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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Loss of Auxiliary Sister

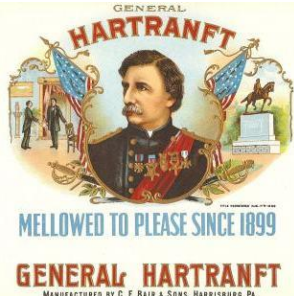
April 2019



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!

<p>2019 Hartranft Camp 15</p> <p>Officers and Staff</p> 	<p>Commander</p> <p>Senior Vice Commander</p> <p>Junior Vice Commander</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Council 01</p> <p>Council 02.</p> <p>Council 03</p> <p>Patriotic Instructor</p> <p>Chaplain</p> <p>Counselor.</p> <p>GAR Historian.</p> <p>Graves Registration</p> <p>Guide</p> <p>Color Bearer.</p> <p>Guard</p> <p>Eagle Scout Coordinator</p> <p>Signal Webmaster</p> <p>ROTC Coordinator</p> <p>GAR Highway Officer</p> <p>Longevity Brother</p> <p>Webmaster.</p>	<p>Logan Swanger 2019</p> <p>Vernon Stout 2018</p> <p>Scott Debo, PCC 2018</p> <p>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18</p> <p>David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18</p> <p>Scott Debo, PCC 15-18</p> <p>Anthony Kline 16 - 18</p> <p>Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21</p> <p>Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018</p> <p>David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18</p> <p>Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08</p> <p>Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018</p> <p>Logan Swanger 14-18</p> <p>Vacant 2018</p> <p>Vacant 2018</p> <p>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18</p> <p>Vacant 2018</p> <p>Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18.</p> <p>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18</p> <p>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18</p> <p>Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943</p> <p>Dave W. Demmy Jr., since 2011</p>
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Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm, 3rd Sunday of most months. 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!

April 2019 *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

This issue of the *Hartranft Herald* is draped in remembrance of our late **sister**, Auxiliary lady, **Mary Jane [Jinny] Bannan of New Cumberland, PA.**

See 'Camp Order' later in this issue.

Our next Camp business meeting is scheduled for weekend after Easter: Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2 pm at National Civil War Museum Building upper level room 222.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, dinner at Longhorns Steakhouse, on Jonestown Road (Route 22) Colonial Park, a mere 3 miles from meeting room for any interested brother and guest of camp 15.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress by, Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, Kentucky Colonel, and Camp 15 Chaplain

Please include the following during your daily prayer time:

- Tony Kline is on the mend!
- Kevin Martin, PDC, Chesapeake Dept, recent hospital stay. Brother Kevin is running for national council seat in August.
- Tom Bowman serious concern!
- Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline!
- Joe Long Jr, PDC and Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary; and Rob too! Mrs. Bill Kuhn Jr, Scott Debo PCC, Mr and Mrs. David McReynolds, nat'l treasurer; and Darlene Alcorn's son; and Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Mrs. John Martin! Brother Larry Keener-Farley, PCC, and Brother John Martin.
- Mrs. Robert Treat; Jeffery Smith PCC; Mrs. Robert Manning. Brother Dave Sosnowski.

- Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht! Brother Jerry has been released from hospital after a number of procedures. He was present for the annual SUVCW Lincoln Tomb ceremony mid-April in, of course, Springfield, Illinois.
- PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, and PCinC Richard Partington; Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan to our prayer list too!

God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

Photography during the Civil War



Think of the heroes of the American Revolution. How do we perceive them? More often than not we picture them as older men with white hair and a stern look. **Left, image of Ambrotype Union Drummer Boy.**

Now think of the Civil War. Images of brave young men some nearly children spring to mind. Why the difference? Photography! Not only the images of Brady, but the thousands of personal and often nameless photographs that the boys made to send home to the ones they loved.

There would be four main types of photographs that our ancestors would be familiar with during the war: The Daguerreotype, Ambrotype, Tintype and CdV. The following is a brief description of each one.

The Daguerreotype: To make the image, a daguerreotypist would polish a sheet of silver-plated copper to a mirror finish, treat it with fumes that made its surface light sensitive, expose it in a camera for as long as was judged to be necessary, which could be as little as a few seconds for brightly sunlit subjects or much longer with less intense lighting; make the resulting latent image on it visible by fuming it with mercury vapor; remove its sensitivity to light by liquid chemical treatment,

rinse and dry it, then seal the easily marred result behind glass in a protective enclosure.

The image is on a mirror-like silver surface, normally kept under glass, and will appear either positive or negative, depending on the angle at which it is viewed, how it is lit and whether a light or dark background is being reflected in the metal. The darkest areas of the image are simply bare silver; lighter areas have a microscopically fine light-scattering texture. The surface is very delicate, and even the lightest wiping can permanently scuff it.

Ambrotype: The ambrotype was based on the wet plate collodion process invented by Frederick Scott Archer. Ambrotypes were deliberately underexposed negatives made by that process. In the US, ambrotypes first came into use in the early 1850s.

Ambrotypes were much less expensive to produce than daguerreotypes however they appeared dull and drab when compared with the brilliance of a well-made and properly viewed daguerreotype.

By the late 1850s, the ambrotype was overtaking the daguerreotype in popularity. By the mid-1860s, the ambrotype itself was being replaced by the tintype, a similar image on a sturdy black-lacquered thin iron sheet, as well as by photographic albumen paper prints made from glass plate collodion negatives.

The Tintype: Compared to their most important predecessor, the daguerreotype, tintypes were not only very inexpensive, they were also relatively easy and quick to make. A photographer could prepare, expose, develop and varnish a tintype plate and have it ready for the customer in a few minutes. Although early tintypes were sometimes mounted in protective ornamental cases, like daguerreotypes and ambrotypes, uncased tintypes in simple paper mats were popular from the beginning.

One or more hardy, lightweight, thin tintypes could be carried conveniently in a jacket pocket, making them very popular in the United States during the American Civil War.

The CdV.: The ***carte de visite*** (French: visiting card), abbreviated CdV, was a type of small photograph



which was patented in Paris during 1854. It was usually made of an albumen print, which was a thin paper photograph mounted on a thicker paper card. **Left, CdV image of General John F. Hartranft.** The *carte de visite* was slow to gain widespread use until 1859 when

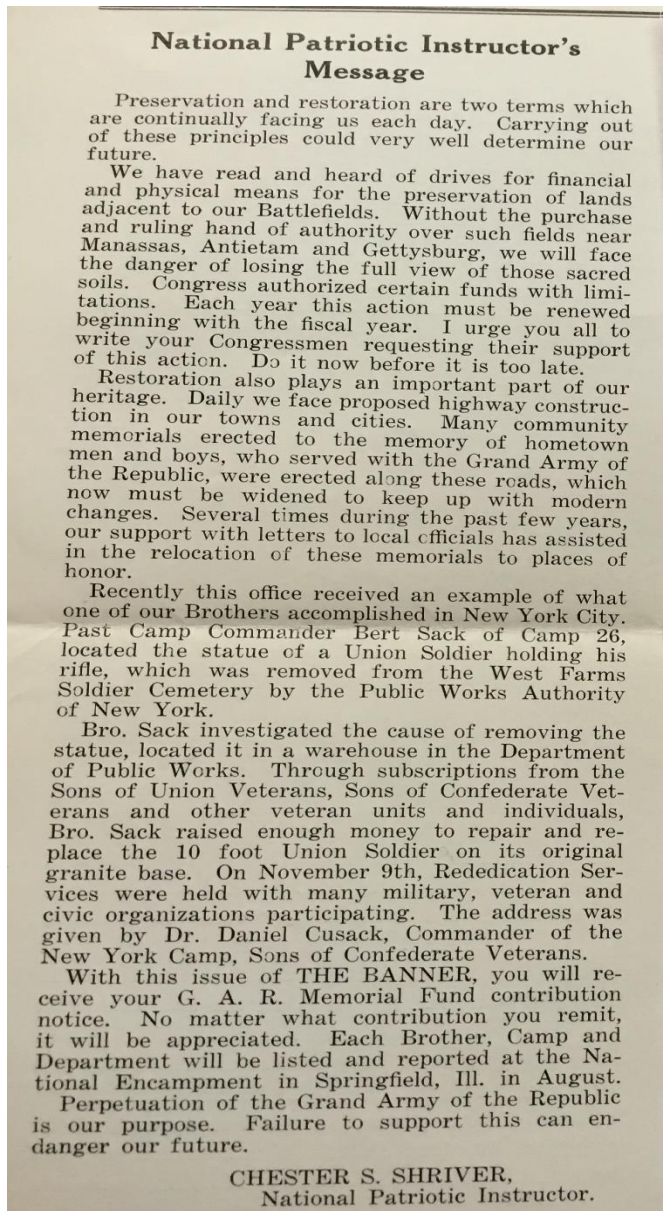
Emperor Napoleon III's photos were published in this format. This made the format an overnight success. The new invention was so popular it was known as "cardomania" and it spread throughout Europe and then quickly to America and the rest of the world.

Each photograph was the size of a visiting card, and such photograph cards were traded among friends and visitors. Albums for the collection and display of cards became a common fixture in Victorian parlors. The immense popularity of these card photographs led to the publication and collection of photographs of prominent persons.

No matter what type of photographic process our ancestors were immortalized with the importance is what is in the image: young men, proud and hopeful fighting for a noble cause. Today they serve as a reminder keeping green the memory of the boys in blue.

Above story, was the Patriotic Instructor's Presentation time, at camp meeting on Sunday March 17, 2019 by SVC Vernon Stout.

Also, shared by Camp 15 brother, Vernon Stout



Source: ***The Banner***,

Vol. 64 No 2., March 1960, Page 2, 1st column.

...Seems failure to support can endanger our future and our future is failing every day with monuments here and there being discarded by local governments

Who Are Entitled Top Pensions?

The question is often asked, "Who are entitled to draw pension?" The act of Congress, passed July, 1862, made liberal provision for providing pensions to disabled or invalid soldiers who have served in the army of the Union since the 4th of March, 1861, and also to all widows and children (under sixteen years of age,) as well as mothers and dependent sisters of soldiers killed in battle, or who shall die by reason of wounds received or diseases contracted while in the line of duty. The provisions, as a whole, are much more liberal than the old pension laws for the Revolution or the war of 1812. The amount of pensions for total disability [sic] are fixed as follows:

Noncommissioned officers, musicians and privates, per month \$8; Second Lieutenants, \$15; First Lieutenants, \$17; Captains, \$20; Majors, \$25; all officers of higher rank, \$30. But a large majority of those accepted as pensioners are only partially disabled, and the amount of pension is rated according to their disability, which may be one-fourth, one-third, one-half, two-thirds, &c. The disability is based on the proportion which the effects of a wound received or disease contracted in public service actually disables one from obtaining a livelihood.

Source:

The Gallipolis Journal
July 2, 1863

[First Generation children of Civil War Veterans!](#)

Their interviews; copy and go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UCRBZ-qIWM>

New Member

At latest camp meeting, Donald J Madar was given the oath of membership obligation by camp chaplain David W Demmy, Sr., and in photo below was pinned with his membership badge by Junior Vice Commander Scott Debo.



Brother Donald, of Chambers Hill, Harrisburg, comes to us as an Associate Brother of our grand patriotic organization, the SUVCW.

In near future, we hope to provide the oath of obligation to newly elected brother, Forrest C Myers, of Enola, PA.

Memorial Day **weekend** for Brothers of camp 15

On Saturday May 25, 2019 Brother Brothers and family will be everywhere in the Susquehanna Valley honoring their civil war ancestors and veterans at large. A contingent of Brothers will be present at cemeteries on 27th 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 near Arsenal Blvd. 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!*** [And then, we'll move onto historic Harrisburg Cemetery, cross over 13th at State Street, a mere few blocks from Diner]. 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!



On the Road with Camp 15

April meeting will be conducted on Sunday, April 28, one week following Easter at NCWM bldg., upper level room 222, at 2 pm, high atop Reservoir Park!

Our Brother **Greg Kline** is a 'PCC' of Camp 15 and also of the newly established Camp 503 in Sunbury. Currently he is our Camp secretary and also, the Pennsylvania Department Senior Vice Commander, which means he is on the path to become the **Pennsylvania Department Commander** 'DC' this year **2019** at the PA Department Encampment Convention to be held at Crown Plaza at King of Prussia exit off of turnpike.

The dates for this event are **June 27-29** and it was voted at 2018 encampment to go back to 2-day encampment affair with events/tours of the area.

To support Brother Greg's promotion to Department Commander, one of 30 other commanders across our nation, we are making this plea to you to reserve this event and dates and to do all in your power to attend and, not only vote for Greg, but support him in his endeavors and goals for our Department, the largest Department among our grand patriotic organization.

~~~ Hartranft Herald Staff

**New Readers,**  
for all of our past newsletters, visit  
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## 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 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book.

If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an *e*-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

**Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, cousin, neighbor and friend to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of Auxiliary 7 are always welcome!**

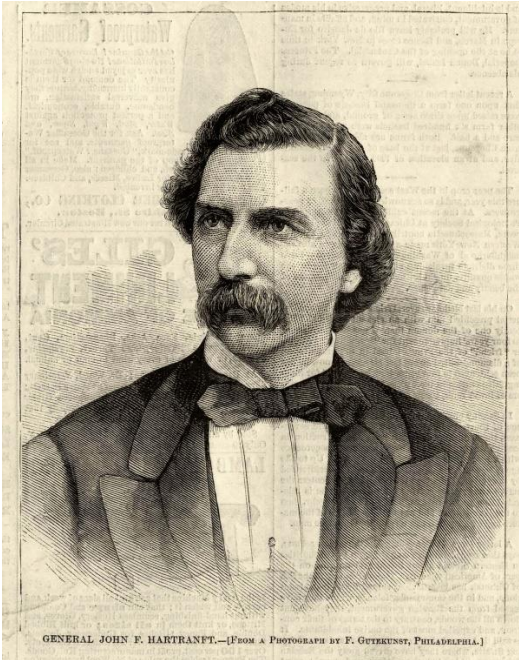
Established February 11, 1882

in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

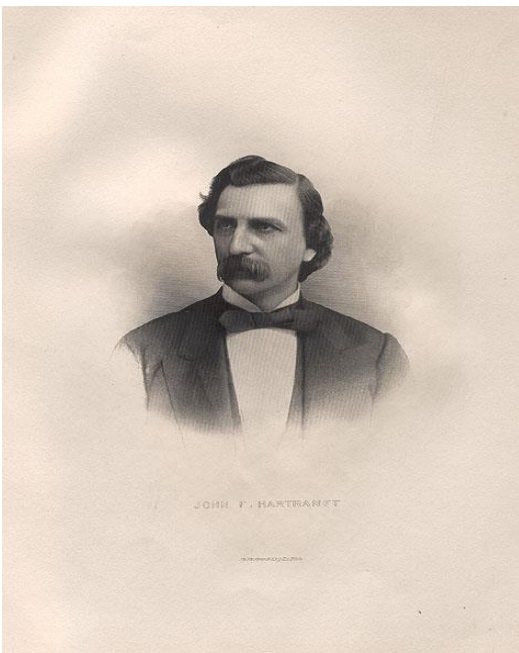
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**Out of our Past – Camp 15, By *Hartranft Herald*  
editorial staff**



Above Sketch, of our camp namesake, General John F Hartranft, from image below



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Recognize any troopers above!

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## CAMP ORDER #1

SERIES 2019

9 April 2019

1. It is with a saddened heart and deep regret that I report the passing of our Sister of Auxiliary #7 to Camp #15, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Jane [Jinny] Bannan of New Cumberland, PA, Sunday, March 31, 2019.
2. Mary Jane's memberships into all 4 of the ladies Orders of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, were based upon her 2 ancestors:
3. Her great-grandfather, Jacob H. Shaffer, was a Private with I Company of the 188<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry, and,
4. Her great uncle, John S. Bannan, enlisted as a Private in Company E, 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry, and,
5. Mary Jane's mother, Mary E. Bannan, was Past President of the Circle #20 of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
6. Mary, was a member of the following 4 Allied Orders:
7. General E.O.C. Ord Circle #20, Ladies of the GAR; Past Circle President. Member over 72 years.
8. Susan Lessick Tent #53, DUVCW, 1861-1865; PDP 1965 - 1966 and 1991-1992. Member over 67 years.
9. Auxiliary #7 to SUVCW, General John F. Hartranft, Camp #15; Past Auxiliary President. Member over 57 years.
10. National Comrade Alfred Wiles Gabrio Woman's Relief Corps #136 Auxiliary to the GAR Inc.; Past Corps President.
11. Member of the National Revision Committee and 2007 Convention Site Committee and National Child Welfare Chairman, member too of,

12. Pine Street Presbyterian Church 72 years.

13. Telephone Pioneers of America.

14. Camp Curtin Historical Society, since 1990!

15. As Commander, I am requesting that all membership badges and camp newsletter be draped in black for the period of April and May 2019 in remembrance of Sister Mary Jane and her family.

16. The Brotherhood of John F. Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg Pa., expresses its deepest condolences to the family of Mary Jane and her sisters of Auxiliary #7.

Ordered this 9th day of April 2019

/S/ Logan G. Swanger, Camp Commander

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

/S/ Attest: Gregory E. Kline, Camp Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

