



# *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 136<sup>th</sup> Year serving Harrisburg Area



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



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**Autumn Time**

**October 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!

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 . . . . .	Anthony Kline 16 - 18
	Council 02. . . . .	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21
	Council 03 . . . . .	Scott Debo, PCC 15-18
	Patriotic Instructor . . . . .	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018
	Chaplain . . . . .	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18
	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
	Guard . . . . .	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18
	Eagle Scout Coordinator . . . . .	Vacant 2018
	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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.PAsuvcw.org) National: <http://www.suvcw.org/> See TMI from afar!

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This issue is draped in remembrance of the passing of Sally Krantz, PNP of the Department of New York on September 23, 2019. Sister Krantz was a Past National President (2002-2003) of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. G.O. #7, 26Sep19.

**Hartranft Herald Vol 21 and counting – 21 years following revivifying of the near-dormant camp!**

Wow    soon 22 years!

**Our next Camp business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 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].

Historically camp 15 conducts its business meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of most months. In the early years we attempted to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November and those 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays turned out to be among Remembrance Day weekend and most members of camp 15 were visiting and participating in events at Gettysburg; thus, we suspended meeting in November for the past 10 years or so. This year 2019 and again in November 2020, Remembrance Day will be conducted a week after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday weekend in each of those Novembers. Therefore, Commander Brother Logan, has included **November 17, 2019** and November 15, 2020 among our monthly meeting schedule! We hope to see you at camp 15's November meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> and later that week in Gettysburg for those celebrations the weekend of the November 22-23, 2019.

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

Please include the following during your prayers:

- Wayne Blattner and family, 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! Scott Debo PCC, Darlene Alcorn's son; and Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, Mrs. John Martin! and Brother John Martin. Mrs. Robert Treat and Mrs. Tom McKay!
- 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!
- In recent weeks, PCinC Brad Schall underwent several by-pass procedures and is well on the mend; and more recently Past National Chaplain, Jerry Kowawlski, had 3 by-passes performed upon him. Jerry is home and on the mend.
- Our sincere sympathy to the family of our late brother of camp 503, Ken Snook!

### **Findings**

Brother Vern obtained 2 old images of SUVCW members. Following, is the description of the images:



Sherman Baker, camp unknown, Photographer located, LA, CA.

Concern: rank on collar?

Answer: authorized mini rank on collar. This fellow is equal to today's camp SVC.



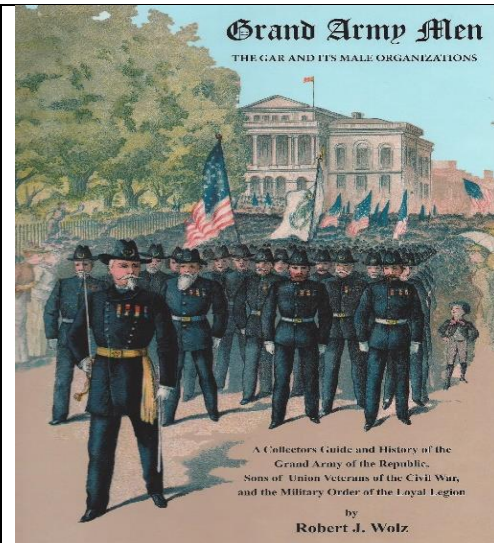
unknown member, photographer located, Franville, NY

Concern: type of hat and uniform?

Answer: 1880-1890's military style hat of SUVCW as national guard to the federal military.

*With grateful thanx to National Historian Brother Bob Wolz who completed our investigation!*

SUVCW was still part of the National Guard system into 1940s. We were dropped from the system following WWII. And now you know the rest of the story! Or you can purchase and enjoy:



by our national historian Bob Wolz of sunny Florida!

To make a purchase visit: [www.grandarmymen.com](http://www.grandarmymen.com)

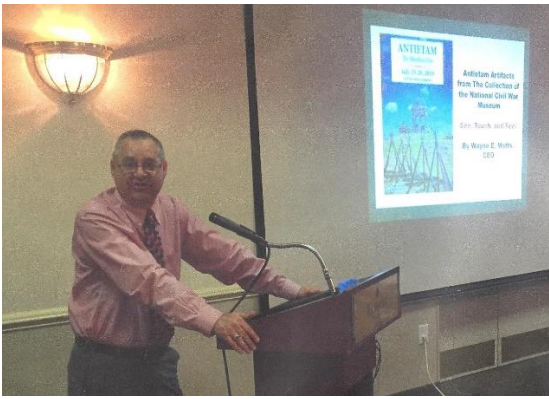
Book insured and shipped priority mail! Look for Bob's forthcoming book on the Ladies of the Allied Orders!

We learned, once upon a time, that a small community's post office employees were nearly all members of the local SUVCW Camp and automatically, members of the National Guard. During WWII, the men were all called up for duty in the big war and the post office nearly came to a close with most of their employees off to war. The Ladies of the town, like women of many towns, jumped on the band wagon and continued the duties left behind by the fighting men.

### What did you do over the summer?

Brothers and Sisters, camp 15 has 2 brothers named Wayne. One, Wayne Motts, CEO of the NCWM here at Harrisburg, has been a battlefield guide at Gettysburg and he performs presentations here and there.





Wayne presented a collection of artifacts on Antietam during the Chambersburg Civil War seminars and tours during summer history conference at and near Hagerstown 2019!



Our other brother, Wayne Blattner, formerly of Camp 90, had an adventure while making an Eagle Scout presentation near Norriton. Wayne presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate to honoree, Stanley M Matusheski above; and later, Wayne was able to participate in the other Wayne's presentation indicated far above. Photos by Wayne Blattner! --- Readers, you are welcome to share your adventures, stories, actions, photos, and opportunities with us.... Please do so any month!

### September camp meeting

Unfortunately, we had a low turnout of personnel for our end of summer camp kick-off meeting for our Autumn meetings and programs.

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Items discussed were:

- Tribute to last civil war veteran of Dauphin County; tribute to be conducted on Saturday October 21;
- Nominations for officers for 2020;
- Camp officers added Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to our lineup of camp meetings for 2019 and November 15, 2020!
- Potential field trip to Eisenhower Farm at Gettysburg;
- Potential field trip to see Vintage WWII vehicles on display;
- Potential field trip May 2020 to visit Armed Forces Day at Carlisle where settings and personnel and vehicles are on display to the public;
- Plan Testimonial Luncheon in conjunction with Sunbury Camp 503 to honor our very own Department Commander, Greg Kline – target date potentially in March 2020!

Personnel adjourned to local steakhouse where talks and discussions continued close to sundown!

### [SUVCW Civil War Photos from our Past](http://www.suvcw.org/photos.htm#d)

Visit this website to see the many photos of our Civil War ancestors! <http://www.suvcw.org/photos.htm#d>

The *Photos from the Past* web page was initiated by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, then National Webmaster, in February 1998, as a means for the members of the SUVCW and other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the general public to honor and preserve the memory of the men who preserved the Union 1861 - 1865. Since then, the popularity of the page and the number of veterans listed has continued to grow. Anyone who has photographs of their Civil War ancestor either during the Civil War or after, or photographs relating to the post-Civil War veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, is welcomed to electronically submit them along with accompanying identification! Follow instructions on national website for action! Source: [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org).

## Did You Know?

Statues of men on horseback in local parks or town squares are sculpted as follows:



If the horse's four feet are on the ground, the rider died a natural death. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the rider was wounded in action. If both forefeet are in the air, the rider died in battle.

Above and below, are images of our camp namesake, Major General John F. Hartranft, on duty, overlooking State Capital Grounds at Harrisburg State Capital Complex!



## You may want to visit this on Facebook

**American Civil War Ancestor** - Opened in 2005

### Mission

To teach the truth about the American Civil War and to digitize as many primary source documents about the ACW as possible with access available to the public.

### About

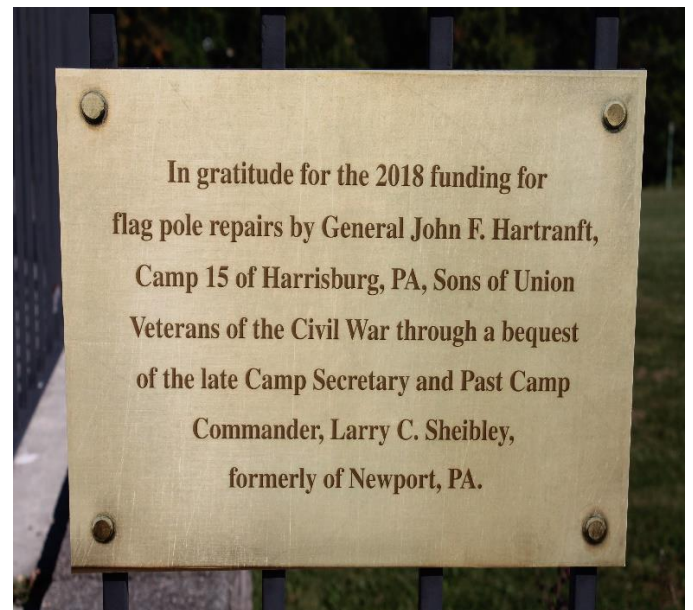
We are a non-profit research company that specializes in the American Civil War.

### Company Overview

American Civil War Ancestor (ACWA) offers research assistance to Genealogists, Universities, Authors, Students and other Researchers. We search and retrieve or... [See More](#)

We assist people with military history of all US military conflicts with our specialty in the American Civil War. Our research ranges from simple digitization projects to full military studies of individuals, units, battles or identifying the remains of unknown soldiers.

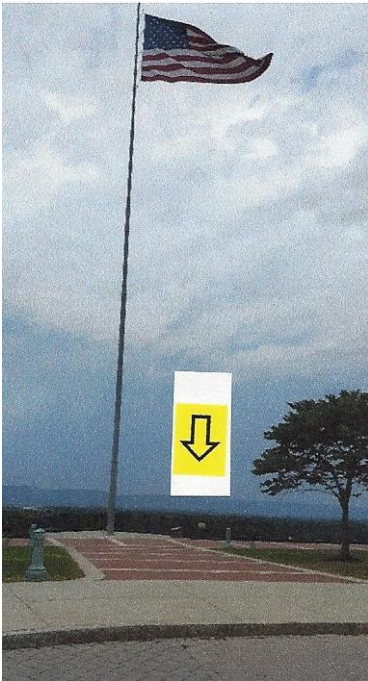
Readers, [our late brother Larry Sheibley](#), Past Camp Commander and former camp secretary, bequeathed a few *denarii* to us upon his death. A portion of those funds was used to repair the flag pole at the National Civil War Museum last year and a plaque was commissioned to honor Larry and camp 15 for providing the remittance for the flag repair.



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The plaque was recently completed and installed. This acknowledgement is near the gigantic flag pole looking north from Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park:



plaque on display just to right of base of pole. Most photos by Hartranft Staff unless otherwise indicated!

### 2019 CEREMONY FOR LINCOLN GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Scheduled for November 19, 2019

by Dave Klinepeter

*Being a Life Member of the Lincoln Fellowship, I received this communication:*

*With summer waning our thoughts turn toward the fall and our annual Decoration Day ceremony. I write to invite you to this year's event on Tuesday November 19. To celebrate the 156 th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. I am pleased to announce the keynote speaker will be Michael Beschloss. He is an award-winning presidential historian, scholar of leadership, and bestselling author of ten books.*

*The ceremonies begin at the Soldiers' National Cemetery with a wreath laying at 10:15 a m. adjacent to*

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*the Soldiers' National Monument. The formal Dedication Day program follows at the rostrum beginning at 10:30 a.m. A limited number of seats are available so feel free to bring lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater located at 25 Carlisle Street.*

*Last week we concluded our third year of 100 Nights of Taps Gettysburg program Taps was played at the Soldier's National Monument every night from Memorial Day to Labor Day with thousands of visitors participating through the summer. The Lincoln Traveling Trunk educational program continues with the National Park Service and the Park Service's Great Task initiative is in its second year. (this a few of the things the Fellowship is involved with) djk*

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*DID YOU KNOW* by Dave Klinepeter

### NOVEMBER

**1** 1861 George McClellan was made general of the Union Army

**6** 1861 Abraham Lincoln elected president of the United States

**6** 1861 Jefferson Davis elected president of the Confederate States

**19** 1861 Julia Ward Howe committed "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to paper

**5** 1862 Ambrose Burnside replaced George McClellan as head of the Army of the Potomac

**19** 1863 Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

**8** 1864 Abraham Lincoln elected to a second term as president.

**22** 1864 General David Hunter orders plunders be shot to death

**11** 1865 CAMP CURTIN IN HARRISBURG, PA CLOSED ----- DJK

As we go to press, we learned that our Brother Bill Kuhn Jr, lost his beloved wife Suzanne. Camp 15 expresses its sincere sympathy to brother Bill and family.

Margaret Atkinson, PNP  
9896 Bustleton Ave  
Phila, PA 19115

October is Cancer Awareness Month. Our State, [ah Commonwealth] Capitol building's fountain is in the **PINK** for October.



Source of Data Sister Ellen!

Camp 15 has appreciated the support and comradery with the ladies for decades and the brothers are amazed the current auxiliary needs to disband! Goodbye ladies and God bless you!

Any ladies of camp 15 brothers: wives, daughters, de-nieces, friends, are invited to gather and reestablish an auxiliary for camp 15! If interested, let us know and we'll make an arrangement[s] for a meeting and guidance and training by a representative of the Pennsylvania Department of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, to get moving forward!

October birthdays of our brothers and sisters

John S – 5<sup>th</sup>

John G – 18th

#### Auxiliary #7 to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War

Auxiliary #7 to Camp #15 is *disbanding* end of 2019.

Apparently only 4 surviving ladies have continued in Aux #7 since the death of Mary Jane Bannan; some have already made arrangements to transfer into Aux #1.

Helen Shireman and Melissa Chadwick are invited and encouraged to contact Penny Rittenhouse or Margaret Atkinson to transfer into Aux #1 in the Philadelphia region!

Blanche Penny Rittenhouse

5122 Back Maitland Rd

McClure, PA 17841-9224

Or

Thank you from executive director at National Headquarters at reservoir Park Harrisburg to recent volunteers who have or continue to work upon old old items that require to be shred due to names and addresses and copies of remittances to past QM and/or a national treasurer or other such documents.

## On the Road with Camp 15

**New Readers**, for all of our past newsletters, visit

<https://www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org>

Tribute to last civil war veteran of Dauphin County;  
tribute was conducted on Saturday October 12;

LAST SOLDIER CEREMONY  
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OF THE CIVIL WAR

HONORING THE LAST UNION CIVIL WAR SOLDIER  
BURIED IN DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HENRY WILLIAM MARMADUKE MAURER  
BORN 30 DECEMBER 1846 IN GRATZ, DAUPHIN,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
DIED 11 DECEMBER 1947 IN WICONISCO TOWNSHIP,  
DAUPHIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Private, Company D, 26<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Emergency Militia (1863), 19  
June 1863 – 30 July 1863, Gettysburg Campaign

Private, Company B, 9<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry (92<sup>nd</sup> Volunteers), 25  
January 1864 – 18 July 1865, Savannah Campaign

Honored  
Saturday, 12 October 2019, 10 a.m.  
Calvary United Methodist Cemetery, Wiconisco, Pennsylvania

See photos on this event later in this issue.

Elections to be held at October camp meeting!

November 17<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting prior to  
Remembrance Day weekend.

Invitations have been issued for Camp 15's annual  
Holiday Banquet Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>

See more in this issue.

## 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 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!

Continued with other data below!



## Researching Your Civil War Ancestors

*By Dane DiFebo*

People often come to The National Civil War Museum hoping to find more information about a Civil War soldier ancestor. Many have the notion that there is a roll of names that we can access. Such a list would be very unwieldy, even in the age of digital data, as nearly 2 million served the Union and 750,000 served the Confederate armies. Simply imagine the number of John Smiths that might appear on such a list.

After the war, many states compiled lists of soldiers that served in the Civil War, transferring the information from original muster rolls to card files and documents—mostly done under the auspices of the states' adjutant general's office. The finished works were often multivolume book series published by the states which contained names of soldiers and officers, basic service details, and even brief unit itineraries and histories. In some cases, these have been digitized and may be available for free online. However, they still provide very limited information.

Veterans' and regimental organizations wrote unit or regimental histories, often of book-length, providing detailed narratives or personal reminiscences of their wartime experiences. This genre of Civil War nonfiction is still popular today. These books can contain photographs, biographical sketches, or detailed rosters of the unit's participants.

Many researchers find success in the Compiled Service Records (CMSR) of soldiers and in the soldier's pension or widow's pension record. If you're up for an adventure, you can visit The National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. where you can make copies of documents on file for a small fee.

When you inquire at The National Civil War Museum, we use a combination of paid and free online databases to provide information. The American Civil War Research Database at: [www.civilwardata.com](http://www.civilwardata.com) offers annual subscriptions that are very reasonably priced. Much of their data is gathered from state rosters and publications. Similar, but less detailed information, can be found in the free Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, which is managed by The National Park Service and can be found at: [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/)

The Museum also subscribes to [www.Fold3.com](http://www.Fold3.com) a subscription database of military records managed by [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). Users have access to an ever-growing resource including, but not limited to, Compiled Service Records, Index Cards, Pension File Index Cards, and full Widow's Pensions. The index cards found here contain valuable information and numbers that can help a researcher locate more detailed service records, medical records, and pension records at The National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.

Lastly, The National Civil War Museum's staff may turn to a free, online database called [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) to locate the grave of a Civil War soldier or sailor. This site may provide biographical, genealogical, or vital information. Find-A-Grave is very popular among researchers as they often post photographs or obituaries.

A visit to The National Civil War Museum can often provide valuable leads to get you started. We are happy to help our members to fill in missing information, but we ask that you continue the investigation on your own. Public libraries, churches and hometown government can provide newspaper articles, obituaries and other archival documents to help you complete your search. Happy Hunting!

Dane DiFebo is not only the Educator at the National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA., he is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He currently serves as Camp Commander of the Joel Searfoss Camp #273 Bangor, PA., and was recently elected to the position of Junior Vice Commander of the Pennsylvania Department of the SUVCW - [www.PAsuvcw.org](http://www.PAsuvcw.org)

Visit NCWM at <https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/>

### The SUVCW Last Soldier Ceremony

Each camp is tasked with honoring the Last Soldier of the Civil War in their county or region.

Camp 15 in conjunction with brothers of Camp 503, paid tribute to the last soldier of the civil war of Dauphin County at town of Wiconisco on Saturday October 12. Our camp commander Logan Garth Swanger researched the veteran and his resting place, make contact with the family and cemetery personnel, prepared bulletin and the program. Maurer handout by Hartranft Staff! Photos next:

A group of men are gathered in a cemetery. One man in a dark coat and hat holds a large American flag. They are standing near a large, ornate gravestone. The scene is outdoors with trees in the background.

A group of six people are standing in a cemetery. From left to right: a woman in a black top, a man in a tan jacket and orange shirt, a man in a green polo shirt, a man in a dark jacket and cap, a woman in a grey cardigan, and a man in a military uniform. They are positioned in front of a large, ornate gravestone. An American flag is visible in the background. The gravestone has an inscription that is partially legible, mentioning "THE HONORABLE EARL L. ...".

Ceremony photos by Hartranft Staff





Bill Fischer camp 8, Mark Schlegel & Scott Debo camp 503; David Demmy, Vern Stout and Logan Swanger camp 15 with great-granddaughter Muneen; 3<sup>rd</sup> great-granddaughter Jessica, Captains Dennis Dewalt and Fred Wertman also of camp 503 and Battery B.



Two other views of Taps by Mark Schlegel



Presentation of Last Soldier flag holder.



Wreath Placement




Family, church, and town friends look upon event!

Additional photos, bulletin, and handout available upon request! Send email request to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)



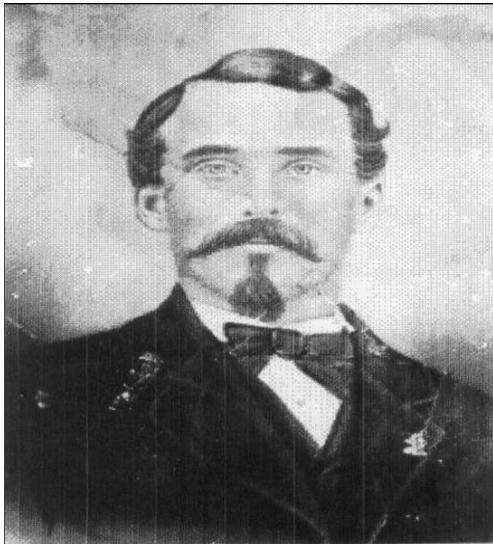
## BIO on new Brother Forrest C Myers

Name: Forrest C Myers Age: 55 Address: 1610 Orrs Bridge Rd Enola PA 17025 E-mail: <a href="mailto:civicarena@gmail.com">civicarena@gmail.com</a>	
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High School	Central Dauphin – go Rams!
College and/or major	Juniata - University of Canterbury
Occupation(s)	Truck Driver
Company(s)	Ward Transport & Logistics
Organizations	Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
	Sons of the American Revolution
	Descendants of the Mayflower Society
	Keystone Council of the Boy Scouts of America
Hobbies	Motorcycling and Stamp Collecting
Spouse's Name (or Parents)	Jill Myers
Children's Names & Ages	Camden Myers 18
	Callie Myers 19
Grandchildren's Names and Ages	Camryn Rice, Jr

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<b>Your Civil War Ancestor's Name</b>	<b>Ezra S. Conner</b>
Relationship to you	Great Great-Grand Uncle
Rank	Captain
Regiment or Unit	USS Constellation / USS Ohio / USS St. Lawrence
Special Information on Your Veteran	<p>Ezra S. Conner served in the Navy from Penobscot during the War Between the States. (- "History of Castine - The Battle Line of Four Nations," George A. Wheeler [Second Edition; Cornwall, NY: The Cornwall Press, 1922], list opposite Appendix.) He was a seaman, following his father to the Grand Banks as a fisherman. He married in a double ceremony with his sister, Elizabeth, at Penobscot before Justice of the Peace James Leach. His grandson Gerald reported that Ezra served on the USS Constellation. (The USS Constellation is a 22-gun sloop-of-war built in 1854. During the Civil War [when Ezra was aboard], the USS Constellation was assigned to the Mediterranean Sea where it showed the flag, maintained foreign relations, and protected American commerce. In late 1864, the ship was briefly sent to the Gulf of Mexico. Upon arriving in the Gulf, it was inspected by Adm. David G. Farragut who ordered the ship to return to Norfolk. The USS Constellation is the last all sail warship built for the US Navy, and the last vessel active in the Civil War still afloat. The ship's launching was commemorated on a US postage stamp issued 29 June 2004.) His pension record states he also served on the USS Ohio and the USS St. Lawrence.</p> <p>Ezra served on the USS Ohio 3 Feb 1862 to 26 Feb 1862 - the receiving ship at Boston while he awaited assignment to an active vessel. After his service on the USS Constellation, he served on the USS St. Lawrence 26 Jan 1865 to 3 Feb 1865, an ordnance ship at Norfolk, while awaiting expiration of his enlistment.</p> <p>Via email 26 Aug 2003 from Kennedy Hickman (khickman@constellation.org): "Our records, which are taken from the US Navy muster rolls for the ship, show that an E.S. Connor, age 20, enlisted at Castine, ME, on Feb. 2, 1862 for a term of three years. He is described as having blue eyes, brown hair, a ruddy complexion, and standing 5'5". He was given the rating of ordinary seaman, meaning that he had been to sea previously either in the naval or merchant service. If you have any additional information regarding Erza Connor, I would appreciate you sharing it with us. The Museum maintains open files on all known former crewmembers, and I would like to start one on Erza Connor. If you have not already, I would suggest contacting the National Archives in regards to any records</p>



Constellation of days gone!

	<p>they might have regarding Erza Connor. Simple instructions for obtaining naval records may be found at <a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq19-1.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq19-1.htm</a>. If you have any questions regarding the ship, please feel free to drop me a line. Best wishes, Ken Hickman. Curator/Historian, USS Constellation Museum (Pier 1, 301 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3134 - <a href="http://www.constellation.org">http://www.constellation.org</a>)."</p> <p>His obituary reports: "Capt. Ezra Conner, after a long illness, passed away at his home.... From a young man he has followed the sea, and was in the government employ for six years. His later years have been spent on vessels coasting up and down the Penobscot river. ...He was a member of Charles Stevens Post, Grand Army of the Republic.... The services were held at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Lowell officiated."</p>
<p>Baltimore location</p>	
<p>Anything else you would like us to know about you</p>	<p>Born in Richmond Hill, Vaughan Twp., Ontario Canada.</p> <p>I am a full-time city driver for Ward Trucking located in Camp Hill, PA.</p> <p>Currently, Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Harris Ferry Chapter, Harrisburg, PA</p> <p>Life member of the Penobscot Historical Society, Penobscot, Maine.</p> <p>Life member of the Wilson Museum, Castine, Maine.</p> <p>I am a practicing protestant. Current member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Enola, PA.</p> <p>Avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Baltimore Orioles, Pittsburgh Penguins, Notre Dame Fighting Irish NCAAF, Philadelphia 76'ers.</p>
<p>Your Relationship to other Members of Camp 15 or Auxiliary 7 SUVCW.</p>	<p>None!</p>

Brother Forrest thank you for sharing your life with us!



To complete an e-worksheet, please ask for one – send email request to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

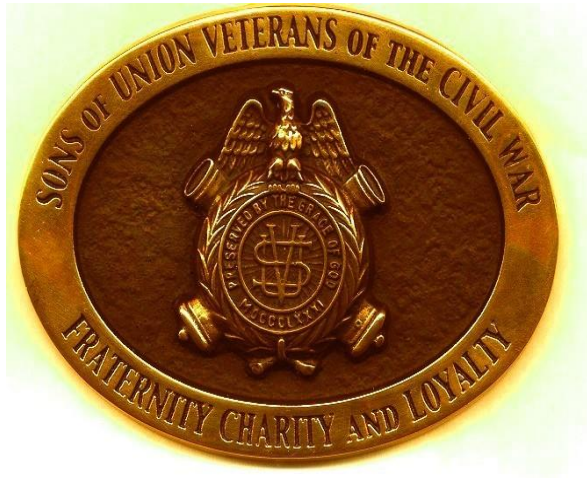


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Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle  
***Fits up to 1 3/4 inch Belt***

Encampment Special throughout summer send  
\$25 payable to

**General John F. Hartranft Camp 15**

Scott Debo

144 Race St, Sunbury, PA 17801

Note: Camp 15 had to engage a new foundry for continued production! Thus, there will be an increase in cost effective December 2019.

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## 2019 Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet

**You and yours** are invited to break bread with General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at our annual Holiday Banquet gathering.



**When**            **Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**All participants:** please bring 2-4 items for the gift table with value of about \$15 each! ITEMS SHOULD BE **UNWRAPPED** FOR VIEWING! Each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item. Return to your seat and play again – good luck!

Items may be, e.g.: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, CD music, DVD, gift certificate, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, veteran related or not, family related or not; e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – *you may make it interesting* for all of us by making **unusual choices**! see photo next page for ideas ☺

**Where**            National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg – upper level room 222.

GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

**Cost**             **\$28.00** per person, prepaid; Payable to: Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

**Payment**            Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/25/19

**Fellowship hour**        **11:30 – 12:30 ~~~~ Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.**

**Activities**             Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for the New Year!

**Entertainment**    Holiday Bingo



**Don't fall asleep, RSVP now**

Preferred RSVP by email at DoubleD@Demmy.cc or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174. Please leave your full name and *number of persons attending*! Please remit full payment no later than November 25<sup>th</sup> for a full accounting for preparation of our annual event.

**C-o-n-t-i-n-u-e-d!**

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Send remittance of \$28 for each individual Payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

David Demmy

881 Sunny Hill Ln

Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690



Likewise, if you are interested, bring some cash to engage in the Camp's 50/50 *opportunity*! 50/50 Tickets are \$.50 each; or **12 for \$5.00** – that's 2 free.

Also, if interested, be prepared for an opportunity to obtain *one-of-a-kind* SUVCW belt buckle – this one-of-a-kind buckle has unusual belt loop – take a \$10 chance on this item.



### Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

[www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year **2020** Camp 15 dues of \$35 along!

Still \$35 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.

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