



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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Vol 23, Nos. 1 and 2 Hello 2021 January/February 2021



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!

2021 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vernon Stout 2021
Officers and Staff	Senior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger PCC 2021
	Junior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 2021
	Secretary ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-21
	Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-21
	Council 01 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Anthony Kline 16 - 21
	Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 15-21
	Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-21
	Patriotic Instructor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18 - 21
	Chaplain ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-21
	Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Lee F. Walters, PCC since 2007
	GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2021
	Graves Registration ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger 14-21
	Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2021
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2021
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-21
	Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~	Vacant 2018
	Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011
	ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-21
	GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-21
	Longevity Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC since 1943
	Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Joseph E. Long, Jr., PDC

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/>

Jan Feb 2021 *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 Hartranft Herald draped in honor of:

The death of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier, on 16 December 2020, at the age of 101 years. See General Order #9, series 2020-2021; and the death of Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Lucille "Peaches" Streeter on 16 January 2021. Also, the death of Massachusetts Department Commander Stuart "Chip" Chambers on 3 February 2021. Brother Chambers is the first DC in recent memory to pass away while actively performing the duties and responsibilities of his office!

Next Camp Meeting

Camp 15 expects to meet in-person with-masks, and social distancing, on Sunday February 21, 2021 at NCWM upper-level room 222 at 2pm.

Camp Birthdays for February and March

Abe Lincoln himself!

Ottens, Russell J

Messersmith, Donald Max

Drumm, Paul Kimber

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

- Blessings for Dave Klinepeter! 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; 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!
- Mrs Crystal Kratzer's condition continues to improve, as well for Brother Russell Kratzer who is on tele-duty versus field work due to his recent surgery! Mr and Mrs Paul Drumm are on the road to recovery too! And lastly this issue, D. Mike Klinepeter.
- If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them! DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2021

3rd and final 'announced' notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2021 Camp 15 dues of **\$40** to February Camp Meeting! Sunday February 21st
Life Members' dues is \$7.00 for Pennsylvania Department collection, only.
Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita! Camp 15 Life Members only need remit dues for PA Department!
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!

notices will be issued in January!
Deadline for 2021 dues is end of February!
Donations appreciated for postage and office supplies!

C&R Article II Membership

Section 3 (a). A Brother whose dues are not paid by **March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues** by a vote of the Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him.

A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order. ²⁴ A Brother may be reinstated by paying the current year's dues [camp and department] plus a [national] reinstatement fee of ten dollars (\$10.00)!

To become a National Life Member of our grand organization, visit national website www.suvcw.org choose forms, select form 9. Save it to your computer, open newly saved form, complete it, save it, and attach your payment for your age bracket and mail directly to national headquarters!

MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, October 18, 2020 ~~~66°

Officers Present

Commander.....Logan Swanger
JVC.....Scott Debo
Secretary.....Greg Kline
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr
Pat. Instructor/Historian....Jeff Smith
Council.....Scott Debo
Council..... Tony Kline
Council..... Jeff Smith

Officers Absent

SVC..... Vernon Stout
Color Bearer.....Kelly Betz
Guide/Guard....TBA

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Logan Swanger at 2:01 PM

The meeting minutes of the September, 2020 meeting were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, 2nd by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Demmy reported a working check book balance of \$297 after Christmas banquet expenses. The cost per person for the banquet will be \$27.00 + tax. Motion to accept by Brother Greg Kline, 2nd by Brother Tony Kline, motion approved.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Commander Swanger reported that Brother Paul Drumm and his wife are both recovering from COVID-19. Wayne Blattner mentioned that his pastor, Jim McIntyre, passed away. It was reported

at the September meeting that he would be undergoing a double lung transplant.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Greg Kline read Department Order# 2 from Department Commander Kline from September which called for a Department Mid-Year Meeting to be held in October. He also read General Order #41 regarding the establishment of the Department of Alabama and General Order #42 which announced the winners of the various annual awards from National typically given out at the National Encampment. Both of these were issued by Commander in Chief Ed Norris.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing reported.

New Business:

A motion was made by Brother David Demmy, Sr; 2nd by Brother Greg Kline to keep the Camp 15 dues at \$40 for 2021. Motion approved.

It was agreed upon that Camp 15 will not hold a November Business meeting due to conflicts with other events and holidays. It was suggested that anyone who is interested can meet instead at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Colonial Park.

Ed Note: and we did!

Nomination and Election of Officers

The following nominations for elected Officers were received for 2021:

Camp Commander-Vernon Stout
Senior Vice Commander-Logan Swanger
Junior Vice Commander-Scott Debo
Secretary-Greg Kline
Treasurer David Demmy, Sr.

Council 1-Tony Kline
Council 2-Scott Debo
Council 3-Jeff Smith

A motion was made by Brother David Demmy, Sr; 2nd by Brother Tony Kline to close nominations and hold the election. Motion carried.

The slate of candidates was unanimously elected and will be installed in January by Department Commander Greg Kline.

Good of the Order

Brother Tony Kline mentioned that he and Department Commander Greg Kline were invited and attended the graveside Memorial Service for Sister Mandy Koenigsberg. It was conducted by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the cemetery in Ebensburg. Mandy was the wife of Pennsylvania Department Secretary/Treasurer Rob Koenigsberg.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith presented a program on Civil War Governors. The program was interesting and well received by the Membership. For additional detail, he passed out a handout which included short bios of Union and border state governors.

The meeting was closed at 4:12 PM

Faithfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC
Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15, Harrisburg
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, January 17, 2021 ~~~overcast 44°

Officers Present

Commander.....Vern Stout
SVCLogan Swanger
JVC.....Scott Debo
Secretary.....Greg Kline
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr
Council.....Scott Debo
Council..... Tony Kline

Officers Absent

Pat. Instructor/Historian....Jeff Smith

Brothers attending

Wayne Blattner
Gene Mascioli
Dave Demmy Jr

The meeting minutes of October 18, 2020 were read by secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by David Demmy, Sr and 2nd by brother Vern Stout; motion approved.

Treasurer’s report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A checkbook balance of \$1279 was reported; however, he noted that approximately \$1000 is earmarked for 2021 dues and pending banquet that was postponed in December, which leaves an available balance of \$297. Motion to accept by Brother Greg Kline and 2nd by brother Gene Mascioli; motion approved.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Commander Logan Swanger reported that Brother Paul Drumm and his wife have recovered from Covid-19. Good news!

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read multiple Department and General Orders which were issued since the Camp's last meeting in October which included the following:

Department Order #2- temporary address for Dept Secretary/Treasurer

Department Order# 3-Remembrance Day ceremonies

General Order #1- established CinC headquarters and other administrative announcements.

General Order# 2- Award of Meritorious Service with Gold Star to Brother James McGuire

General Order# 3- Veterans Day Announcement

General Order# 4- Remembrance Day announcements

General Order# 5- Award of Meritorious Service with Gold Star to Brother Joseph Hall, Jr

General Order# 6- IRS Determination of 501c3 Status

General Order# 7- National Policy on Monument Protection and Preservation

General Order# 8- Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore

General Order# 9- Passing of Union Soldier Widow Helen Jackson

Department Orders can be read in their entirety at www.pusuvcw.org

National General Orders can be read in their entirety at www.suvchw.org

Unfinished Business:

The Camp decided to hold its holiday banquet which was postponed from December due to COVID restrictions, on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at JoJo's Pizza & Pasta in Mechanicsburg. A social hour will begin at Noon and the dinner will be served at 1:00. Installation of Camp 15 Officers already took place at the January meeting but we will still have our traditional Bingo game, so, prizes will be welcomed for the winner's table.

New Business:

Brother David Demmy, Sr. reported that our late Sister Mary Jane Bannan's grave at the East Harrisburg Cemetery is in poor condition. Brother Scott Debo has offered to provide topsoil and grass seed and the Camp will be planting grass in May after we decorate graves for Memorial Day at the historic Old Harrisburg City Cemetery.

The following elected Camp Officers were sworn in at the meeting by Pennsylvania Department Commander Greg Kline:

Camp Commander-Vernon Stout
Senior Vice Commander-Logan Swanger
Junior Vice Commander-Scott Debo
Secretary-Greg Kline
Treasurer-David Demmy, Sr.
Council 1-Tony Kline
Council 2-Scott Debo

Good of the Order:

Brother David Demmy, Sr. mentioned the recent forming of 2 new Camps in the Order. One is in New York State and the other is in the newly formed Department of Alabama. [see required officer and committee reports to CofA for January 2021.]

Brother Wayne Blattner showed a write-up on our late PCinC Rich Orr, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith was traveling with his wife Henny taking daughter Ilsa back to Penn State to resume her studies. We look forward to hearing from him again in February.

The meeting was closed by newly elected and installed Commander Vern Stout at 3:20 PM.

Faithfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

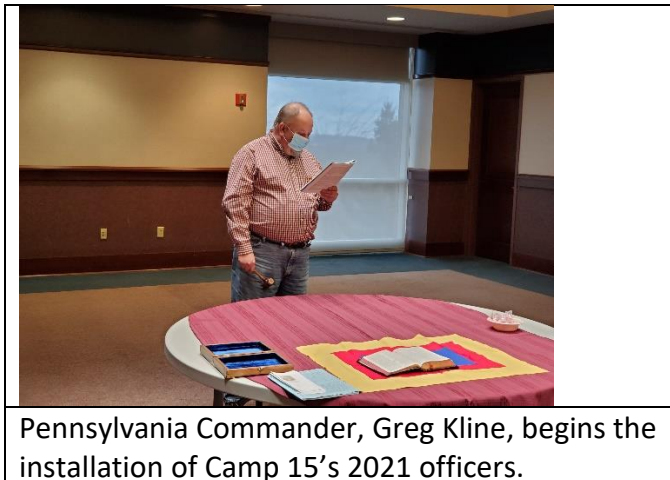
Gregory E. Kline, PCC

Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

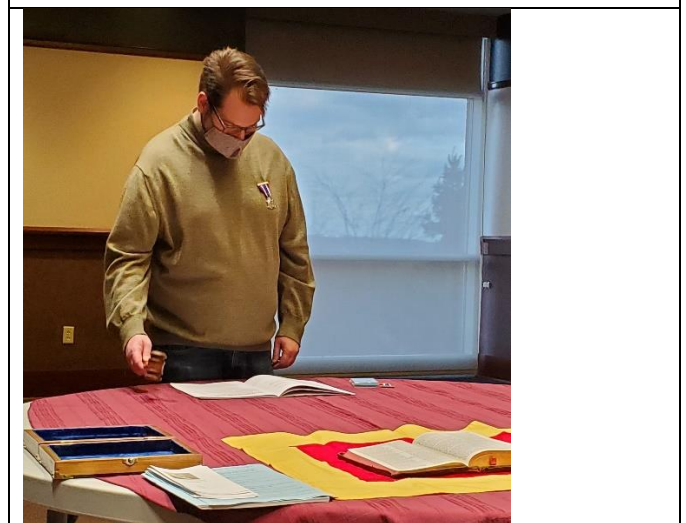
Installation of 2021 Camp 15 Officers



Pennsylvania Commander, Greg Kline, begins the installation of Camp 15's 2021 officers.



Donned in masks, Camp 15 officers for 2021 are about to take their oath.



Vern Stout uses the gavel for the first time as newly installed Camp Commander!

Photo Credit – Dave Demmy Jr.

Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator

Camp 15 is looking for a brother to volunteer for Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator; here is the job description:

Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - *The purpose of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator is to recognize the advancement of young scouts belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout, to maintain statistics of requests and presentations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate.*

There is no provision in the Order's Regulations for a Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator. If a camp does not want to participate in this program the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator is responsible for the certificates. If the camp wants to participate the Camp Commander is encouraged to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator to coordinate and/or perform the following duties. Camps that do not elect to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator are still required to perform the duties listed below and the information for filling out the certificates will be sent to the Camp Commander. The activities of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators should include:

- (a) Maintaining an email address and keeping the DESCC informed of any changes.
- (b) Maintaining a listing of the Scout Council and their office address in their area.
- (c) Establishing and maintaining contact with the local Scout Council in their area
- (d) To keep the Scout Council informed of any changes to our program
- (e) Receiving requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and make arrangements to present the certificate.
- (f) Submitting a report to the Camp Encampment showing the total number of certificates presented.
- (g) Keeping a record of all certificates presented during the year and providing this to the DESCC by July 1st.
- (h) Performing all other duties as regulated by the C&R, National encampment and Commander-in-Chief.

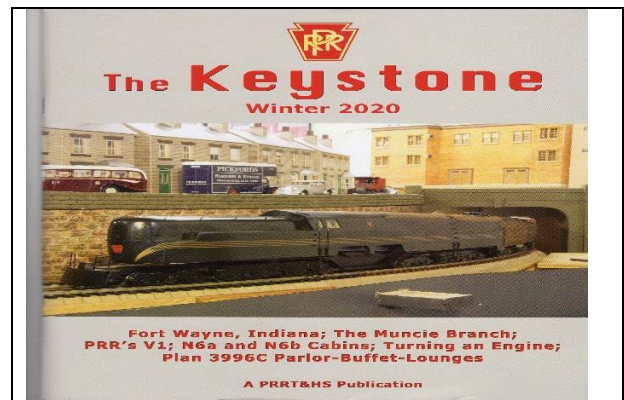
Contact Camp Commander Vern Stout about the position of Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Dues and Don'ts, ah Notes

We thank all of you brothers that have, to date, remitted your dues for 2021 and for the donations a number of you have submitted to keep Camp 15 in the 'black' in our bank ledger. Also, a number of you have included personal notes of your life during COVID-19 crisis. Thank you for sharing.

For tax deductibility of your donations, always refer queries to your tax advisor. SUVCW is a 501 c3 organization.

An obituary to our late Brother Richard Orr, appeared in this recent publication:



ORR, RICHARD, of Verona, Pa., PRRT&HS 3118, passed away on August 2, 2020 at age 71. Richard was a life member and past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and a member of the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum. He served on the Board of Directors for Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum Trust, Inc. Richard retired from the Allegheny County Health Department as an administrator.

Shared by camp brother Wayne Blattner, also a member of Penna RR Tech and Historical Society.

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]!

February

Lincoln Luncheon see additional data within this news.

March

Camp meeting scheduled for March 21st
Camp 15 banquet this day too. See data within this newsletter.

April

Camp meeting scheduled for April 18th

May

Camp meeting scheduled for May 15th.
Camp celebrates **Memorial Day** on **Saturday 29th** 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 13th and State Streets! And, Camp 15 Parades on Monday 31st. Contact Greg Kline for details.

June

Harrisburg Civil War Days 2021 unknown at this time. Stay tuned for updates. Camp 15 and the SUVCW can contribute to this weekend, such as informational and recruiting tables at NCWM Saturday.

Pennsylvania Department **Encampment Convention June 24-25-26** at Altoona, PA

National Encampment August 4th – 9th at Hilton St. Louis Frontenac at St Louis, Missouri.

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, cousins, your neighbor and all of your friends to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of the Allied Orders are always welcome!

Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

God bless you and yours and God bless the USA.

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LINCOLN LUNCHEON 2021

The Brothers and Sisters of Gen. J.P.S Gobin Camp 503 and Auxiliary 503 cordially invite you to attend the 2021 Pennsylvania Department Lincoln Luncheon on Saturday, February 20 at 1:00 PM at the historic Front Street Station in Northumberland. The Front Street Station is located at 2 Front St. Northumberland PA.

The speaker after our meal will be National Civil War Museum CEO and noted Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide Wayne Motts who will present his program entitled "Lincoln: 25 Hours at Gettysburg".

The Luncheon meal will consist of your choice of beef or chicken (please indicate your selection below), mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, green beans and a piece of cake for dessert. Coffee, tea and soda are included.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17!!! Please make checks payable to Gobin Camp# 503, SUVCW Questions? Contact Greg Kline at 717-571-6877 or email at gregsuvchw@yahoo.com

.....PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL.....

Yes, I would like to make a reservation for the 2021 Lincoln Luncheon on Saturday, February 20 at the Front Street Station in Northumberland!

Please reserve _____ seats for the luncheon at \$25 each.

Number of beef _____ Number of chicken _____

Please mail checks to:

Tony Kline, SUVCW Camp# 503,
124 Essex Lane,
Northumberland PA 17857

Camp 15's annual banquet was forced to be cancelled in December due to new covid restrictions. Camp 15 has decided to move the postponed event to normal camp meeting day on March 21 as follows:

When **Sunday, March 21, 2021**

at JoJo's Pizza & Pasta Restaurant, downtown Mechanicsburg for the day's event:

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

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

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

Reservation: if you already remitted for the December event, we have your RSVP and payment on file; otherwise:

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 March 11th for a full accounting to the restaurant for preparation of this 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!