



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/>

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April Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders!

Due to COVID-19 virus and quarantine thru-out Pennsylvania, Camp 15's normal **April camp meeting was cancelled!**

Next Camp meeting potentially for Sunday, May 17, 2020 at NCWM upper level, room 222 at 2 p.m. Any update will be posted by email and will appear in May issue of your camp newsletter.

Dues for 2020

Several brothers neglected or chose not to renew their dues for 2020 and therefore have been dropped from the membership rolls of camp 15.

If you missed your dues payment, and wish to renew, you must add an additional \$10 National Fee to your dues remittance for a total of \$50, anytime the remainder of 2020!

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain, CPA, and ARNG.

Commander Logan Swanger's ongoing situation required surgery and he is recovering nicely. 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. Russ Kratz of camp 15!

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

Website for all your needs for 2020 National Encampment at Atlanta, Georgia



We Present to You -The City of Atlanta!

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina invites you to the 139th National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic taking place August 13-16, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Encampment will take place at the first-class Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center located in the heart of Buckhead, the shopping, dining and entertainment district of Atlanta.

A tour of the nearby Atlanta History center will be offered on Thursday, August 13th. The Atlanta History Center features one of the nation's largest Civil War exhibitions. It is also the home of the world-famous *Cyclorama: The Big Picture*, featuring the fully restored cyclorama painting, *The Battle of Atlanta*. At the centerpiece of this new multi-media experience is a 132-year-old hand-painted work of art that stands 49 feet tall, is longer than a football field, and weighs 10,000 pounds. This painting is one of only two cycloramas in the United States-the other being the *Battle of Gettysburg* cyclorama.

Please visit the 2020 National Encampment website regularly in order to stay abreast of Encampment happenings to include registration, medals, shirts, tours, banquet tickets, transportation and hotel information. Hotel accommodations are available now so get a head-start and book your room early. Once the hotel fills up, nearby hotels will have no rates that compare favorably with the Encampment hotel.

2020 National Encampment Website:
2020nationalencampment.org

On the Road with Camp 15

Monthly Camp business meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are conducted [*mostly*] on the 3rd Sunday, at National Civil War Museum [NCWM]!

April

Meeting cancelled!

May

Camp meeting scheduled for **May 17th**

Camp celebrates **Memorial Day** on **Saturday 23rd** with *breakfast* at Peachtree Restaurant, North Progress Avenue less than 3 miles for NCWM; and then the *placing of flags* upon veteran's graves at historic Harrisburg Cemetery!

Camp 15 Parades on Monday 24th. Contact Greg Kline for details.

June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2020 during weekend of **June 13th**. Stay tuned for updates; and things, Camp 15 the SUVCW can contribute to this weekend, like information and recruiting tables at NCWM Saturday.

Pennsylvania Department **Encampment - Convention June 26-27-28** at Altoona, PA

National Encampment August 13 – 16 at Atlanta, Georgia, hosted by our Department of Georgia/South Carolina!

Enjoy your summer!

Please update your social calendar now.

Camp 15 annual calendar available upon request. Send e-mail or contact Hartranft Herald staff DoubleD@Demmy.cc.

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
- -The 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, 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

Pennsylvania Department Commander's
Testimonial Luncheon for Brother Greg Kline,
March 7, 2020.

A grand fellowship with an excellent meal, guest speaker and talks with Greg was enjoyed by all participants. Here are some pictures from the event.

Around the ballroom:



Honorable Greg

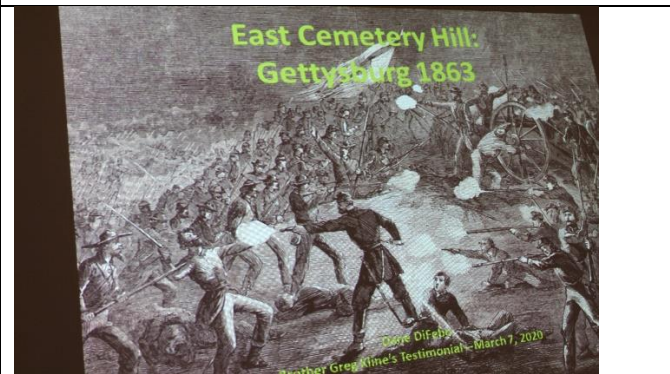


Parents Tony and Dot with their son, PA Dept Commander!



Senior brother Dave Klinepeter congratulating Greg. Chief of Staff, Scott Debo looking on.

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Topic by National Civil War Museum Educator



Dane DiFebo guest speaker.



Presentation by Wayne Blattner



. . . gift from Camp 15 to brother Greg of monument of 51st.

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Tis spring time, time for a walk

WALKING ON THE GRASS

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember — you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it? This level of sensitivity can't be taught. Oh, by the way, that unnamed fellow is sporting not only 1 black eye, but 2!

Guess he won't be out and about on the greens anytime soon!

Civil War love story

Otis H. Burton was born in Bangor, Maine in 1837. As a young man, he decided to move west and seek his fortune. He ended up in Missouri where he fell in love with an accomplished young woman named Susan Mary Payne. Before he had a chance to profess his love to her, she moved to another state. They soon lost touch.

About this time, the Civil War broke out and Otis enlisted in the 25th Missouri Regiment of the Union Army. While serving in the war, he was severely wounded and not expected to survive. He wrote a farewell letter to his mother but against all odds, he eventually recovered. After feeling well enough to rejoin his regiment, Otis joined them on a mission to transport supplies across the



Greg pulling something from bag held by Jeffery Smith!



Presentation by Scott Debo to Greg from Camp 503's gift of a Brick in Greg's honor to be placed in *Friend's Walkway* east side of Museum overlooking the original reservoir.

And last of all, a group photo of Past Department Commanders of Pennsylvania with Greg today!



l to r: Howard Wolfe, Christ Carty, Ivan Frantz Jr, Greg Kline center, John Frantz, Doug McMillin, and John McNulty.

plains. During the journey, a band of Native Americans attacked the party, killing everyone in the company except for Otis, who received severe wounds.

Otis was taken prisoner and led back to the tribe's mountain home in the Southwest. He gradually recovered from his wounds, adapted to his new surroundings, and started to gain the trust of his captors. All the while he was looking for an opportunity to escape.

One day, after about six months in captivity, tribe members returned to camp with several stolen ponies. Otis observed the horses and noticed one that was of a high breed and showed promise for speed and endurance. Otis cared for the horse, petting and feeding the animal. Eventually, they allowed him to ride the horse.

During one ride, Otis ventured out further than usual. Seizing the opportunity, he took off at top speed, riding furiously with his captors in close pursuit. Finally evading them, Otis rode hard for three days before finally clearing hostile territory.

In the distance, Otis saw smoke rising from the chimney of a small house. He shouted for joy, glad to finally be free. He approached the house and made his way to the door. After knocking, the door opened and there stood Susan Mary Payne, his love from Missouri. After the initial shock, Susan shared her story. She had married a Confederate officer, Joseph L. Robey, who was killed during the war. She was now living alone. Otis shared his story and the two happily reunited. They started to rebuild the relationship began so many years earlier in Missouri.

In 1870, Otis and Susan married and lived out their lives in Texas. Otis passed away in 1898.

Source: Newspapers.com!

Surely a tale from a bored reporter!
Concern, whatever became of the fast steed!

Happy birthday brothers for March, April and May

Kyle Jr, Lynn Eugene
Drumm, Paul Kimber
DePamphilis, Devin Philip
Demmy, Jonathan Scott
Fortuna, Thomas Lee
Manning, Robert Calvin
Klinepeter PCC, David J
Lute, Daniel G
Keener-Farley, Lawrence E
Demmy Sr, PCC, David W
Mills, Terry A
McKay Jr, Thomas Edward

This year Brother Dave and The Queen will celebrate their 93rd year among us.



Camp 15's March meeting minutes will be provided in May *Hartranft Herald* newsletter!



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

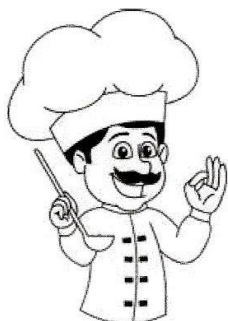
Thursday, June 25, 2020 – Afternoon Tour

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

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**ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

June 25-28, 2020

Meal Order Form

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 26-27, 2020 LUNCH

Lunch Buffet includes:

Soup of the Day, Tossed Seasonal Greens (dressings of Asiago Ranch, Balsamic or Citrus Vinaigrette), Cucumbers/Tomatoes/Onion Salad,
Baked Italian Subs, Arugula/Roasted Red Peppers/Mozzarella on Flat Bread,
Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap.
Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, Selection of Rykoff Sexton Teas
Ice Tea and Lemonade. Dessert - Assorted Cookies

Friday Lunch - number of meals _____ x \$19.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch - number of meals _____ x \$19.00 = _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020 EVENING BANQUET

All dinners are served with: Baby Field Greens Salad, Freshly Baked Assorted Rolls and Whipped Butter, Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, Selection of Rykoff Sexton Teas
Ice Tea and Lemonade, and Dessert of Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

(Total meal cost includes; entrée, dessert, tax and service charge)

Penne Pasta Prima Vera number of meals _____ x \$30.00 = _____
Organic Vegetables, White Wine Cream Sauce

Pistachio Encrusted Salmon Loin number of meals _____ x \$43.00 = _____
Roasted Root Vegetables, Tarragon Butter Sauce

Braised Chuck Roast number of meals _____ x \$34.00 = _____
Cooked in Au Jus with Roasted Vegetables

Make checks payable to **PA DUVCW**

Mail check & order form to: Sharon Harkcom, PO Box 33, Cairnbrook, PA 15924

Number of meals (all 3) - _____ Total enclosed - _____

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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary to
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ladies of
the Grand Army of the Republic
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865
Woman's Relief Corp

Please support the 2020 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention by purchasing an AD in the Encampment Program Booklet. Your support helps to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a wonderful experience for all to enjoy.



Suggestions for your AD can be to honor your Civil War ancestor, honor a Department or National Officer, or best wishes to a friend or fellow Allied Order member.

An order for an AD with a check, payable to "PA SUVCW" and artwork are to be sent to:

Ellen Higgins
PO BOX 405
MARMORA, NJ 08223-0405
SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com

Deadline for submission is May 17, 2020

AD orders can be sent by USPS mail or email (preferred method). If emailing please send in word doc (please no pdf's) and photos or artwork in jpg format. If you would like a booklet sent to you in the mail, after the Encampment, please include \$2.00 for shipping.

*Last year's Color pages were well received
Have your page in **COLOR** this year. See additional fee*

Cost of

AD's

Full Page - \$40.00 Black - \$50.00 Color
Half Page - \$25.00 Black - \$30.00 Color
Quarter Page - \$15.00 Black - \$20.00 Color
Eight Page - \$10.00 Black - \$15.00 Color
Patron – one line - \$5.00