



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 138th Year serving Harrisburg Area



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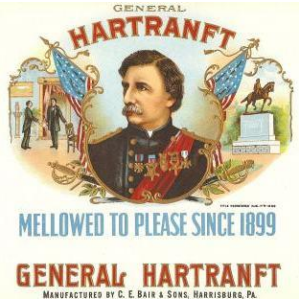


Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15!

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!

2020 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 08-20
	Treasurer	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-20
	Council 01	Anthony Kline 16 - 20
	Council 02	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21
	Council 03	Scott Debo, PCC 15-20
	Patriotic Instructor	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18 - 20
	Chaplain	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-20
	Counselor.	Lee F. Walters, PCC since 2007
	GAR Historian.	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2020
	Graves Registration	Logan Swanger 14-20
	Guide	Vacant 2018
	Color Bearer.	Vacant 2018
	Guard	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-20
	Eagle Scout Coordinator	Vacant 2018
	Webmaster	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011
	ROTC Coordinator	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-20
	GAR Highway Officer	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-20
	Longevity Brother	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC 1943



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/>

February 2020 *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

This February Newsletter is draped in remembrance of our Late PCinC, Lowell Hammer, whom we lost on January 7, 2020. See General Order 10, January 23, 2020.

Reminder, dues for 2020 was increased by motion of camp councilmen and approved by camp vote at November 17, 2019 camp meeting!

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2020

3rd printed notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2020 Camp 15 dues of **\$40** to February Camp Meeting! Sunday February 16th

Life Members' dues is \$7.00 for Pennsylvania Department collection, only.

Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita!

See text bottom of national form 9 for specifics

Camp treasurer prefers **\$40** check payable to

'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.

Or mail your check to

David W. Demmy, Sr.

881 Sunny Hill Lane

Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

A *Check* protects both parties!

Membership cards for 2020 will be issued in mass!

To become a National Life Member of our grand organization, visit national suvcw website and under forms, select form 9, complete it, attach your payment for your age bracket and mail directly to national headquarters! Hurry!!!! Form 27 will be due soon by camp secretary to Pennsylvania Department secretary!

Minutes of General John F. Hartranft Camp #15-- January Camp Meeting -1/19/20 - Balmy winter 36°

In attendance:

Dane DiFebo

Dan Lute

Scott Debo

David Demmy, Sr.

Gene Mascioli

Dave Demmy, Jr.

Logan Swanger, Commander

Guest Diane Debo

The meeting opened ritualistically at 2:03 pm and the roll of officers was called by Brother Dane DiFebo.

- Treasurer's Report: Brother David Demmy, Sr. reported a bank balance of \$268.24 at the end of December. There was a gain of 5 cents interest from the end of December 2019 to the beginning of January 2020, bringing the current balance to \$268.29. Brother Demmy reported that there are three checks for the recent holiday banquet and dues for 2020 in his office and that he received a few checks the day of the meeting. The camp broke even at the Holiday Banquet.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Brother Dan Lute. Brother Scott Debo seconded.

- Sick Brothers and Families in Distress:

The end of 2019 and beginning 2020 has paid a toll on the health of members of the Camp. Please keep the health of all members in your thoughts and prayers. See full known list within the February Newsletter!

- Unfinished Business:

None to report

• New Business:

Brother David Demmy, Sr. praised Camp Commander and Brother Logan Swanger for his efforts in organizing the ceremony for Dauphin County's Last Civil War veteran, Henry Maurer from Wiconisco during the October tribute ceremony!

Brother Swanger expressed interest in continuing this work in Cumberland County, Perry County, and Juniata County, and he named the last Civil War veterans in those locales.

Brother DiFebo announced the dates of the upcoming Community Free Days for The National Civil War Museum. **Saturday, February 15th is the date for the Winter Free Day.** The Summer Free Day is Saturday, June 13th, in conjunction with the events of Civil War Days in the Harrisburg Area, which run from June 12th-June 14th, 2020. Camp #15 plans on having a membership recruitment -- SUVCW information table at these free days. Available brothers are welcome to volunteer to man the table. Please contact Brother David Demmy, Sr. to offer assistance. execdir@suvcw.org

The last order of business discussed was Brother and Department Commander Greg Kline's testimonial, scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020. Brother Demmy would like to get invitations sent out in the next several weeks. Brother Scott Debo is working on the list of invitations.

• Good of the Order:

Nothing further was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Dane A. DiFebo

Junior Vice Commander

Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW

For Brother Greg Kline, DC and Camp #15 Secretary

Personnel adjourned to Longhorn's Steak House for continued fellowship and interesting discussions!

Please attend February's meeting and adjourn with us for a fine meal and conversations!

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

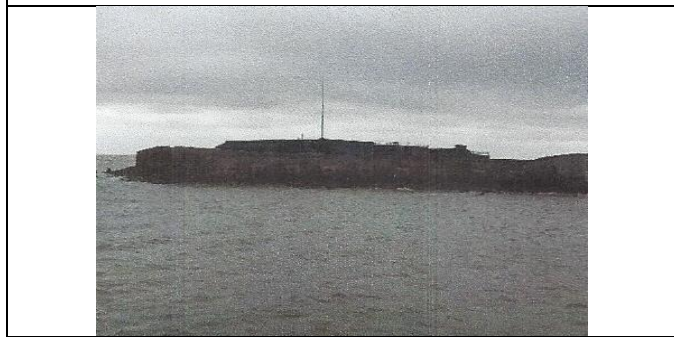
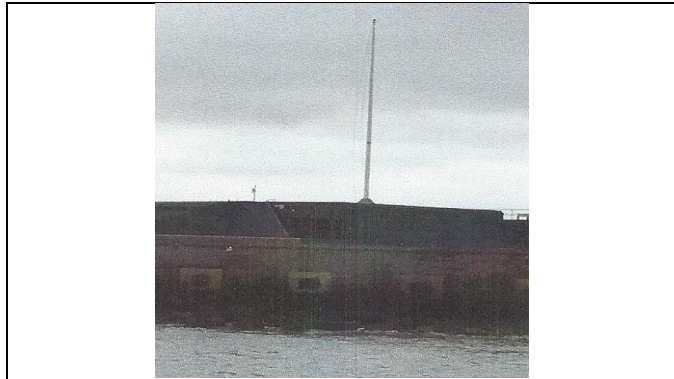
Camp 15 expressions our sincere condolences to Life Member Brother Robert Manning, dual life member of camp 15, living in Idaho. Bob lost his 96-year-old mother before the holidays! Bob and his wife too are having some difficulties too with the maturing factor. Don't grow old. Elsewhere; please include the following during your prayers:

- Commander Logan Swanger's on going situation will require some kind of surgery in near future! Brother Vern safe travels below the Mason-Dixon Line; blessings for Dave Klinepeter for recent ailment. Greg Kline, Tony Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, PCinC Rich Orr, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline Mrs. Rob Koenigsberg, spouse of PA Dept Secretary; and Rob too. 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, Mrs. Dick Williams of the department of Michigan among our prayer list too! God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!
- If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them! DoubleD@Demmy.cc
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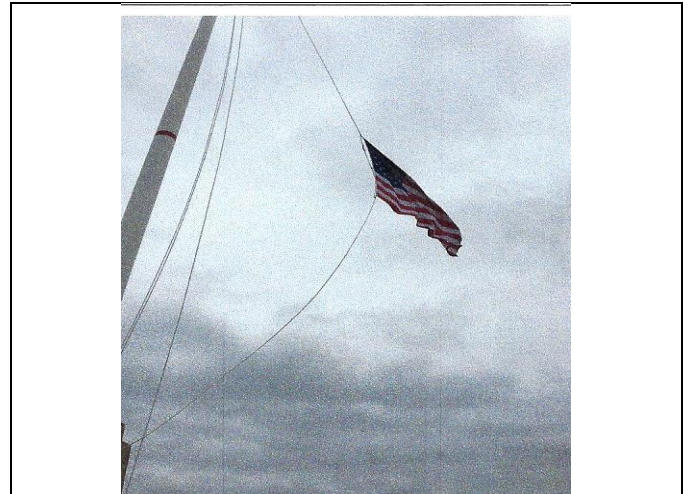
Images of Raising the Flag over Fort Sumpter

By SVC Vern Stout

Upon my recent trip down south, I had the honor of assisting in raising the flag over Fort Sumpter. It requires about 25 people to unfurl the flag!



The first 2 pics are of Sumpter from the water. The third is the base of the flag staff with Major Anderson's image on the side.



The next 2 are of the flag being raised, and the final pic is of a bouquet that was attached to the original flag when it was retained over the fort in 1865. The bouquet is in the Charleston museum.



On the Road with Camp 15

New Readers, for all of our past newsletters, visit

<https://www.SUVCWHarrisburgPA.org>

The National Civil War Museum will be closed **Monday, February 10, 2019 through Friday, 14, 2020** for upgrades, maintenance, and repairs and will reopen on **Community Free Day Saturday, February 15, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. camp 15 camp 503 volunteers needed to man **SUVCW information tables**.....

Sunday, February 16, 2020 Camp meeting at NCWM
2pm

Saturday **March 7, 2020**, Camps 503 and 15 will jointly host a testimonial luncheon for Pennsylvania Department Commander, Gregory Kline

This event is scheduled for ballroom at National Civil War Museum Harrisburg.

Sunday March 15, 2020 camp meeting at NCWM 2pm

Sunday April 19, 2020 camp meeting at NCWM 2 pm

Hartranft Herald Editor, David Demmy, will be attending National Council of Administration of the SUVCW, in Springfield Illinois this weekend! Carry On!

May:

17th regular camp meeting at NCWM 2pm.

23rd camp meets for breakfast and then proceed to historic Harrisburg Cemetery to pay tribute to those veterans within, at 13th and State Streets, Hbg.

25th **Memorial Day** parades and other cemeteries to visit.

The Summer Free Day is Saturday, June 13th, in conjunction with the events of Civil War Days in the Harrisburg Area, which run from June 12th-June 14th, 2020.

Follow us on Facebook at:

 @ [Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#)

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 brothers and sisters of the Allied Orders are always welcome!

Established February 11, 1882. 138 years and marching onward! Route Step March!

in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Continued with other data below!

Internet Web Business for Camp 15

By Dave Demmy, Jr, Camp Webmaster

Recently I renewed with GoDaddy; however, for **only one month**, not the whole year 2020. I needed a little more time to move the camp 15 site to a new provider, so I left GoDaddy renew for just January 2020. I completed the moving of the site to the new hosting company and will cancel the GoDaddy account in a few days.

I'll submit all receipts when they charge us next month. The new host will be a dollar cheaper than GoDaddy and the *Security Certificate we are now required to have is free*, unlike GoDaddy who requires \$80 a year for a *Security Certificate*.

The new hosting company is InfoQuest. They are located off Chambers Hill Road behind where Foremost and Industrial Motors used to be. I've worked with them on several projects for my employer's customers, so I feel they are a trustworthy group to work with and they speak English when they answer the phone!

Last Soldier Project

By Camp Commander Logan Swanger

Readers you know by now that Camp 15 had the privilege to pay tribute to the last Civil War Union Veteran of **Dauphin County** during mid-October 2019. We will be on the road again this year with another tribute; read on:

Last Union Civil War soldier in **Perry County** is in works for 2020. Didn't take me long to find his headstone. I did my homework before I departed for the cemetery and had a pretty good idea where he was buried. I found it in about five minutes....

Last Union Civil War soldier in Perry County to be honored 2020.

The last known Union Civil War soldier who died and was buried in Perry County will be honored sometime in the Spring once clearances and publicity are in place.

Abraham J. Ellenberger, enlisted and was mustered into Company K, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry (80th Regiment Volunteers), at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg on 8 February 1864. He was honorably discharged with his regiment as a private on 23 August 1865. He participated in Sherman's Campaign and the fall of Atlanta. His obituary in the *Perry County Democrat* (24 May 1939) states that he also participated in the hunt for fallen Confederacy President Jefferson Davis in April of 1865.

If anyone wishes to assist the camp Graves Registrar, Commander Logan Swanger, with financial contributions for the memorial flag medallion and memorial wreath, or assist with publicity, please contact him as soon as possible at logangarth@swanger.org or text or call him at 717-579-7205.

"camp council, what say you?"

Below, the headstone of Pvt. Abraham J. Ellenberger in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Marysville. Coordinates: 40.345337, -76.935660.



For you readers outside of the Harrisburg region, Marysville is the northwest community of the world renown Rockville Stone Bridge, the world's longest stone arch bridge, beginning at northeast end at village of Rockville just north of capital city of Harrisburg.



Camp 15 brothers, here is your invitation to this event

Testimonial Luncheon in honor of Gregory E Kline, Commander, Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Sponsors Gobin Camp 503 Sunbury and Hartranft Camp 15 Harrisburg

MC Scott Debo, Chief of Staff, Pennsylvania Department

Date Saturday March 7, 2020

Place National Civil War Museum Reservoir Park One Lincoln Circle, Harrisburg, PA

Time Noon Social time - Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.



Key Speaker Dane DiFebo, JVC, PA Dept SUVCW and Museum Educator, NCWM

Meal Hot Turkey buffet with glazed ham, potatoes, salad, iced tea and water

Fee \$30 per individual with free seconds

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Registration
RSVP
Deadline

Friday, February 21, 2020 send fee payable to: **Camp 503 SUVCW**
Treasurer James Harley, 312 N Broad St, Selingsgrove PA 17870

I/we will attend the Testimonial Luncheon for Brother Greg!

Number of folks attending _____ x \$30.00 = _____ total due.

Name _____

Community Free Day at National Civil War Museum

Saturday - February 15, 2020



Admission is FREE to All!

Family Activities:

10 AM - 4 PM: USCT Display & Living History

10 AM - 4 PM: Period clothing station for children & adults to try on and take selfies

10 AM - 4 PM: Coloring Activity Station

10 AM - 4 PM: Living History - Officers for the Union

10 AM - 4 PM: Living History - Ladies for the Union

The Long Hill String Band (10:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 2:30 PM)

Presentations: (Times to be determined)

Kevin M. Levin (Independent Scholar) - "Searching for Black Confederates: The Civil War's Most Persistent Myth"

Eric J. Mink (Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park) - "The Fight at Alrich Farm - May 15, 1864"

James Hayney - Portraying President Abraham Lincoln

Sharon L. Williams, Ed.D. (Retired Educator) - "The Life and Times of Ephraim Slaughter - USCT"



Last Soldier Project - <http://suvchw.org/last/lastsoldier.htm>

Beginning in 2003, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) embarked on the *Last Soldier Project*. The purpose of the project is to locate and appropriately mark the final resting place of the last Civil War Soldier buried in each county/parish and in each state of this great country.

The Last Soldier project is funded, in part, by the SUVCW's Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund and also by obtaining contributions of the citizens, local veteran organizations and governmental agencies.

The Last Soldier project marries the efforts of the SUVCW's grave registration and Monument restoration programs. The objective of the SUVCW's Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund is to restore and preserve Civil War Monuments. The SUVCW Council of Administration authorized that new monuments and memorials could be subsidized from Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund after all requests for restoration/preservation have been filled. Requests for new monuments and the Last Soldier Project will be entertained by the SUVCW Council of Administration between May 1st and June 15th of each year. Requests will be honored on a **first come, first served basis** from SUVCW Camps and Departments.

The intent of the SUVCW is not to fully fund any memorial for the Last Soldier project. Rather, the SUVCW intends that the Camps/Departments make contact with other organizations to obtain contributions to the project. This serves two purposes. First, it gets *the public's attention* and affords the SUVCW with an opportunity to *interact more within the local community*. Second, the SUVCW is capable of doing more with the money in the fund.

The SUVCW is/are aware that in counties and states with strong historical societies, the effort of funding the Last Soldier project will be rather easy, while for other areas, this project will be a little more difficult. But as this project is to be a shared effort, it may bring a greater attention to the sacrifices that ALL our Veterans have made to this great county. It may also serve as a wonderful project for prospective Eagle scouts and encourage veterans' organizations to search for the Last Soldier of all wars.



Above: A Last Veteran of the County Flag Holder/Marker

LAST SOLDIER MARKER

Last Soldier Commemorative
Markers Now Available

Flat Mounting Style - \$45.00
Flagholder Style* - \$55.00
(Circle Style above when ordering)

*includes brass rod. Shipping included in price

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Department _____

Camp # _____

Last Soldier Name _____

County Buried In _____

State _____ Unit _____

Date Marker Installed (when completed) _____

Clip order form and send check to:
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
SUVLASTVET
27327 Lemays Ct., Wind Lake WI 53185
414-852-9015
e-mail at suvlastvet@gmail.com



Department of Pennsylvania Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

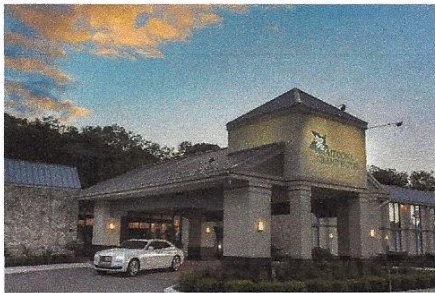
Make plans now to attend the annual Convention/Encampment

JUNE 25-28, 2020

Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona, PA

When making reservations mention:
Grand Army of the Republic or
Sons of Union Veterans

Call the hotel directly at 814-946-1631



Room Rate is 75.00 plus 6% sales tax and
4% occupancy rate

Total cost = \$82.50 per night

Room rate includes complimentary hot breakfast

*Make your room reservation early, the cutoff date for the
above rate is May 25, 2020*

Hotel includes: Fitness Center, Heated Indoor Pool, Free Parking on site,
Wi-Fi and Internet Access, Restaurant

The hotel is within one mile of a major mall and shopping centers
Near by Attractions include: Altoona Curve Baseball, Horseshoe Curve, Altoona
Works, Railroaders Memorial Museum, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Afternoon Tour

Tour will include a visit to the Railroaders Museum and Horseshoe Curve

Thursday Night, June 25, 2020 – Group Trip to the Curve Baseball Game

Note – Final Details for both will be supplied at a later date

More data next issue of this newsletter or see Penna Dept Newsletter