



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



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



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Remembrance Day month



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 2020
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 - 21
	Council 02.	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-22
	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
	Honorary Brother	Late Joseph E. Long, Jr.

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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Veterans Day USA, November 11, 2020

Locate a veteran and give him a hug before he is gone!

November Camp business meeting is cancelled.

Camp 15 typically meets the 3rd Sunday of the month. Generally, in November the 3rd Sunday is Remembrance Day weekend and long ago the camp decided brothers should visit Gettysburg and enjoy the weekend activities in lieu of a camp meeting. Of note, on Saturday November 21, there will be an *informal* visit to the Woolson Monument at Zeigler's Grove on Gettysburg's Cemetery Hill at 11 a.m.

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 the family of PCinC and Life Member Brother Richard Orr. Also, to Department Treasurer, Rob Koenigsberg and family upon death of young Mrs. Koenigsberg. Elsewhere; please include the following during your prayer period:

- Blessings for Dave Klinepeter for recent ailment. Greg Kline, Tony Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP and Mrs. Dot Kline; Darlene Alcorn's son; and Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin, 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!
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- If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them! DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Did you know?

Harrisburg GAR Post 58, as of September 30, 1885, had 432 members in good standing, equal to SUVCW's status known as BIGS: brothers in good standing! Gee if any camp today, had 432 brothers, it would be larger than most of our departments!

Source: By-laws and Rules of Order, Post No. 58, Dept of Pennsylvania GAR of Harrisburg with extracts from the Rules and Regulations, Adopted Sept 4, 1885 – Printed 1885.

Fall time birthdays of Camp 15

Gearhart, John Gregory

Treat, Robert Francis

Smith, Jeffery Joseph

Betz, Kelly Wayne

Blattner, Wayne B

Motts, Wayne E

Kratzer III, Russell E

And into new year

Kline, Anthony Frederick

Myers, Forrest Cedric

Debo, Scott A

Stephens, Glenn W

Mascioli, II, P Eugene

Ottens, Russell J

Messersmith, Donald Max



National Encampment 2020 – first ever Virtual Encampment and hopefully the last!

Nearly 300 brothers were registered and authorized to zoom in on this historic event. At the opening 285 brothers were logged into this zoom meeting. Later at voting time, 241 brothers were still logged into the 7 hours+ event.

Highlites:

National Officer Recommendations thru their individual reports to the annual encampment. Officers and Departments alike are required to submit a report to the Council of Administration.

Constitution and Regulations Committee report on Recommendations.

Announcement of Commander-in-Chief's awards; and, of course, the election of new national officers:

Ed Norris 2019 2020 Dept of MA, completed his tenure of 14 months as CinC.

Brian Pierson, Dept of GA & SC, elected to CinC.

Mike Paquette, Dept of CH, elected to SVC.

Bruce Frail, Dept of RI, elected to JVC.

Congrats brothers and thank you for taking the reins of our grand organization.



A DAY TO SALUTE VETERANS

Veterans' Day - November 11th

Veterans' Day got its start over 80 years ago, at 11 a.m., on November 11, 1921, when an unidentified soldier from World War I was buried, in Virginia, at Arlington National Cemetery.

The service took place on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month to recognize the end of World War I, which ended on that day and time in 1918.

It was known as Armistice Day, in honor of the "armistice", or end of fighting of World War I.

In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower, signed a bill that officially proclaimed November 11th as Veterans' Day.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet,

who has given us freedom of
speech.

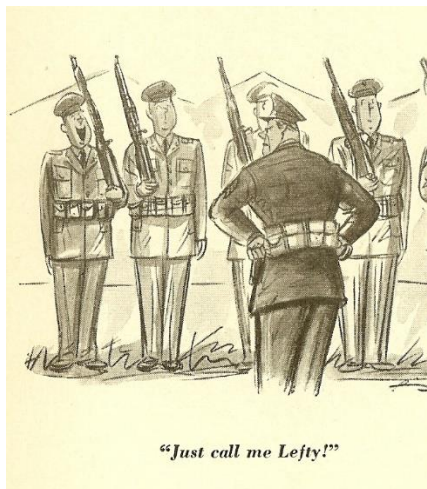
It is the **VETERAN**, not the
campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to
assemble.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the
lawyer,
who has given us the right to a
fair trial.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the
politician,
Who has given us the right to
vote.



It is the **VETERAN**,
who salutes the Flag,



Camp 15 veterans of WWII
Navy veteran David Klinepeter and



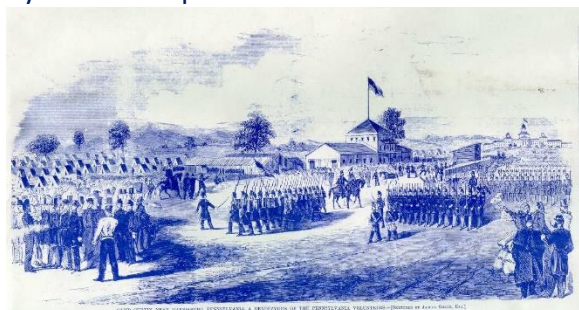
the late combat veteran, Floyd Demmy



Far right our very own Dave Klinepeter,
portraying War Governor Andrew Curtin, talking
to the troop prior to kick off of an annual
Remembrance Day parade of 2013 in the Burg.

Closing of Camp Curtin at Harrisburg PA

by Dave Klinepeter



The closing of Camp Curtin. happened on November 11 1865. Much later on November 11, 1990, at the 125th Anniversary of the closing of the camp, I portrayed War Governor for the first time: it's been 30 years now and I have been proud to act as Andrew Curtin. It was also the beginning of Camp Curtin Historical Society and Round Table.

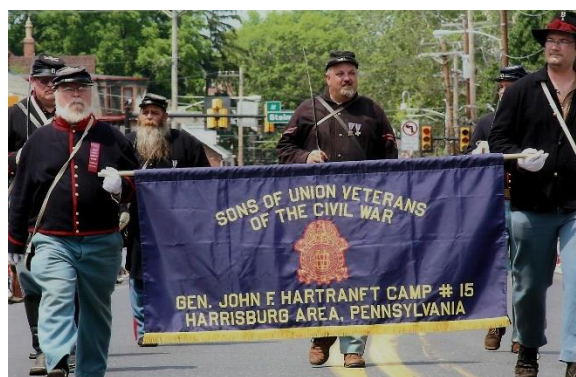
If you would like more data on former Camp Curtin or the 1990 dedication, photos, reports, etc., copies of the dedication are available.



Can you imagine, the outcome, if these veterans had this machine in 1862!



Camp 15 picnic 2010.



2012 parade



Remembrance Day Parade 2012

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Camp 15 Dues time – year 2021

1st announced notice

To save postage you may bring your
New Year 2020 Camp 15 dues of \$40
to January Camp Meeting! Sunday
January 17th

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!

Invoices will be issued in January and
due end of February 2021.

To become a National Life Member of
our grand organization, visit national
suvchw website and under forms, select
form 9, complete it, attach your
payment for your age bracket and mail
directly to national headquarters!

2020 Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet

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



When **Sunday, December 13, 2020**

Foreword: due to COVID restrictions in place in October 2020, camp 15 cannot conduct our annual banquet at the National Civil War Museum due to the limitation of personnel, including security and cater folks.

Therefore, camp council has contracted with JoJo's Pizza & Pasta Restaurant, downtown Mechanicsburg for the day's event:

Note: while we had great food and service in the past with cater, JoJo's is offering **3 entrée package** of meat lasagna, cheese ravioli, and chicken marsala, including appetizer, salad and dessert for \$34.00!

We acknowledge meal price is greater than in the past but, the *setting* consists of 3 entrées with greater gratuity and we know some of you, after having been in lockdown over the summer, are eager to get out and socialize with our civil war community of allied orders of the greater 'Burg' area!

Area of concern: event will be held in upper level see image② page 3. No elevator, but has nice safe stairway; and the restrooms are on first floor near parking lot entrance image② page 3. If that deters you, we expect to be back in the Museum for our 2021 banquet!

Designated Driver: if you need a driver or have a guest, include them in your plans and remittance!

RSVP: please RSVP one way or the other, so we can have a reliable head-count for JoJo's. email DoubleD@Demmy.cc



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 27th for a full accounting to the restaurant for preparation of our annual event.

Continued!

Send remittance of \$34 for each individual Payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

David Demmy
881 Sunny Hill Ln
Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690

NOW:

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 below for ideas; share the books you recently read for others to enjoy! ☺

Where **JoJo's Pizza and Pasta, 107 W Main St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055** www.JoJopizza.net

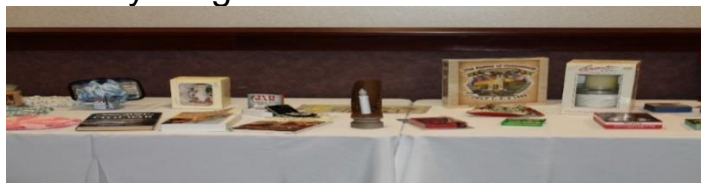
Cost **\$34.00** per person, prepaid; Payable to: Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

Payment Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/27/20

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

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

Entertainment Holiday Bingo



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.

To save postage you may bring your New Year **2021** Camp 15 dues of **\$40** along!

Still **\$40** and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'

IMAGES OF JOJO'S DOWNTOWN MECHANICSBURG FRONT ENTRANCE:



107 West Main Street *front view*

Use alley to left of this image to arrive at parking in rear See below:

②



Rear parking view and back entrance

Additional parking along Main Street – then use front entrance on Main!

Following images from reenactment of the *Battle of the Bulge* at Fort Indiantown Gap 2012
And camp 15 was there.



Must have been a mighty warm January 2012



To your left, March!



Two major WWII veterans of Camp 15



Guests among the crowd

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