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The Newsletter of

Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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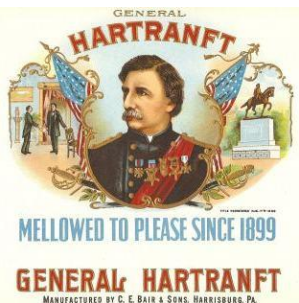


Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

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!

2019 Hartranft Camp 15 Officers and Staff	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.	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
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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!

September 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, you are invited to join us for 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].

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, 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!

BIO on brother Dane DiFebo

<p>Name: Dane Aaron DiFebo</p> <p>Age: 32</p> <p>Address: 4541 Sequoia Dr. Apt. B259 Harrisburg PA 17109</p> <p>E-mail: difebo.dane7@gmail.com</p>	
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High School	Bangor Area High School Bangor, PA
College and/or major	Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA -History major (B.A.) Villanova University, Villanova, PA -History Master's (M.A.) East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA-Education Master's (M.Ed.)
Occupation(s)	Museum Educator, The National Civil War Museum Former 7 th -9 th Grade Social Studies Teacher Former Substitute Teacher in Various Subjects
Companies	The National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA Pius X Jr./Sr. High School, Bangor, PA (Social Studies teacher) Bangor Area School District, Bangor, PA (Substitute teacher) R&R Lawn Service, Inc. (Office worker and landscaper) Harvest Home Farms—family farm laborer

Organizations	Joel Searfoss Camp #273, SUVCW, Bangor, PA—Camp Commander and Historian
	Portland Lodge #311, Free & Accepted Masons, Portland, PA
	Slate Belt Heritage Center, Bangor, PA—Trustee and Board Member
	Centreville Cemetery, Stone Church, PA—Historian
	Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable, Member
Organizations continued	Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society, Inc.)-Former President of Alpha-Gamma-Phi Chapter at Ursinus College
	Boy Scouts of America, Troop #14, Stone Church, PA—Eagle Scout
Hobbies	Golfing, Traveling, Swimming, Tennis, and
	Researching and Writing History
Your Civil War Ancestor's Name	James Peter (AKA "Pokey") Jennings
Relationship to you	Maternal, 3X Great-Grandfather
Rank	Private
Company	G
Regiment or Unit	153 rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment
Special Information on Your Veteran	-Born May 18, 1845 -Enrolled 9/23/1862 at Mt. Bethel, PA, -Mustered in Harrisburg, PA (10/10/62) -Discharged 12/24/62 in Harrisburg, PA on account of disability due to rheumatism/Surgeon's Certificate -Employed as Carpenter -Died May 26, 1926
Continued	-James served with his two brothers/maternal 3X Great-Uncles (on Grandmother's side): Sergeant William J. Jennings and Private Samuel Jennings in Co. G, 153 rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry

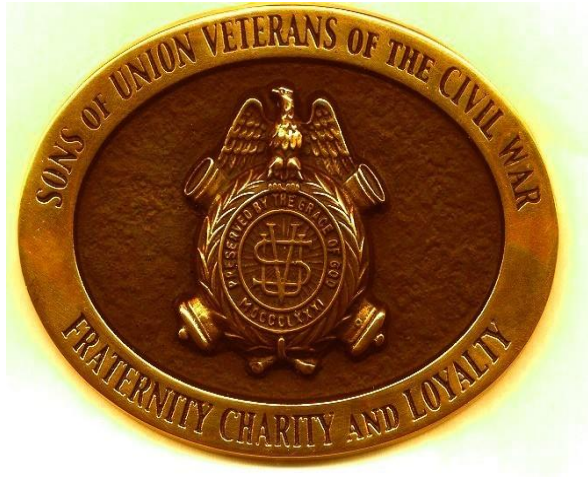
	<p><u>-James P. Jennings' Paternal Uncles/Maternal, 5x Great Uncles (on Grandmother's side):</u></p> <p>-James Jennings served as a Private in Co. C of the 96th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (recruited in Pottsville, PA). He was discharged 8/22/1862 on a Surgeon's Certificate.</p> <p>-William Harrison Jennings served as a Private in Co. D, 67th PA Vol. Inf.—enrolled in Stroudsburg, PA (10-7-1861), reenlisted (1-1-1864), Deserted (5-31-1864) in Washington, DC.</p>
	<p><u>-Relative of James Jennings:</u> John A. Jennings served as a Private in Cos. H & I, 58th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and died 2/23/1863 from dropsy of the head</p>
Next ancestor	
Your Civil War Ancestor's Name	Peter James Ott
Relationship to you	Maternal, 4X Great-Uncle (on Grandfather's side)
Rank	Private
Company	F
Regiment or Unit	129 th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment
Special Information on Your Veteran	-Born December 25, 1842
	-Applied for a pension on January 2, 1892
	-Received an increase on February 23, 1909.
	-Died Dec. 20, 1927 in Easton, PA and is buried in Easton Cemetery
	-Widow's pension received February 2, 1928
Another Civil War Ancestor's Name	Phillip C. Hester
Relationship to you	Maternal, 4X Great Uncle (on Grandfather's side)
Rank	Private
Company	I
Regiment or Unit	2 nd Michigan Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	-Born November 15, 1826

	-Joined regiment 4/15/1864
	Captured 7/30/1864 in Petersburg, Virginia's Crater
	-Died 1864, likely in Andersonville Prison at age 38, burial place unknown
	- <u>Potential brothers/also 4X Great Uncles (on Grandfather's side):</u> -Ephraim Hester served as a Private in Company E of the 131 st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. -William Hester served as a Private in Company B of the 131 st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.
	<u>Phillip's Brother/ Maternal, 4X Great Uncle (on Grandfather's Side):</u> -Daniel Hester may have served as a Private in Co. C, 11 th PA Infantry and Co. D of the 202 nd PA Infantry
	<u>Phillip's Cousin/Maternal 1st cousin 5X removed (on Grandfather's side):</u> - Theodore Hester was a Drummer Boy for Co. G of the 153 rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and is buried in Easton, PA at Easton Heights Cemetery
Another Civil War Ancestor's Name	John Frederick Reagle or Reigle
Relationship to you	Maternal, 4X Great-Uncle (on Grandfather's side)
Rank	Corporal
Company	G
Regiment or Unit	153 rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	-Born January 1, 1841, Died April 26, 1923
	-Mustered-in 10/10/1862, Mustered out 7/24/1863 in Harrisburg, PA
	-Buried in Reformed Cemetery, Stone Church, Northampton County, PA
Another Civil War Ancestor's Name	Joseph J. Horn
Relationship to you	Maternal, Brother-in-Law of 3x Great Aunt (on Grandfather's side)
Rank	Sergeant
Company	G
Regiment or Unit	153 rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry

Special Information on Your Veteran	Schoolteacher
	Mustered-in 10/10/1862, Mustered out 7/24/1863 in Harrisburg, PA. Died in Mt. Bethel, PA-buried in Union Cemetery in Stone Church, PA
Another Civil War Ancestor's Name	Robert James Eilenberger
Relationship to you	Maternal, 4X Great Half (?) -Uncle (on Grandmother's side)
Rank	Private
Company	G
Regiment or Unit	153 rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	-Born 4/23/1835
	-Enlisted 10/10/1862
	-Mustered out 7/24/1863 in Harrisburg, PA
	-Died 4/25/1882
	-Served with older brother: Sergeant Reuben Eilenberger (Born 7/19/1833, Enlisted as Corporal, Captured at Gettysburg, 7/1/1863, Died 1/19/1908) -Potential relatives that also served with them: Corporal David Eilenberger (promoted from Private 12/1/1863, wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/1863, died in Stone Church, PA-6/27/1905) and Private Jeremiah Eilenberger also served in Co. G, 153 rd PA Vol. Infantry
Another Civil War Ancestor's Name	Charles LaBar Hallett
Relationship to you	Maternal, 5X Great Uncle (on Grandmother's side)
Rank	Sergeant (promoted 1/1/1863)
Company	C
Regiment or Unit	176 th Pennsylvania Drafted Militia Infantry
Special Information on Your Veteran	-Born October 4, 1833
	-Mustered out 8/18/1863

	-Buried in Stroudsburg Cemetery, Monroe County, PA
	-Died October 20, 1929
	-Brother Joseph Hallett may have served in 215 th PA Infantry
Other Information About Me	Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW GAR Highway Officer (Route 6)
	Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW Junior Vice Commander
How did you learn about our organization?	-Met late Brother Charles Fraunfelter, a member of Camp #273, who visited an exhibit that I displayed on the Civil War at a museum in my hometown (The Slate Belt Museum). He encouraged me to join and brought the camp's flags out to be displayed.
	-David Demmy encouraged me to attend Camp #15 meetings

*Brother Dane, thank you kindly for sharing your life with us and
we hope you have a continued successful career with the National Civil War Museum
at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg.*



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Order your belt buckle now before the price increase!

The original of this 8' tall recruiting poster is owned by the Camp William Penn Museum. The poster will again be on display when the Museum, located in historic La Mott, PA (a Philadelphia suburb), is re-opened after renovation.

Camp William Penn Interpretive Museum
1618 Willow Avenue
La Mott, PA 19027

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SILENCE THE TONGUE OF CALUMNY

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OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY HAS COME

MEN OF COLOR, BROTHERS AND FATHERS!

WE APPEAL TO YOU!

STRIKE NOW!

- And you are henceforth and forever FREEMEN!**
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“No Statues Honoring Civil War’s African American Fighting Men”



Over 150 years ago, almost 11,000 Black soldiers trained with their white officers at **Camp William Penn**, which was said to be the first and largest training center for **United States Colored Troops** in the North. However, due to the negative political and racial climate in Philadelphia, the camp would be located north of the city on welcoming Quaker land, owned by the family of the abolitionist **Lucretia Mott**, in **Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**.

These troops would become an **integral** part of the estimated **215,000 Black soldiers and sailors** who would serve as the pivotal factor in the North’s victory over the Confederate forces. As many as **38,000** of these men would perish in what was America’s most horrendous conflict. **Sadly**, among the many Civil War statuary that grace the Philadelphia area, there is yet to be a single uniformed figural statue honoring their historic sacrifice, valor and heroism.

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Camp William Penn and Historical La Mott Day

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Cartridge making demonstration
Historic La Mott displays
Civil War Baseball demonstration

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Volunteers Needed

Please contact us at: pt@usct.org if you are able to help with this effort. Let us know if you are able to participate on the committee (one meeting per month*), able to participate the day of the event or are able to help with short tasks in the office or museum before the event.

All help will be welcome. Phone contact: 215 885-2258

Whether you are able to help or not, we hope that you will be able to attend the event. Be sure to bring the family. See you there.

(*Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm in La Mott)

