



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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Another autumn for Camp 15

August 2016



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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!

2016 Hartranft Camp 15
Officers and Staff



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David W. Demmy, Sr. 07-16
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Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08

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, CinC 2010 - 2011.

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Above, left to right, Brother David Klinepeter, presenting a smart salute at the funeral of our, beloved Brother, Floyd J Demmy. PHOTOS BY THE BEERS FAMILY – NEPHEWS AND NIECES OF BROTHER FLOYD.

This August/September 2016 issue of your Hartranft Herald is in tribute to our late Brothers, Larry Sheibley-Beasom and Floyd J Demmy; and, to note the passing of PDC Lester AL Kern of Carlisle.

Next Camp meeting is Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 2pm at NCWM building.

Arrive early to have your membership badge draped in black in honor of our lost Brothers during 2016.

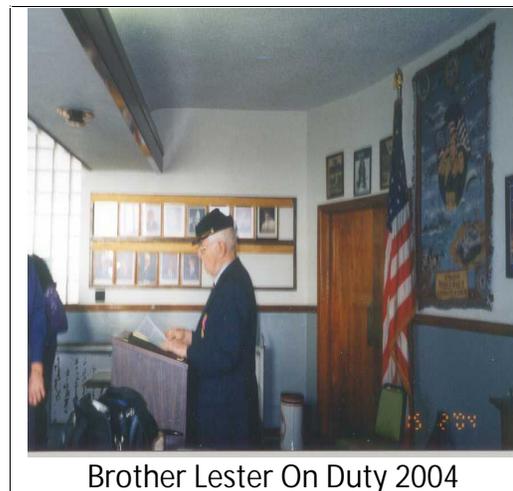
In honor of our two Brothers:



FILE PHOTO

January 2004, Pennsylvania Department Commander Lester AL Kern visited Camp 15

and, following photographs, compliments of Department Command Lester Kern, Brother Al conducted the Installation of Officers for Camp 15 for year 2004.



Brother Lester On Duty 2004

FILE PHOTO

Al, departed this world on July 13, 2016 – *obituary available upon request.* Brother Al provided the *Bible*, Camp 15 uses at each Camp meeting! Rest in Peace Brother Al.

Continued.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 at Harrisburg

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**CAMP ORDER #1
SERIES 2016-2017
1 June 2016**

1. It is with a saddened heart and deep regret that I report the passing of our Brother Larry C. Sheibley of Camp 15!
2. Larry was a Past Camp Commander of Camp 15, and served many years as Camp Secretary, until very recently. For all of us in Camp 15 who knew Larry through the years, his kind and gentle demeanor will be remembered, as will his many years of service in the Camps many activities.
3. Larry's service did not begin or end with the Camp 15. As a former Mathematics teacher for thirty years, he was a natural instructor, and this ability along with his concern for his fellow man resulted in charitable service on many levels. He was a volunteer in the Emergency Room at Brandywine Hospital from 1995 to 2002. He was a volunteer math and ESL tutor at the Perry County Prison. His generosity included annually sponsoring 3 scholarships to Newport High School Graduating Seniors since 2008.
4. As Commander, I am requesting that all membership badges and camp newsletter be draped in black from August 1, 2016 until September 30, 2016 in remembrance of Brother Larry C. Sheibley.
5. Brother Larry's passing was on April 8, 2016. Interment was at Bloomfield Cemetery, New Bloomfield on April 16, 2016. Please join me, in sincere and reflective prayer, for the eternal rest and peace in the presence our heavenly father for our Brother Larry Sheibley.
Ordered this 1st day of June 2016

Jeffery J. Smith, Camp Commander
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Attest:

Greg Kline
Camp Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

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CAMP ORDER #2

SERIES 2016-2017 1 June 2016

1. It is with a saddened heart and deep regret that I report the passing of our Brother Floyd J. Demmy of Camp 15!
2. Brother Floyd is survived by our three brothers of Camp 15, David W. Demmy Sr., David Demmy Jr. and Jonathan Demmy. Also surviving are daughters Deborah Livingston and Heidi Stanalonis, three additional grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.
3. As many of you know well, Brother Floyd was a World War II Army combat veteran, serving in the European Theater. [ETO]! Specifically he served on a half-track squad of Company B, of the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Tiger Division [Among General George Patton's Third Army]. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal, with two bronze combat stars, WWII Victory Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. On many occasions Brother Floyd favored us with stories pertaining to his experiences in World War II.
4. In addition to being a combat veteran and fellow brother of Camp 15, Floyd had many other interests as well. He was an avid gardener, a member of the Harrisburg First Assembly of God, a writer of exquisite poetry and memorable to many of us, a master story teller. Brother Floyd was also a concerned keeper of his fellow man, both in the kind and thoughtful words he expressed, and generous deeds.
5. As Commander, I am requesting that all membership badges and camp newsletter be draped in black from August 1, 2016 until September 30, 2016 in remembrance of Brother Floyd J. Demmy.
6. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Harrisburg on May 26, 2016.
7. Please join me in sharing our deep condolences to Brothers David Sr., David Jr., and Jon, on the loss of father and grandfather.

Ordered this 1st day of June 2016

Jeffery J. Smith, Camp Commander, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Attest: Greg Kline, Camp Secretary, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Dear Brothers of Camp 15,
by Commander Jeff Smith,

Here we are again, nearing the end of the summer and looking forward to the Fall of 2016. I hope your summer has been an enjoyable one. Although most of us regret to see another summer of our lives pass behind, the Autumn season can be a pleasant one, filled with color, beautiful crisp days, and more temperate days of weather ahead. Of course Fall also is the season where our SUVCW, Camp 15 meetings begin, starting on the third Sunday in September and October, capping off with our annual Christmas Party in early December. I hope to see many of you in the September and October meetings fast approaching.

In addition to those formal meetings, the Camp will be involved with some very enjoyable, and yes, rewarding outside activities. As some of you may know, Camp #15 is a Participant in the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park's Program *"Adopt a Position"*. We have adopted "Knapp's Battery" on Culp's Hill. Last year, during a beautiful Fall day, several Camp #15 brothers had lunch together at "Gettysburg Eddies" (and yes, enjoyed a couple of beers along with lunch) and went to Culp's Hill afterward. There we did some trimming and increased the visibility on the downside of the slope, resulting in a safer passage for bikers and autos in the Culp's Hill Loop. In process, we discovered the July 2 and 3rd location of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, which many of you may know as perhaps the most famous regiment of the "Iron Brigade". There, as we cleared the brush away we found the 6th Wisconsin marker, and constructed earthworks of that very brave and famous regiment. Beside that discovery, we brothers had a lot of fun just being together, and had some good laughs and plenty of good hearted joking to go around as well. This year, we will return on some Saturday in October or November. I really encourage you brothers of Camp 15 to join us again on Culp's Hill, and I most certainly can guarantee that you will have a fun and enjoyable time. Another outside event this fall is the Annual Gettysburg "Remembrance Day" Parade. Coincidentally this year it falls on November 19, which happens to be exactly the very day that

the Gettysburg address was given. That only happens once every seven years. If you have never been to the Gettysburg "Remembrance Day" Parade, it is a must see event. During the day, starting at 1:00 PM the Gettysburg Parade kicks off Le Fever Street in Gettysburg.

Thousands of people participate/march in the parade. Descendants of Union and Confederate soldiers march albeit separately in their camps. Both Sons and Daughters march. Flags are flying, and batteries roll down the street pulled by horses. Cavalry rides down the street with carbines and swords (it is a good idea to walk ahead of instead of behind the horses, as you may have to look out for piles if you walk behind!); ladies are in hoop skirts, and men are in civil war uniforms both Blue and Grey. Brother David Klinepeter is likely to be present, in top hat and coat tails, portraying wartime Governor Andrew Curtin. It is truly a memorable event. During the day, the Gettysburg Address will be read, followed by a key note speaker. Past speakers have included Neil Armstrong, and Steven Spielberg.

In the evening of Remembrance Day, there is the annual "Illumination"; 3,600 candles are placed, lit and flicker over the graves of the union fallen of the battle. Each name of those brave and honorable soldiers are read aloud starting at dusk. I guarantee if you go, it is a sight you will not forget; and to hear their names spoken aloud, reminds you that they were living and breathing human beings, just as we are, with dreams, and loved ones in this world; they sacrificed everything on this earth, so that, in the words of Lincoln, "so that, that nation might live". If any of you brothers are interested in preparing and lighting the candles, or reading some of the names on the list (15 min reading) let me know, and I will contact the organizer for the Gettysburg Foundation to get you on the list. My daughter, Ilsa and I do this every year, and it is a humbling honor, to light those candles, and to read those names.

I hope many of you brothers [and families] will come to this fall's meetings or join us in these two outside events discussed above. Please contact

Brother Greg Kline or myself if you are interested in Gettysburg Adopt a position/Knapp's Battery Event or the (2) Remembrance Day Events (November 19th).

Please feel free to contact:

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In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

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Seen in a cemetery in England:

*Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.*

*To which someone replied by writing on the
tombstone:*

*To follow you I'll not consent,
Until I know which way you went.*

*And this one on a tombstone in Boot Hill
Cemetery, Tombstone, Arizona:*

*Here lies Lester Moore
Four slugs from a 44
No Les, No more.*

either the (1)
For all you family and professional
genealogists

FOLD3.com has the following new data
available:

WWI Draft Registration Cards

*Did you have any male family members living
in the United States during 1917–18 who were
born between
1 8 7 2 a n d
1900? If so,
there's a good
chance you'll
find them in
Fold3's **WWI
Draft
Registration
Cards** (via the
National
Archives).*

REGISTRATION CARD		No. 34
1 Name in full	James Adams	Age 25
2 Place of birth	State Prison Salt Lake City Utah	
3 Date of birth	October 23 rd	1892
4 For you (1) natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen?	Alien No Declaration	
5 Where born (city, county, state)	Birmingham Warwickshire England	
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a native-born subject?	British	
7 What is your present (city, county, state) occupation?	Machinist Painter	
8 Where registered?	State Prison	
9 How many fingers, thumbs, etc., (1) on right hand, (2) on left hand, (3) on both hands?	None	
10 How many eyes? (1) both eyes, (2) one eye, (3) no eyes?	None	
11 What military service have you had? (1) None, (2) _____, (3) _____	None	
12 Do you have any other physical defects? (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____, (5) _____, (6) _____, (7) _____, (8) _____, (9) _____, (10) _____, (11) _____, (12) _____, (13) _____, (14) _____, (15) _____, (16) _____, (17) _____, (18) _____, (19) _____, (20) _____, (21) _____, (22) _____, (23) _____, (24) _____, (25) _____, (26) _____, (27) _____, (28) _____, (29) _____, (30) _____, (31) _____, (32) _____, (33) _____, (34) _____, (35) _____, (36) _____, (37) _____, (38) _____, (39) _____, (40) _____, (41) _____, (42) _____, (43) _____, (44) _____, (45) _____, (46) _____, (47) _____, (48) _____, (49) _____, (50) _____, (51) _____, (52) _____, (53) _____, (54) _____, (55) _____, (56) _____, (57) _____, (58) _____, (59) _____, (60) _____, (61) _____, (62) _____, (63) _____, (64) _____, (65) _____, (66) _____, (67) _____, (68) _____, (69) _____, (70) _____, (71) _____, (72) _____, (73) _____, (74) _____, (75) _____, (76) _____, (77) _____, (78) _____, (79) _____, (80) _____, (81) _____, (82) _____, (83) _____, (84) _____, (85) _____, (86) _____, (87) _____, (88) _____, (89) _____, (90) _____, (91) _____, (92) _____, (93) _____, (94) _____, (95) _____, (96) _____, (97) _____, (98) _____, (99) _____, (100) _____	4 Fingers amputated R Hand	
I believe that I have notified other persons and that they are true.		
James Adams		

After the United States entered the war with Germany in 1917, the government required men of certain age groups to register for the draft. There were three draft registration periods: The first, on 5 June 1917, was for men between the ages of 21 and 31. The second registration, held a year later, on 5 June 1918, was for men who had turned 21 since the last registration or who hadn't registered during the first registration for whatever reason. The third registration was held just a few months later, on 12 September 1918, and extended the draft registration ages!

*... Where there's more of singing and less of
sighing,
Where there's more of giving and less of
buying,
Where a man makes a friend without half
trying,
That's where the West begins.....
By Arthur Chapman*

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by Camp Chaplain, David Demmy Please add the following to your daily prayer list:

Don Fry of Linglestown, Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith; Mrs. Robert Manning; Charlie Kuhn Jr, PCinC, Past Dept of PA Secretary; Joe Long Jr, PDC at Scranton Camp 8; and

Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Marilyn Demmy, and Tony Kline, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters and Mary Jane Bannan!

Update on Brother Fry: 'Don is actually on the road to recovery from back surgery; with more goods news... unfortunately this also means Don will not be returning to PA this summer. He is very sad about this fact and has talked about Boy Scout camp this week and missing all his friends back home. We are looking forward to a plan for next April to have him back in ship-shape and ready to travel to PA!!'

Memorial Day 2016 photos

By PCC Gene Mascioli



What we do in honor of deceased veterans – Memorial Day and below, remnants of 74th Regiment Pa Vol Infantry, America’s Civil War flag:



The Hanneford Circus will be featured at York Fair in September; Brothers you are invited to come to the circus and see HO display of circus train, unloading its personnel and equipment to please the crowd.

PHOTOS BY BROTHER GENE, PCC!



Invite your neighbor, your brother-n-law, your son, your grandson, your father, your uncle, your de-nephew, and/or friend to a Camp meeting or event; better yet pick them up and see them smile at the event!

COMPARATIVE MILITARY TERMS		
NAVY / MARINES	ARMY	AIR FORCE
Head	Latrine	Powder Room
Mess Deck / Chow Hall	Mess Hall / Mess Tent	Dining Facility / Cafe'
Rack	Bunk	Single Bed with Ruffle & Duvet
"Cookie"	Mess Cook	Contract Chef
Coffee / Mud	Cup of Joe	'Vanilla Latte'
Bug Juice	Kool Aid	Shirley Temple
Utilities	BDU's	Casual Wear
Seaman / Private	Private	Bobby or Jimmy
Chief / Gunny	Sergeant	Bob or Jim
Captain / Skipper	Colonel	Robert or James
Captain's Mast	Article 15	Time Out
Berthing / Barracks	Barracks	Apartment
Skivvies / U-Trag	Underwear	T-Shirt & Panties
Thrown in the Brig	Put in Confinement	Grounded
Zoom Bag	Flight Suit	Business Casual
Cover	Beret	Optional
Ship's Store / PX	PX	The Mall
TAD	TDY	PCS with Family
Cruise / Afloat	Deploy	Huh?
Ground Grabbers	Athletic Shoes	Flip-Flops
Boondockers	Jump Boots	Birkenstocks
Low Quarters	Low Quarters	Patent Leather Pumps
SEAL / Force Recon	Special Forces	Librarian
OOO-RAH!	HOOD-AAH!	Uh-Oh!
MRE	MRE	#3 with a Coke
Grinder	Drill Field	What?
Ge-Dunk	Snack Bar	Chucky Cheese
Midshipman	Cadet	Debutant
Hardcore	Strike	Way Too Serious

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR/GAR HISTORIAN

by Dave Klinepeter

At our September meeting I am looking forward to a report on the SUV CW State Encampment from Greg Kline and also a report on the National Encampment of the SUV CW from David Demmy.

On July 30th I had an unusual experience. Went to New Freedom, Pa and rode the Civil War train. It was a Confederate train raid week end. General Robert E. Lee was at the Confederate camp site and Mrs. Robert E. Lee was alone at the train station. Governor Curtin offered to escort Mrs. Lee on the ride. I protected her from the Yankee's and she protected me from the raiders. We were able to talk to the riders about the problems of our day, of course some of the opinions differed in beliefs. Later on I was able to talk with several gentlemen about the SUV CW. There was also a Civil War Ball run by Brother Larry Keener Farley and the Victorian Dance Ensemble. On August 6th, as Governor Curtin, I was invited to Duncannon, Pa for a reunion of the Pennsylvania Bucktails. There were over 70 members plus families attending. There were a number of the fellows wearing their

SUV CW membership badges, several were from New York State.

On August 13th Our Victorian Dance Ensemble danced at Gettysburg, Pa; first at the Dobbin House in the morning and then the National Military Park in the afternoon. Always at affairs such as this I carry business cards from our Executive Director, David Demmy. I have also given a number of Brother Swanger's research info folders to people wondering how or where to find records for Civil War veterans.

September 11th is now PATRIOT DAY and everyone is asked to fly your AMERICAN FLAG. Back in my time we had "Pearl Harbor" now they have Sept 11th and New York.--- let us never forget. DJK

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

August 28-Sept 1, 1949 the 83rd and Last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Indianapolis, Ind. The Commander in Chief was Theodore Penland. General Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg, Pa was there. Major John H. Runkle took a number of the

6 Infantry Field Music Penna Brigade Sons of Veterans Reserves (Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps) along. Your Patriotic Instructor was one of those. We drove in three cars. One afternoon, Major Runkle took the Drum Corp down to the GAR Headquarters to entertain the six attending GAR Civil War Veterans. Only one, Albert Woolson came down for dinner. He was attended by a registered nurse and an M.P.; Major Runkle placed a drum between Albert Woolson's legs, gave him drum sticks and he played along with us for a number of Civil War songs. I am sure this brought back many memories for Woolson.

At this National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Pennsylvania Major John H. Runkle, of Camp 15, Harrisburg, was installed as Commander In Chief. djk

GAR MEMBERSHIP BADGES

In the last newsletter I showed the first membership badge.

At a special meeting of the National Encampment in New York City on October 27-28 1869 they adopted a new membership badge. Enclosed see a copy of the original information sent to every GAR

Post. A short time later complaints came in, stating that it looked too much like the Medal of Honor given during the war. Several years later it was modified. I will show those in the next newsletter. djk

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic.

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, February 18, 1870.

CIRCULAR }
No. 1.

The annexed cut represents the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, as adopted at a special meeting of the National Encampment, held in New York city on the 27th and 28th days of October, 1869, under the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the design of badge submitted to the Council of Administration be adopted, and that the badges shall be cast from bronze composed of cannon captured during the late rebellion; and be it

"Resolved, That the Quartermaster General be authorized to contract with A. Demarest, of New York city, for the badge above adopted, upon condition that the Grand Army of the Republic shall have the sole legal right to the patent of said badge, and that it be furnished to Comrades at a sum not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents each."

In conformity with the above, a patent of the badge has been secured to National Headquarters, and the contract for their manufacture awarded to Mr. Demarest. These badges will be ready for delivery on the 18th instant at \$1.50 each, and can only be obtained through these Headquarters. All orders for small numbers must be accompanied with the money. Large orders will be filled and forwarded by express, C. O. D. All letters relative to the badge must be addressed to Col. Timothy Luby, No. 411 F Street, Washington, D. C.

By order of the Commander-in-chief:

TIMOTHY LUBEY,

Quartermaster General.

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DESCRIPTION

OF THE AUTHORIZED

Badge of the Military Order

OF THE

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

THE BADGE is of bronze, made from cannon captured in different decisive battles during the late rebellion, and in form a five-pointed star, similar in design to the two hundred medals of honor authorized by act of Congress to be given soldiers and sailors most distinguished for meritorious and gallant conduct during the late rebellion.

The design, as here given, and adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, was arranged by General F. A. STARRING, Inspector General of the Order, and is described as follows:

THE OBVERSE.

In the centre of the Badge is a figure of the Goddess of Liberty, representing LOYALTY; on either side, a Soldier and Sailor clasping hands, representing FRATERNITY, and two little Children receiving benediction and assurance of protection from the Comrades, etc., representing CHARITY. On each side of the group is the National Flag and the Eagle, representing FREEDOM, and the Axe and Bundle of Rods, or Fasces, representing UNION. In each point of the Star is the insignia of the various arms of the service, viz: the Bugle for Infantry, Cross Cannon for Artillery, Cross Muskets for the Marine, Cross Swords for Cavalry, and the Anchor for Sailors. Over the central group are the words "Grand Army of the Republic," and under, the word and figures "1861—Veteran—1866," commemorating the commencement and close of the rebellion, and also the date and organization of the Order.

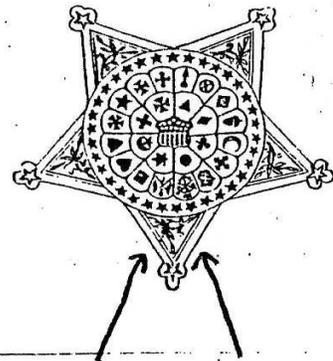
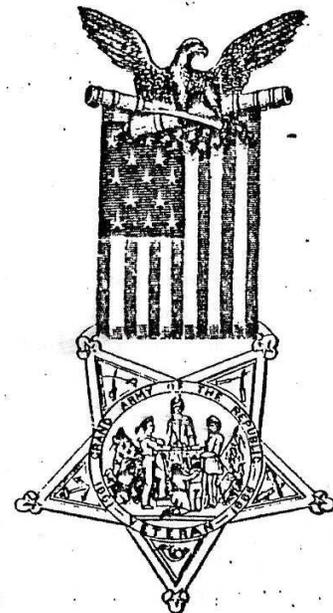
THE REVERSE SIDE

Represents a Branch of Laurel—the crown and reward of the brave—in each point of the Star. The National Shield in the centre, surrounded by the twenty-four recognized Corps Badges numerically arranged, each on a Keystone, and all linked together, showing they are united, and will guard and protect the shield of the Nation. Around the Centre is a circle of Stars, representing the States of the Union and the Departments composing the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE CLASP

Is composed of the figure of an Eagle, with Cross Cannon and Ammunition, representing DEFENCE; the Eagle with drawn sword hovering over and always ready to protect from insult or dishonor the NATIONAL FLAG, which is also the Emblem and RIBBON of the Order.

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The patent date is located on the lower point of the star.

Colorful image of the 1869 badge:



135th National Encampment at Springfield IL
by David Demmy

Only 6 Brothers of our Department of Pennsylvania traveled to the encampment in honor of the birthplace of the GAR and sponsored by the Department of Illinois.

Pennsylvania is the largest of all of the 30 departments that make up our grand patriotic organization, 1 of 5 allied orders of the GAR and we could not muster up enough votes to reelect our Brother Richard Orr, for another term as our national treasurer and crusader to IRS for our upgrade from 501 (C4) to 501 (C3) to allow donations to us as tax deductible for the donors, among other reasons and objectives of being a (C3) organization. While greater than 200 Brothers were registered to attend the encampment, only 182 were in the room at the time of voting and only after attendance was taken prior to the voting process to assure that only those present at the assembly are entitled to vote.

Brother Rich, nearly single-handedly campaigned to the IRS with the tons of paperwork and previously submitted audits and forms that the IRS continued to stone wall our non-profit organization.

Brother David McReynolds of TN is the newly elected treasurer. Don Martin of OH, Mark Day of VA and Don Shaw of MI were elected as CinC, SVC, and JVC respectively. Ed Norris, MA is the appointed Chief of Staff to Don Martin.

Future sites for national encampment are

2017 – Lansing Michigan at Radisson August 10-13, 2017

2018 – Boston, Mass at Sheraton Framingham Hotel 9 -14, 2018

2019 – Perhaps at Branson, Missouri further data TBA, and,

2020 – Perhaps near Penn State. In the near future, the Department of Pennsylvania will be submitting their bid to host the 2020 convention.

Queries and resolutions to change the national policy requiring Dual Brothers to remit 2nd and 3rd national per capita to each Camp they may have joined, was not passed.

Remembrance Day dates for next several years are:

Saturday November 19 2016

Saturday November 18 2017

Saturday November 17 2018

Saturday November 16 2019

Saturday November 21 2020, and ...

Saturday November 20 2021.

The SUVCW, recently lost 2 additional real sons. At present our known living real sons total 3. General Orders will be published regarding the latest 2 deaths of these noble men whose father was a *real veteran of the Civil War*.

The committee on Real Sons and Daughters of real Civil War veterans reported 6 known living daughters.

Most of the proposals from last year, held in trust by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations; and, a few 2016 resolutions, were passed by the assembly. The concern over dual memberships paying twice in their primary Camp and also in their dual Camp, was another loss effort. At a recent Council of Administration meeting, a committee was designed for the Preservation of Records, namely past national encampment proceedings from 1882 into 1986. David Demmy has been appointed to the committee. Some duplicate copies of recent national proceedings are available for your reading enjoy. Just ask to

read em! In addition, Brother David was commissioned to provide statistics on gains and losses, by department, for the greater good of the SUVCW.



The contingent from the Department of Pennsylvania appears above to Brother Charlie's right. New Commander in Chief Brother Don Martin standing behind Charlie waiting to speak next on the topic at the moment.

[At the June encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania](#), our PCC and current Camp secretary, Brother Greg Kline was elected to the office of Jr Vice Commander. In approximately 5 years he will be eligible for election as the Commander of our great Department of Pennsylvania. Stay tuned for changes and new adventures.

Congratulations to our Brother Greg.

[Camp Treasurers Report](#)

By David Demmy, Sr.

Since we last met in May, several purchases were made for office supplies and we deposited funds for donations to the Camp and for the belt buckles and license plates that were purchased by the only authorized Camp to sell such items.

Current funds available for expenditures are \$307; with a cushion of \$1,000 to avoid bank charges and fees.

[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!

Fall Camp meetings:

Sunday September 18th

Sunday October 16th

Pennsylvania Department Mid-year meeting to be announced in near future.

No meeting in November, please visit Gettysburg for annual SUVCW Remembrance Day events November 19th.

Sunday **December 11th** annual Camp Holiday banquet.

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 yearly calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff DoubleD@Demmy.cc.



Memorial Day of years gone by...

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 of 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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The *Sheesley Farm* along old Devonshire Road at east bound Route 22, Lower Paxton Township!



One of many illustrations by Floyd Demmy 2007

Spread some laughter, share the cheer;
let's all be Happy while we are here!!!

Q - How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

A - No problem, he sleeps at night.

Daddy's Poem

Her hair was up in a pony tail, her favorite dress tied with a bow.
 Today was Daddy's Day at school, and she couldn't wait to go.
 But her mommy tried to tell her, that she probably should stay home
 Why the kids might not understand, if she went to school alone.

But she was not afraid; she knew just what to say.
 What to tell her classmates of why he wasn't there today.
 But still her mother worried, for her to face this day alone.
 And that was why once again, she tried to keep her daughter home..

But the little girl went to school eager to tell them all.
 About a dad she never sees a dad who never calls.
 There were daddies along the wall in back, for everyone to meet.
 Children squirming impatiently, anxious in their seats.

One by one the teacher called a student from the class.
 To introduce their daddy, as seconds slowly passed.
 At last the teacher called her name, every child turned to stare.
 Each of them was searching, a man who wasn't there.

'Where's her daddy at?' She heard a boy call out.
 'She probably doesn't have one,' another student dared to shout.
 And from somewhere near the back, she heard a daddy say,
 'Looks like another deadbeat dad, too busy to waste his day.'

The words did not offend her, as she smiled up at her Mom.
 And looked back at her teacher, who told her to go on.
 And with hands behind her back, slowly she began to speak.
 And out from the mouth of a child, came words incredibly unique.

'My Daddy couldn't be here, because he lives so far away.
 But I know he wishes he could be, since this is such a special day.
 And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know.
 All about my daddy, and how much he loves me so.

He loved to tell me stories he taught me to ride my bike.
 He surprised me with pink roses, and taught me to fly a kite.
 We used to share fudge sundaes, and ice cream in a cone
 And though you cannot see him. I'm not standing here alone.

'Cause my daddy's always with me, even though we are apart
 I know because he told me, he'll forever be in my heart'
 With that, her little hand reached up, and lay across her chest.
 Feeling her own heartbeat, beneath her favorite dress.

And from somewhere there in the crowd of dads, her mother stood in tears.
 Proudly watching her daughter, who was wise beyond her years.
 For she stood up for the love of a man not in her life.
 Doing what was best for her, doing what was right.
 And when she dropped her hand back down, staring straight into the crowd.
 She finished with a voice so soft, but its message clear and loud.

'I love my daddy very much,
 he's my shining star.
 And if he could, he'd be here,
 but heaven's just too far.

You see he is a Marine and died just this past year
 When a roadside bomb hit his convoy and taught Americans to fear.
 But sometimes when I close my eyes, it's like he never went away.'
 And then she closed her eyes, and saw him there that day.

And to her mother's amazement,
 she witnessed with surprise.
 A room full of daddies and children,
 all starting to close their eyes.

Who knows what they saw before them,
 who knows what they felt inside.
 Perhaps for merely a second,
 they saw him at her side.

'I know you're with me Daddy,'
 to the silence she called out.
 And what happened next made believers,
 of those once filled with doubt.

Not one in that room could explain it, for each of their eyes had been closed.
 But there on the desk beside her, was a fragrant long-stemmed pink rose.
 And a child was blessed, if only for a moment, by the love of her
 shining star. And given the gift of believing, that heaven is never too far.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to
 appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Written by Cheryl Costello-Forshey

Take the time...to live and love. Until eternity. God bless
 There must be many children in the same boat as this little girl.

Thanks to our servicemen and women and their families for the sacrifice they are
 making to keep our country Free.

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The National Civil War Museum is Proud to Present our 2016 Civil War Fall Lecture Series

Sep 3rd

Saturday
September 3, 2016
1:00pm-2:00pm
Education Gallery
First Floor

**Researching Your
Civil War Ancestor:
Bring out your
Inner Genealogist**



**Presented by
Museum CEO
Wayne E. Motts**

Sep 10th

Saturday
September 10, 2016
1:00pm-2:00pm
Education Gallery
First Floor

**A Civil War Captain
and His Lady: A True
Story of Love,
Courtship, and
Combat from Fort
Donelson through the
Vicksburg Campaign**



**Presented by
Gene Barr**

Sep 17th

Saturday
September 17, 2016
1:00pm-2:00pm
Education Gallery
First Floor

**Treasures of the
Museum:
Our Newest
Aquisitions**



**Presented by
Museum Curator
Brett Kelley**

Sep 24th

Saturday
September 24, 2016
1:00pm-2:00pm
Education Gallery
First Floor

**Mostly Gone and
Almost Forgotten:
A Look at the Many
Early
Markers and
Monuments at the
Manassas
Battlefields**



**Presented by
Robert E. L. Krick**

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