

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





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Memorial Day Photos

June/July 2019



Combined early summer issue!

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!

2019 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander	Logan Swanger 2019
Officers and Staff	Senior Vice Commander	Vernon Stout 2018
	Junior Vice Commander	Scott Debo, PCC 2018
	Secretary	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18
	Treasurer	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18
	Council 01	Scott Debo, PCC 15-18
	Council 02	Anthony Kline 16 - 18
	Council 03	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21
GENERAL	Patriotic Instructor	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018
HARTRANET	Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18
See Constitution	Counselor	Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08
	GAR Historian	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018
	Graves Registration	Logan Swanger 14-18
	Guide	Vacant 2018
	Color Bearer	Vacant 2018
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	Eagle Scout Coordinator	Vacant 2018
	Signal Webmaster	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 05-18.
	ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18
	GAR Highway Officer	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18
	Longevity Brother	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943
	Webmaster	Dave W. Demmy Jr., since 2011

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!

June/July 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

Our next Camp business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 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. Longhorn is on left, turn at light into Sears parking lot.



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:

- Logan Swanger, Camp Commander had a great fall. Tony Kline is on the mend!
- Kevin Martin, PDC, Chesapeake Dept, is recuperating at home!
- ➤ Mike Paquette continues to recuperate too!
- > 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.
- Mrs. Ellen Kowakski to care for Jerry! Chaplains Jerry Kowalski and Scott Teeters and Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Brad Schall, and PCinC Richard Partington; Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan among our prayer list too! God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

April Camp Meeting Minutes

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Officers Present

SVC Vernon Stout

JVCScott Debo

SecretaryGreg Kline, PCC

Treasurer/ChaplainDavid Demmy, Sr.

Officers Absent

Commander Logan Swanger

JVC Scott Debo

Council Scott Debo

Council Tony Kline

Color Bearer Kelly Betz

Guide/GuardTBA

Members attending:

Dave Demmy, Jr

Wayne Blattner

Forrest Myers

At 2:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by SVC Vern Stout.

The meeting minutes from the March, 2019 meeting were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother David Demmy, Sr, 2nd by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Demmy reported a working bank balance of \$287. Motion to accept by Brother Greg Kline, 2nd by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved. Several checks outstanding for Dues to Dept of Pennsylvania and remittances for Ads in the forthcoming Dept Encampment booklet!

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Brother Greg Kline mentioned that JVC Scott Debo had been recently hospitalized with chest pains. It was revealed through further testing that he did not have a heart attack or any blockages but the cause had not yet been determined.

It was mentioned that Commander Logan Swanger had recently had a fall which was causing him pain and was the reason that he is not able to attend today's meeting.

Please keep both of these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

Applications

None received

Initiation of candidates for Membership

Brother Forrest Myers, whose application was voted on at the March meeting, was initiated as a Member of Camp 15 by SVC Vern Stout. Brother Myers addressed the meeting for a few minutes to tell a little bit about himself. His is employed as a truck driver and is an officer of the Sons of the American Revolution. He stated his intention of being an active Member of Camp 15. His lineage is

based upon his ancestor Ezra S Conner, member of *USS Constellation*, 1862!

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read Department Order# 6 which marked the passing of Past Department President Mary Jane Bannan. Mary Jane was a member of Camp 15's Auxiliary #7 for over 50 years and was also a member of the LGAR, the WRC and the DUVCW of which she was a Past Department President. For many years she served the Allied Orders by helping to save Camps and Auxiliaries across the Commonwealth that were in danger of folding. For this and other service, she was awarded the Dr. Mary Walker Award by the SUVCW.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u>

The Camp again reviewed our upcoming Memorial Day weekend activities. Our traditional meeting place for breakfast, the American Diner, is converting to a pizza restaurant and we have changed the venue to the Peachtree at 251 N. Progress Ave in Harrisburg at 8 AM.

We will again be marching in the Gettysburg Memorial Day parade for our 16th consecutive year. Secretary Kline will send additional details in a Camp Dispatch.

New Business:

SVC Vern Stout is looking into a foundry to produce the Camp 15 belt buckles. An example belt buckle was mailed and we are now waiting for a quote to produce them.

Brother David Demmy, Sr. suggested visiting Sister Mary Jane Bannan's grave as part of our Memorial Day activities.

SVC Vern Stout suggested donating a brick at the National Civil War Museum in honor of Sister Mary Jane Bannan.

Good of the Order

Brother Wayne Blattner gave a report on the recent Lincoln Funeral Train event held at E-town!

It was suggested that any Brothers who are able, to write a story for the Hartranft Herald about the history of their ancestor's service and any other personal details which are available. Newsletter Editor, Brother David Demmy, Sr., also suggested that the Brothers who submit these articles also include a biography of themselves in order that they will also begin to be published again in the newsletter and online. This idea was met enthusiastically by the Camp and articles will be submitted in future Hartranft Herald editions as follows:

May Jeff Smith

June Greg Kline

July Vern Stout

August Dane DiFebo

September Wayne Blattner

October Forrest Myers

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith offered a 2-part lecture on Corps badges** and the H.M.S Trent Affair. He mentioned and showed authentic examples of the various designs of Corps badges in the Army of the Potomac and other Union armies as

well as the color differences between the divisions within a corps: Red = first division, White = second division, Blue = third division, etc.

The second part of the presentation detailed the Trent Affair and discussed the primary players in that notable early war incident. Jeff passed out an interesting handout to accompany his presentation and there were many questions offered by Camp 15 Brothers at the end of his very interesting presentation.

The meeting was closed by SVC Vern Stout at 4:04 PM; Faithfully submitted,

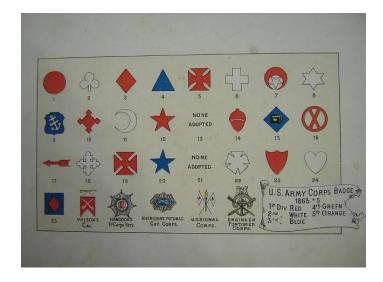
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC, Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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You asked for it and we try to provide it for your reading enjoyment!



May Meeting:

There was not a sufficient number of officer's present for a quorum; therefore, the conducted meeting was not an official opportunity; however, the brothers present, namely, Commander Logan Swanger, Senior Vice Commander Vern Stout and Chaplain David Demmy Sr., managed to discuss old business and some new business and since the weather was very hot outside and very hot inside, [the meeting room was unusually warm] the opportunity was adjourned early and the brothers moved on to dinner at Longhorn Steak House where the conversation, as usual was, not only lively, but informative on many subjects from Star Barn Complex at E-Town to Trains and Railroads too! We hope to see you on June 22 Free Day at Museum for Civil War Days of Harrisburg and Camp 15 recruiting table; along with the 1st PA Light Artillery Battery B, will be conducting live action.

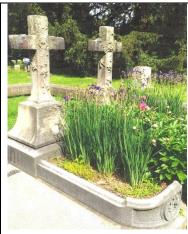
Memorial Day by Camp 15

We conducted our annual camp get together breakfast, this year at Peachtree, and then moved along to **historic Harrisburg Cemetery** to place flags upon veterans' gravesites. Here are some photos for your enjoyment. Perhaps you can join us next year on our quest to honor the fallen. The first 3 photos have been shared by SVC Vern Stout:



the reason we pay tribute!

Civil War Veterans section of the historic cemetery!



sample of unique

plots in the old cemetery

Following photos provided by Hartranft Herald Staff



Couple of brothers in background



Brother Lynn Kyle's Family



Brother Russ Otten's family of Dauphin Couinty



Colonel Jennings of Dauphin County 127 Regiment



L to r, Wayne, Vern, Donald, Logan, Greg and Scott! David Demmy behind the lenses! Gene was out and about.



Shopes Cemetery David Demmy of Dauphin County's 127th Regiment PVI



David's baby brother Levi, also of 127th Regiment



Camp 15's late brother Floyd Demmy WWII veteran







<u>Pennsylvania</u> <u>Department</u> <u>Encampment</u> Convention:

If you are attending the Pennsylvania Encampment later this month at King of Prussia, you need to register! NOW!

Print this item below, complete it, and mail it with your registration fee to brother Rob!

PRE REGISTRATION FORM			
	Department of Pennsylvania		
Sons of Union			
Ann	ual Encampn	ient	
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Brother:	the state of the s		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
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And send to	o: Secretary/	Treasurer:	
	b Koenigsber		
322 A-Frame Rd.			
Ebensburg, PA 15931			
814-244-0899			
rkoen	igsberg3@gm	ail.com	

Also, you must obtain a credentials card from your camp secretary. For camp 15, contact Brother Greg at gregsuvcw@yahoo.com for sample card below signed by brother Greg.

Do it NOW!

Sample below; not for use! Just fyi....

Form 2a				
SUVCW ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIAL CARD				
Credential to National Encampment Credential to Department Encampment Mail a copy of National Proceedings on CD				
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PCC is a Brother in good standing in his Camp and entitled				
to attend the				
Camp		ı	Department	
Copyright 2007 SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, a Congressionally Chartered				

You need both cards to complete your registration at the encampment registration table. The brothers manning the table will match your credential card to the registration card.

Same basic procedure if you are attending the National Encampment in August in Ohio.

Is so, ask Hartranft Herald for pre-registration card and in meantime, obtain credential card from our Department secretary brother Rob Koenigsberg!

In additional, you will need your 2019 membership card to vote at all encampments.

A Member's Profile:

Name	David W. Demmy, Jr.	
Nickname	Dave	
Age	41	Home Improvement TV Show 2010

High School	Central Dauphin East
College and/or major	Harrisburg Area Community College
	Business Administration (major)
	Computer Applications (minor)
Occupation(s)	Delivered newspapers as a youngster.
	Held several positions in the church from property maintenance and custodial duties to Director of Sound and Media.
	PC Support specialist.
	A Software Solution Developer; IT Project Manager (current).
	Church Deacon (Current).

Companies	Harrisburg Patriot News.	
	Crosspoint UMC at Colonial Park.	
	Gannett Fleming, Inc.	
	Paragon Consulting Services, Inc. (current).	
	Transcend Church Harrisburg (current).	
Organizations	CrossPoint UMC – various volunteer positions including but not limited to sound/video engineer, youth leader/chaperone, mission trip coordinator, Director of Home Improvement Ministry [HIM] to provide handyman repairs to local families in need! I Based HIM bylaws upon Camp 15's bylaws	
	Appalachia Service Project – volunteer on mission trips	
	Transcend Church – Deacon and all other duties as assigned	
	SUVCW Hartranft Camp 15, website maintenance	
Hobbies	Volunteer and Mission work	
	Home building, deck building, renovation projects	

	Woodshop custom carpentry and furniture	
	Landscaping projects	
Children	None; but I am the family <i>Funcle</i> [fun-uncle]!	
Cilidicii	rione, but i am the family i ancie [fam-ancie]:	
Your Civil War Ancestor's Name	David Demmy 1840 - 1922	
Relationship to you	Great-Great-Grandfather	
Rank	Pvt	
Company	Company C	

Regiment or Unit	127 th Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry out of Dauphin County	
Special Information on	Read all about David at www.demmy.cc	
Your Veteran		
Another Civil War	Levi Demmy	
Ancestor's Name	David's baby brother	
Relationship to you	Great-Great Uncle	
Rank	Pvt	
Company	С	
Regiment or Unit	127 th Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry out of Dauphin County	
Anything else you would like us to know about you	Enjoy spending time with my young niece, nephew, and cousins ranging from 3 to 8 years old.	
	Also, working on projects for the kids, building wooden swing sets, toyboxes, bunkbeds, toys, and whatever else that makes Uncle Dave the favorite!	
Your Relationship	The Demmy clan lives on!	
to other	Brother Jonathan joined camp 15 with me on	
Members of Camp 15 or	1/20/2008	
Auxiliary 7		
How did you learn about our organization?	I got involved because my late grandfather was a member of Camp 15. My Dad is our camp newsletter editor.	
	End of this profile!	

Brothers ask Hartranft Herald staff how you can submit your Profile!

The 10 Commandments, Are Not Multiple Choice!



Civil War Days in Harrisburg Area Advertisement

Extract from *The Bugle*, Spring 2019 Vol 29, No 1, Quarterly Journal of the Camp Curtin Historical Society

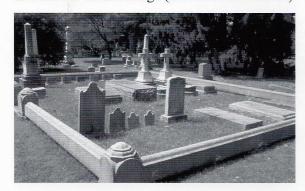
Harrisburg Civil War Days

All events are free except as noted

Friday, June 21

10:30 am - 12:30 pm Harrisburg Cemetery Tour

Conducted by Jim Schmick
Visit the graves and hear the stories of
numerous personalities involved in the Civil
War. The cemetery is located at the eastern end
of the State Street Bridge (turn onto 13th Street)



12:45 pm - 1:45 pm

Tour of the Capitol Preservation

Committee's Flag Collection

Conducted by Jason Wilson

See the flags that Pennsylvania soldiers followed into battle during the Civil War. The preservation facility is located at 10th and Market Streets, Harrisburg.



Saturday, June 22

9:00 am - 5:00 am

Free day at The National Civil War Museum Ongoing activities all day:

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Juneteenth

Presentation by Kelly Elaine Davies, Smithsonian Museum Specialist Learn about celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.



11:00 am - 11:30 am

Artillery Firing Demonstration & Displays Thompson's Battery & Cooper's Battery See how cannons were fired and learn about the various projectiles the cannons shot.



Continued

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Civil War Dance Demonstration by the Victorian Dance Ensemble

See how people had fun during the Civil War and even join in and learn a dance of the period.



12:45 pm - 1:15 pm **Artillery Firing Demonstration & Displays**Thompson's Battery & Cooper's Battery

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Abraham Lincoln Comes to Set the Record Straight: Lies, Legends & Myths Lincoln portrayed by James Hayney.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Loyal Hearts: Histories of American Civil War Canines.

Presentation by author Michael Zucchero Books will be available for purchase during book signing.



4:00 pm - 4:30 pm **Artillery Firing Demonstration & Displays**Thompson's Battery & Cooper's Battery

Sunday, June 23

Activities at various sites throughout the day

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
National Civil War Museum
1 Lincoln Circle, Harrisburg, PA
150th Anniversary of the First
Transcontinental Railroad
Presentation by Dane DiFebo, NCWM
Educator. The lecture is free but regular admission applies for entrance to museum galleries.



12:00 pm - 5:00 pm State Museum of Pennsylvania Free Admission Day 300 North Street Harrisburg, PA

300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA Visit the Civil War gallery and see numerous artifacts and the Rothermel paintings of the Battle of Gettysburg.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Historical Society of Dauphin County** 219 South Front Street, Harrisburg, PA Presentation featuring Joe Mieczkowski portraying Simon Cameron.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Cumberland County Historical Society 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA Cooper Wingert and Scott Mingus host a discussion of their newest book on the Cumberland Valley Railroad during the Civil War.