



# 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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Celebrating our 136<sup>th</sup> Year serving Harrisburg Area



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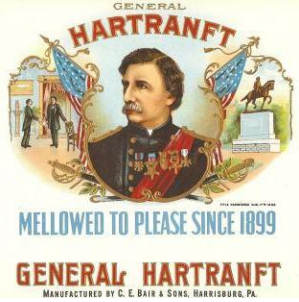
November 2019



**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!

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| <p>2019 Hartranft Camp 15<br/>Officers and Staff</p>  | <p>Commander . . . . .<br/>Senior Vice Commander . . . . .<br/>Junior Vice Commander . . . . .<br/>Secretary . . . . .<br/>Treasurer . . . . .<br/>Council 01 . . . . .<br/>Council 02. . . . .<br/>Council 03 . . . . .<br/>Patriotic Instructor . . . . .<br/>Chaplain . . . . .<br/>Counselor. . . . .<br/>GAR Historian. . . . .<br/>Graves Registration . . . . .<br/>Guide . . . . .<br/>Color Bearer. . . . .<br/>Guard . . . . .<br/>Eagle Scout Coordinator . . . . .<br/>Webmaster . . . . .<br/>ROTC Coordinator . . . . .<br/>GAR Highway Officer . . . . .<br/>Longevity Brother . . . . .</p> | <p>Logan Swanger 2019<br/>Vernon Stout 2018<br/>Scott Debo, PCC 2018<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18<br/>David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-18<br/>Anthony Kline 16 - 18<br/>Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21<br/>Scott Debo, PCC 15-18<br/>Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018<br/>David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-18<br/>Lee F. Walters, PCC 07-08<br/>Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018<br/>Logan Swanger 14-18<br/>Vacant 2018<br/>Vacant 2018<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18<br/>Vacant 2018<br/>Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-18<br/>Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-18<br/>Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943</p> |
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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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**Our next Camp business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2019** at 2 pm at National Civil War Museum Building upper level room 222. Tis 1 week prior to Remembrance Day weekend.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, you are invited to join us for dinner at Longhorns Steakhouse, on Jonestown Road (Route 22 East) Colonial Park, a mere 3 miles from meeting room for any interested brother and guest of camp 15. Longhorn is on left, on the corner! 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 celebrating 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,

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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!

**Veterans Day USA November 11, 2019**



### **What am I thankful for?**

My Faith,

My Family,

Living in the Land of Freedom – USA, because of the Brave! And,

Another day that I did not need to use Alegbra!

It is also a good day when the phone does not ring!  
*yippee-ki-yay!*

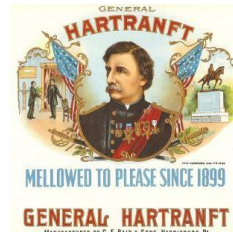


Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus!

### Hartranft Born in December

**Hartranft, John Frederick (1830-1889)** — Born in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 16, 1830. A Republican, he served in the Union Army during the Civil War; was Pennsylvania state auditor general, 1866-72; then Governor of Pennsylvania, 1873-79; and candidate for Republican nomination for President, 1876. He received the Medal of Honor in 1886 for action at Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861. The General died October 17, 1889. His Interment is at Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, PA, which Camp 15 has visited.

The General, of course, is our Camp's namesake!



in the late 1800's it was popular for cigar manufactures to post famous folks upon cigar boxes. These samples are among the personal collection of your Hartranft Herald staff.



Camp birthdays: November & December

Jeff S

Robert T

Kelly B

Wayne B

Russ K

Wayne M

You may be interested in Dept of Penna's [facebook](#) group

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=pennsylvania%20department%2C%20sons%20of%20union%20veterans%20of%20the%20civil%20war>



**I ASKED MY GRANDPA, "AFTER 65 YEARS, YOU STILL CALL GRANDMA DARLING, BEAUTIFUL, AND HONEY. WHAT'S THE SECRET?" HE SAID, "I FORGOT HER NAME 5 YEARS AGO AND I'M SCARED TO ASK HER."**



**DID YOU KNOW?** By Dave Klinepeter

*HARPERS WEEKLY* May 13, 1865

#### PRESENT LINCOLN'S AMNESTY

By his proclamation of 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 1863, President Lincoln granted a full pardon with certain exceptions which we will presently state—to all who had been in rebellion, with full restoration of all rights of property except in slaves and in cases, where the rights of third parties had intervened, and upon condition of taking and subscribing and keeping inviolate an oath to support and defend the

Constitution and the Union under it, and to abide faithfully by all the law of Congress, and by the Proclamations of the President in regard to slaves, so far as they are not repealed or declared void by the Supreme Court.

The persons excepted from this amnesty were all who are or have been civil or diplomatic officers and agents of the rebel Government—all who have left judicial stations under the United States to aid the rebellion—all who are or have been military and naval officers above the rank of colonel in the army or lieutenants in the navy,—all who left seats in the United States Congress, or resigned commissions in its army or navy, and afterward aided the rebellion—and all who have treated colored or white soldiers and sailors of the United States otherwise than as prisoners of war.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 1864, President Lincoln by proclamation defined that the amnesty was limited to those who were not prisoners of war, but who, being free from any arrest, voluntarily took the oath.

On the 6th of December, 1864 in his last annual Message to Congress, the President said that when he issued the amnesty, he stated that the excepted classes might still be within special clemency. During the year, he continued, many availed themselves of the general provision, and many more would, only that the signs of bad faith in some led to precautions. Special pardons had also been granted to persons of excepted classes. The door has been for a full year open to all. But he adds the time may come when public duty shall demand that it be closed, and that, in lieu, more rigorous measures than heretofore shall be adopted.

Such measures were not suggested by President Lincoln, nor have they been adopted. The amnesty remains in full force until it is modified by President Johnson. It excludes the class of conspirators known as leaders. It includes the rank and file, the real people of the rebel section.

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## Camp 15 October meeting minutes

Sunday October 20 2019

Meeting called to order

Roll call of officers:

Commander, Logan Swanger: present

Sr. Vice, Vernon Stout: Present

Jr Vice, Scott Debo: Absent

Secretary, Greg Kline: Absent

Treasurer, Dave Demmy: Present

Patriotic Instructor, Jeff Smith: Present

Council, Jeff Smith: Present

Previous month's minutes discussed

Treasurer's report:

Brother Demmy discussed the upcoming banquet that will take place Dec. 8. Banquet cost will be \$28.00 for those attending while the camp will subsidize the remaining funds to meet the \$31.00 per head cater costs and fees.

A donation to our funds were given by a Camp 15 member as well a few books of stamps.

We also sold one belt buckle in September.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report

1st. Jeff Smith

2nd Don Madar

Brothers in Distress

Brother Tony Kline is on the mend.

Sadly, we must report the passing of Brother Bill Kuhn's wife.

No new applications

Old Business

Commander Logan discussed the joy that Camp 15 brought to the family of the last surviving veteran of Dauphin County. Brother Maurer's family was delighted to hear of his experiences during the War. Hats off to Commander Logan for researching and organizing such a thoughtful tribute.

A special thanks for Brother Fisher for helping with the ritual as well as the wreath laying.

The Camp discussed doing other services for the surrounding counties.

New Business:

The upcoming Remembrance Day Parade will be Sat Nov 23. All are welcome to March as long as they are in uniform.

The museum has approved our dates for the 2020 meetings.

Brother Dave Demmy Jr. suggested possibly running a few Facebook ads for the Sons. All at the meeting expressed our gratitude for what a wonderful job Brother Demmy does on the creating and maintaining of our page.

Election of Officers

The officers of 2019 will remain the same in 2020.

Motion to accept by

1. Dane DiFebo

2. Jeff Smith

Patriotic Instruction

Brother Jeff discussed the different styles of national flag used during the war for both the Confederates as well as the U.S. Additionally, he provided color handouts which help show the vast difference between the flags at the beginning of the war compared to the end.

Meeting was adjourned! Conversations continued at steak house with good discussions on family events; traditional family holiday activities like making gingerbread houses and funny happenings at our employers! And yes, upcoming Remembrance Day Parade this weekend at Gettysburg!

Submitted by SVC Vern Stout

November camp meeting highlights:

Camp secretary and presently Commander of the Department of Penna of the SUVCW, brother Greg Kline is under the weather and was not present today.

Camp council pondered a slight increase for 2020 dues for camp 15, including department dues and national per capita.

Council made motion to increase 2020 dues by \$5.00 to total of \$40.00. the \$5.00 increase will cover monthly

newsletter printing and mailing expenses, etc.! motion passed.

Council recommended and made motion to make an annual camp 15 donation to the NCWM for allowing us to conduct our monthly meetings within the grand museum building. Motion passed.

Please RSVP this week for 2019 camp 15 annual holiday banquet.

Camp will be making remittances to cater for down payment on forthcoming banquet and for rent of the facilities.

Also, discussion began on plans for camp 15 and camp 503 to jointly honor Department Commander Greg Kline with spring of **2020 testimonial luncheon** to be held at NCWM high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg. The Museum has reserved **Saturday March 7, 2020** for us to hold the testimonial event. Now to get cater on board too.

Official minutes forthcoming!

Camp 15's 2020 calendar included in this issue. Please mark your social calendar with our meetings and events dates!

Ideas – desires? Come out to our camp meetings and express yourself – volunteer too. It takes 4 hours each month to put the newsletter together: printing, collating, stapling, folding, affixing labels and mailing tabs too; oh yes, the postal stamp too.

## 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  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS  
OF THE CIVIL WAR

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

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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.

### Remembrance Day weekend November 23rd.

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

See drop dead deadline 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.

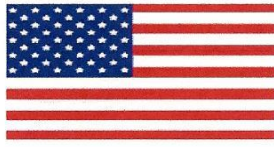
If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an *e*-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

**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!

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# 2020

**Major General John F. Hartranft  
Camp 15**  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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Reserved PA Dept **Lincoln** Luncheon

Commander's testimonial on 7th

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Lincoln Memorial @ **Springfield**, IL

Memorial Day Activities

PA SUVCW @ **Altoona**, PA

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Happy Birthday USA

SUVCW @ **Atlanta**, GA

## October

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Reserved PA Mid-Year meeting!  
Reservoir Park  
January 20

February tba  
February 17  
May 23  
May 25

M. L. King, Jr. Day  
Lincoln Luncheon  
Presidents' Day  
Camp Memorial Day t  
National Memorial Day

June 25-28  
July 4  
August 13-16  
September 7  
October 12

PA State Encampment  
Independence Day  
National Encampment  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day

November 11  
November 21  
November 26 & 27  
December 6  
December 25  
January 1, 2020

Veterans Day  
Remembrance Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Annual Holiday Event  
Christmas Day  
God Bless USA

Remembrance Day @ **Gettysburg**, PA

Camp 15 @



## Reminder: 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](mailto: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 30<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

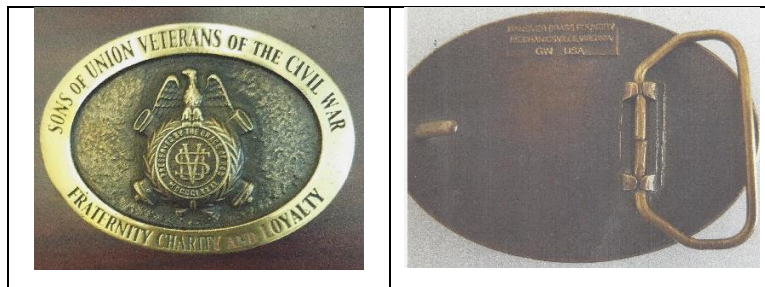
881 Sunny Hill Ln

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 \$40** along!

Slight increase to \$40 for 2020 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.