



Hartranft Herald

The Newsletter of

Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

<https://www.SuvcwHarrisburgPa.org/>

Celebrating our 136th Year serving Harrisburg Area



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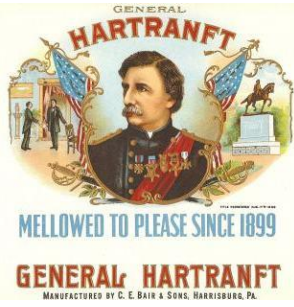
Vol 21 No 08 We have a new Department Commander August 2019



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

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[This issue of our camp newsletter is draped in memory of our late National Treasurer, David McReynolds, of the Department of Tennessee. Brother David lost his battle with the big C on July 27, 2019.](#)

[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 [Colonial Park Mall].

[Congratulations to our very own brother Greg Kline](#)



Brother Greg was elected as the new Commander for the Pennsylvania Department of the SUCVW at 2019 encampment/convention of the PA Dept at King of Prussia.

Greg is a PCC [past camp commander of camp 15 and our sister camp in Sunbury camp 503].

[Brothers and Sisters in Distress](#) by, Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, Kentucky Colonel, and Camp 15 Chaplain

Please include the following during your prayers:

- 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! and Brother John Martin. Mrs. Robert Treat
- Mrs. Ellen Kowalski 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!

[Images out of our Past –](#)



September 1999 camp picnic -- at Fort Hunter!
Included dual members from Camp 112!



Camp 15's Auxiliary #7 ladies and guests!



Combined pose! Susquehanna River in the background near Fort Hunter



A Unit of John F Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pose after placing flags upon veterans' graves at historic Harrisburg Cemetery in celebration of Memorial Day 2007. Standing l to r: Norm Houser, Lee Walters, Don Fry, Frank Haley, Bill Kuhn, and Dave Klinepeter. Kneeling, David W Demmy, Sr and John Martin.

Memorial Day 2000

Ceremony at Hartranft Statue



Members of Camp No. 15 honored its namesake and all veterans at a ceremony at the Major Gen. John F. Hartranft Statue on the Pennsylvania State Capitol on Saturday, May 27. The Ladies of the Auxiliary joined us. L to R Carolyn Billups, Dave Sosnowski, Tim Schaible, & [the late]: Mary Smith, Mary Jane Bannan, Kate Sienerth and Donald Simmons.
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Donald Simmons (on the right in the photo) delivered the main remarks for the ceremony, noting Gen. Hartranft's many accomplishments and reviewing the Civil War origins of Decoration Day, now celebrated as Memorial Day in honor of the fallen veterans of all wars.

In other activities that weekend, Past Camp Commander Lee Walters and [now former Brothers] John Cooper and Patrick Lahr traveled to Gettysburg to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

Above Images from Hartranft Staff files



Wear red on red Friday



The "Three Amigos" Commanders: L to R – Logan, Camp 15; Greg, Dept of PA; and Scott, Camp 503, in attendance at the 2019 August Camp 503 Picnic!

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[Image from Pennsylvania Department Encampment June 28, 2019 at King of Prussia.](#)



Following the installation of 2019-2020 officers for our Department of Pennsylvania, all those still present, were captured, digitally! Quik, someone name all personnel in this photo!

Photo by Dave Demmy Jr.

You are invited to join the Pennsylvania Department of the SUVCW group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115549618455486/>

[Around the swimming pool summer wit:](#)

Last time I had a flat tire, I pulled my truck into one of those side-of-the-road gas stations. The attendant walks out, looks at my truck, looks at me, and I SWEAR he said, "Tire go flat?"

I couldn't resist. Said, "Nope. I was driving around and those other three just swelled right up on me.....

Here's your sign." -- *Bill Engvall*

Thunder on the Hill

Weekend of July 27, the NCWM sponsored *Thunder on the Hill*, 2 Batteries, Thompson's and Cooper's demonstrated to the public, "life within a battery of 1860s"!



Cooper's Battery preparing to fire!



Bah Boom



Thunder and smoke at Reservoir Park



And the black powder smoke blows towards Boro of Penbrook from high atop Reservoir Park!



And an instant reply!



Camp Life and below



Park Wildlife doesn't know what to make of the noise!
One of Harrisburg's official pets on patrol at the Park!

On the Road with Camp 15

New Readers, for all of our past newsletters, visit

<https://www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org>

Report on fall events for camp 15 and guests, due in September

If by "crunches" you
mean the sound
potato chips make
when you chew them,
then yes, I do
crunches.

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
- -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 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, 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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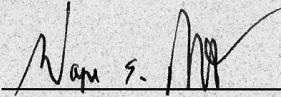
In Honor of our late Sister, Mary Jane Bannan, presented by Major General John F. Hartranft Camp 15

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A Commemorative Brick in honor of

MARY J BANNAN
1933 -- 2019
MEMBER WRC LGAR
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AUX 7 TO CAMP 15

will be placed in the *Friends Walkway* at The National Civil War Museum
 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Thank you for your commitment to the
 future of The National Civil War Museum.



Wayne E. Motts, Chief Executive Officer

The brick for Mary Jane is one of the last bricks going into production for 2019. It may not be installed in the *Friends Walkway* until later. Photos to follow at that time!

Down the road, we hope to capture an image of all bricks and pavers associated with the SUVCW and the Allied Orders, among the *Friends Walkway*. Ya'll come back ya hear!

MEMBERS RECEIVE GREAT BENEFITS

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

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Membership *Reciprocal Organization of Affiliated Museums*, provides our supporting members with access to hundreds of affiliated museums throughout the U.S. and Canada.

- ◆ **Major** level members will receive: two member event guest passes and complimentary behind the scenes tour with staff for members.
- ◆ **Colonel** level members will receive ALL of the Major benefits PLUS: two additional guest passes (total four) and name recognition on the website.
- ◆ **Brigadier General** level members will receive ALL of Colonel benefits PLUS: two additional guest passes (total six), complimentary Smithsonian membership, behind the scenes tour for members and up to six guests (total eight).
- ◆ **President** level members receive all of the Brigadier General benefits PLUS: two additional guest passes (total eight), and an EXCLUSIVE behind the scenes tour with Wayne Motts, President/CEO, for members and up to eight guests (total ten).

All members enjoy...

- Free unlimited admission to the museum for every card holder, this includes our Speaker Series and exhibit openings, plus special events throughout the year
- A minimum of two guest passes for friends or family
- *See, Touch & Feel Museum Experience* - visit the museum's archive with our curator, see the treasures not on display
- 15% discount in the bookstore
- 10% facility rental discount
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