freely”.
John Deppen.

[Hartranft deceased!](#)

Hartranft, John Frederick (1830-1889) — Born in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 16, 1830. A Republican, he served in the Union Army during the Civil War; was Pennsylvania state auditor general, 1866-72; then Governor of Pennsylvania, 1873-79; and candidate for Republican nomination for President, 1876. He received the Medal of Honor in 1886 for action at Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861. The General died **October 17, 1889**. His Interment is at Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, PA, which Camp 15 has visited. The General, of course, is our Camp's namesake!


Pictures for your perusal!



LEFT, DAVID W. DEMMY ACCEPTS 2008 RECRUITING AWARD ON BEHALF OF GREG KLINE FROM DAVID MEDERT, CINC AT 2009 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT LOUISVILLE.

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DAVID W. DEMMY, RIGHT OF CENTER, WAS ONE OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED KENTUCKY COLONELS.

And someone said David never attends these affairs because we never see him in a photo. Well thanx to Brother Dave Sosnowski of Camp 15 and Cher Petrovic, National photographer, David was captured on film more than once in 2009. More photos and stories in November issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.

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Do you have something to share with us? Send e-mail, business card and photos to DoubleD@Demmy.cc
-- Your *Hartranft Herald* staff!
"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."
- [Sir Winston Churchill](#)

2009 Camp Meeting and Event Schedule

please *update* your calendar accordingly.

Monthly Camp Meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are held at National Civil War Museum unless otherwise, indicated!

October 18, Sunday - Elections for 2010 and guest speaker Sue Boardman!

November 15, Sunday – General Camp meeting and installation of Camp officers for 2010

November 21, Saturday - Remembrance Day parade and activities, Gettysburg, PA

December 13, Sunday - Annual Camp Holiday Party at Doc Holliday's, New Cumberland

Be Proud Wear The Badge



Come out to a meeting and join us!

Allied Orders of the GAR

- ❑ Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to Grand Army of the Republic,
- ❑ Ladies of the Grand Army 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 and other authors, the Deadline for submission of stories, events, articles, and photos to be published in our monthly *Hartranft Herald*, is the first Friday of each month!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <i>Hartranft Herald</i> wishes you would, complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to DoubleD@Demmy.cc |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting! |
| Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome! |

Future Encampments around the globe!

Year	Pennsylvania	National
2010	N.Cumberland	Overland, KS
2011	Ligonier!	Northern, VA
2012	1 of 6 regions	CA or NY

To all able-bodied Brothers of camp 15 who help stack chairs after our business meetings, we thank you and offer our appreciation to you from the staff of the museum. If possible, please stack the chairs as high as 10 if you are able to lift them that high!

[Let's Help our servicemen and women in Afghanistan!](#)

A note from grandmother of one of our currently serving troopers on the ground and forthcoming member of camp 15!

Notice: There is no PX in Afghanistan! No chuck wagon! No Sutter! Just dirt and dust and fleas! The few times the troops get back to a rest area to clean up, recuperate, and restock, whatever items were available are depleted. Brothers and sisters of camp 15, lets roll out the charity part of our Order's Principles, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and bring donations to camp meeting for our men and women on the ground far from home.

Here is a quik list of things our troops need and desire: (note No Lotions due to climate)

Personal Soap

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Flea Collars

Foot powder

Pens – Pads

More data in November Hartranft Herald

National Events and Actions listed on National website at <http://www.suvcw.org/id.htm>

Click on links below

SUVCW National Events:

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SUVCW Operational Information:

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