



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



Vol 23, No. 4 Happy Birthday Dave K. April 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 ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2021
	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/>

April 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

An interview with our new Camp Commander [CC]
Vern Stout - April 2021

Herald: Brother Vern, tell us where you grew up?

CC: I grew up in a small town along the west branch of the Susquehanna River named Renovo. The town had been built by what was to become the Pennsylvania Railroad during the Civil War.

Herald: What career path did you take?

CC: I attended Lycoming College in Williamsport Pa. graduating with a BA in Political Science. I then took a position with Brooks Brother's in Atlanta Georgia. The same company which tailored Abraham Lincoln's clothing including the coat he was wearing when assassinated. After five years in Georgia, I returned to Pennsylvania to be closer to my parents whose health was beginning to fail. I continued to do retail management for several more years before taking my current position as an optical technician for Capital Vision Center in Camp Hill PA.

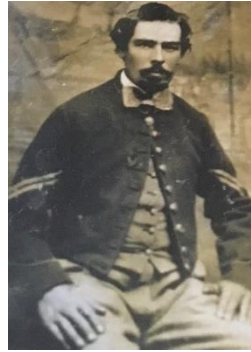
Herald: Sounds like you are a busy person helping folks in your community. What do you do when you have free time?

CC: In my free time I enjoy reading a great deal, particularly military histories and biographies. I also enjoy visiting antique shops to hunt for GAR and period Civil War items.

Herald: Please tell us about your qualifications as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

CC: I have four ancestors who served during the War. Three are grandfathers and one is an uncle and all have at least two "greats" before their titles. William Miller is a grandfather who served as a member of Co. C, 8th Reg. Pa. Volunteers.

His son-in-law and another grandfather were named



George Washington Daugherty who served in Co. K, 58th Pa. Infantry and took part in many of the great battles of the latter part of the war including Cold Harbor and the fall of Richmond. Family legend holds Daugherty served in the Calvary earlier in

the war and was wounded and could not ride so he resigned with the Infantry. His granddaughter, my grandmother, remembered fondly his stories of the war which he would tell to all of the children.

Another ancestor, my uncle named Richard Hammersley, served with 36th Pa Volunteers was wounded in Battle and was discharged 10/03/1862. He passed away 11 years later with his obituary mentioning his wounds of battle being a constant in his life. Richard's older brother my grandfather Henry Hammersley enlisted in Co. K, of 143rd Pa Volunteers, later part of Stone's Bucktail Brigade. Henry was killed during the afternoon of July 1, 1863 near the McPherson Farm at Gettysburg. His body was never identified. I'm grateful for the sacrifices my ancestors made in the cause of freedom and that I am a Brother of an Order committed to preserving their memory, as well as that of all others who served during the War.

Herald: Brother Vern, what is next on your agenda for Camp 15?

CC: I am looking forward to continuation of our Camp's work on the *last soldier project* for the surrounding counties as well as the many activities our camp enjoys. We will also be planning a membership drive this year - more on that to come.

Herald: Commander thank you for your time for this interview and God Bless you as you conduct business for us and with us!



Next Camp Meeting

Camp 15 will meet in-person with masks and social distancing, on Sunday April 18, 2021 at National Civil War Museum, upper level, small ballroom. at 2pm.

Camp Birthdays for April

Our longevity brother, Dave Klinepeter, as a teenager in 1943, joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, well before he joined the US Navy during World War II. Brother Dave, we salute you!

DePamphilis, Devin Philip

Manning, Robert Calvin

Demmy, Jonathan Scott

Klinepeter PCC, David J

btw, Dave is 59 again;

Lute, Daniel G

with 36 years' experience.

Demmy Sr, PCC, David W

Keener-Farley, PCC Lawrence

McKay Jr, Thomas Edward

Mills, Terry A

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

brother D. Mike Klinepeter is recovering! As we go to press, we learned Brother Duke Hall has been deployed once again with the US Army. He is in an area where he is not allowed to receive US Mail – must be a major bummer for him and his buddies.

- Blessings to family of Brother Bill Fischer of camp 8 as a grandchild is expected this summer.
- If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them! DoubleD@Demmy.cc

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Sunny skies at 35°

Officers Present

Commander.....Vern Stout

SVC..... Logan Swanger

JVC..... Scott Debo

Secretary.....Greg Kline

Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr

Council 01 Tony Kline

Council 02.....Scott Debo

Council 03..... Jeff Smith

Color Bearer..... Wayne Blattner

Guide/Guard..... Wayne Blattner

Officers Absent

Pat. Instructor/Historian.... Jeff Smith

Council..... Jeff Smith

Members attending:

Tom McKay

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Vern Stout at 2:05 PM

The meeting minutes from January 17, 2021 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother David Demmy, Sr; 2nd by Brother Logan Swanger, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A checkbook balance of approximately \$400 was reported which includes a few donations received along with dues payments. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline; 2nd by Brother Greg Kline, motion approved.

Post meeting notation: Camp treasury has sufficient funds to cover the balance of the forthcoming Banquet and our dues to Pennsylvania Department and national per capita for 2021.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Fortunately, there was nothing to report!

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read several Department Orders which were issued since the Camp's last meeting included the following:

Department Order 6- announcing Lincoln Luncheon in February

Department Order 7-Department Commander's email used in phishing scheme

Department Order 8-Reminder to send Form 22 to Department Secretary

No General Orders were issued by C-in-C Pierson since our last meeting

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

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

Unfinished Business:

The Camp will 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 prize table.

Our project to rehabilitate Sister Mary Jane Bannan's grave at the Easy Harrisburg City Cemetery will take place over Memorial Day weekend On Saturday May 29th. Brother Scott Debo has offered to provide topsoil and grass seed and the Camp and visitors will be planting grass.

New Business:

Brother Wayne Blattner volunteered to be Camp 15 Eagle Scout Coordinator. It was discussed whether or not we will award Eagle Scout certificates to female Eagles. There has been no guidance yet from National but our assumption is that we will.

Commander Vern Stout is donating an old SUVCW Member Badge as a prize for a new member recruitment drive this year. He said that when a new member is recruited, he will be assigned a buddy/mentor to assist in teaching the finer points of SUVCW Membership, history, rituals, the C&R, etc.

Brother Greg Kline will investigate PennLive.com to see if they offer a free community calendar where we could announce our meetings, speakers, etc.

It was announced that the last Veteran for Perry County is Abraham Ellenberger and the Camp will be

exploring a grave marker dedication ceremony in the near future, possibly in June.

Good of the Order:

Immediate Past Camp Commander Logan Swanger thanked Camp 503 of Sunbury for hoisting an excellent *Lincoln Luncheon*. He presented Brother David Demmy, Sr with a Pennsylvania road map since he missed the turn-off ramp and was unable to make it to the luncheon!

Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Jeff Smith was absent due to family travel; therefore, no report presented!

The meeting was closed by Commander Stout at 3:25 PM.

Faithfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty
Gregory E. Kline, PDC, Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

And a contingent of camp brothers adjourned to local steak house for continued fellowship into the late hours of the afternoon.

Editor's Note: all appropriate officer, staff, and committee positions of camp 15 are now elected or assigned!

Camp Commander's 2021 Challenge by Vern Stout

Brothers of Camp 15,



This year we will be redoubling our efforts to add new members to our camp. As an added incentive, the pictured original pre-1920 Son's Badge will be a prize to the Brother of Camp 15 who recruits the newest members for the camp during the year 2021.

Together, let us bring new Brothers to share in the good work of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!



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

Camp meeting scheduled for April 18th

May

Camp meeting scheduled for May 16th.

Camp celebrates **Memorial Day** on **Saturday 29th** with *breakfast* at Peachtree Restaurant, North Progress Avenue [less than 3 miles from NCWM]; and then the *placing of flags* upon veteran's graves at historic **Harrisburg Cemetery** 13th and State Streets [western end of State Street Bridge]!

Following this event, at approximately 11 a.m., we will move onto **East Harrisburg Cemetery**, 2260 Herr Street, 17103, at the far upper eastern portion of this cemetery, to pay tribute to our late sister Mary Jane Bannan's gravesite, [which is in deplorable condition] by adding fresh soil and grass seed! See map in this newsletter!

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 SUV CW can contribute that 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.

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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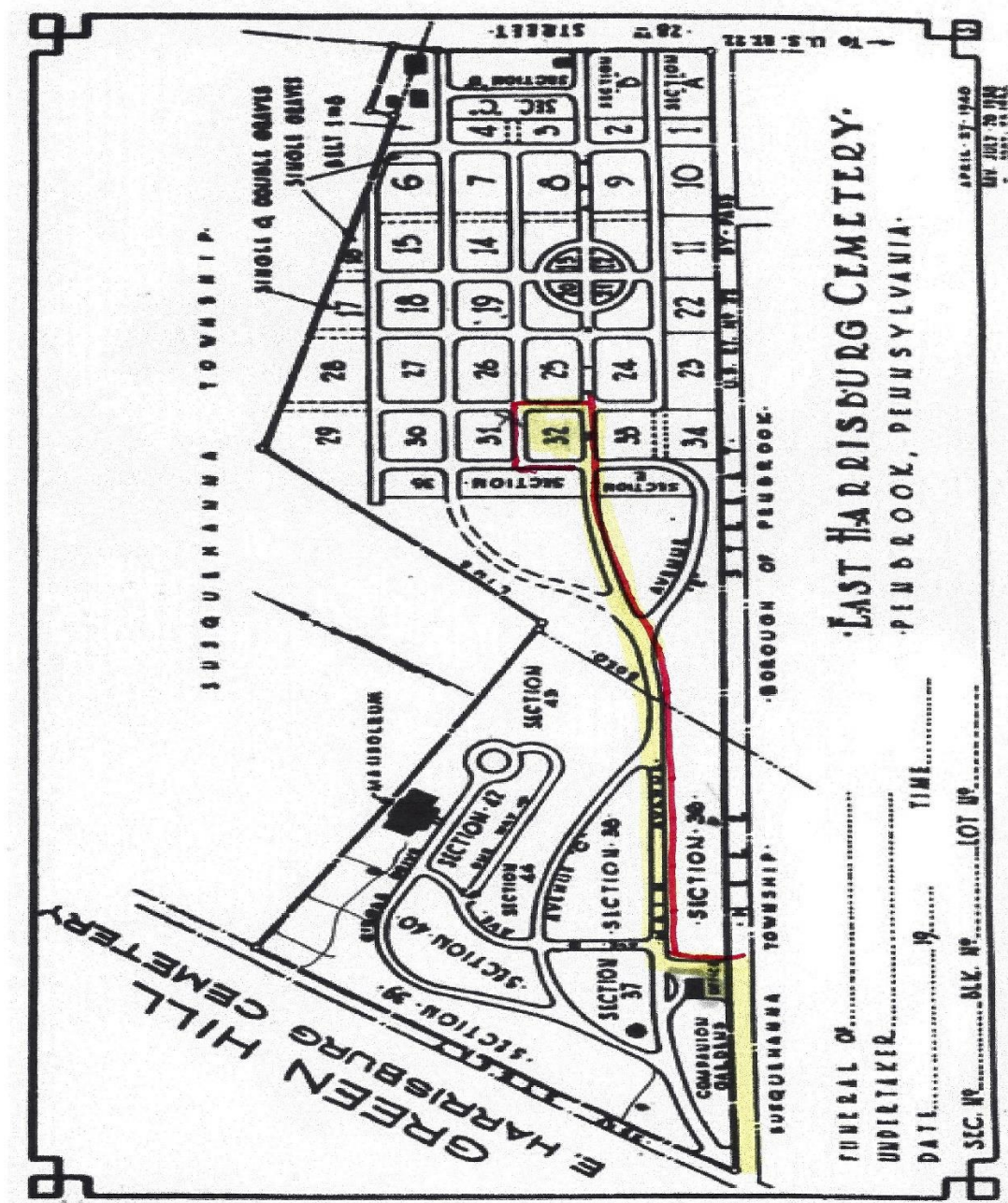
Old Map of East Harrisburg Cemetery, 2260 Herr Street, Penbrook, PA

enter at **office** location, and follow the

yellow brick [ah bumpy] lane to section 32.

⇧View is East towards suburbs away from downtown⇧

⇧28th Street borders eastern end of this cemetery⇧



Herr Street (US route 22 by-pass)

From Mary Janes gravesite, look south west and see the **US Flag** over the National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park

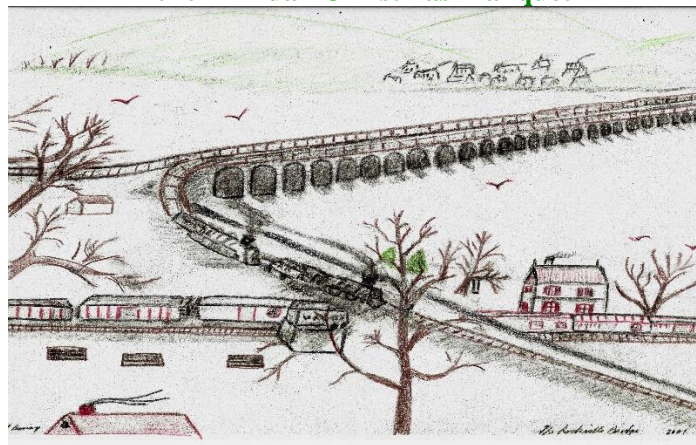
⇩Westward downtown Harrisburg⇩

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While visiting East Harrisburg Cemetery, stop by and view the *near-unique* brass sundial just south of the Mausoleum, in the turn-around circle!



Major General John F. Hartranft
Camp 15 of Harrisburg
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
2020 Annual Christmas Banquet



***The Rockville Arch Stone Bridge
connecting Rockville in Dauphin County with
Marysville in Perry County***

Floyd J Demmy 2001
Colorized by Marilyn J Demmy 2012

Cover of our March 2021 Banquet Program

See you at our December 2021 Banquet!

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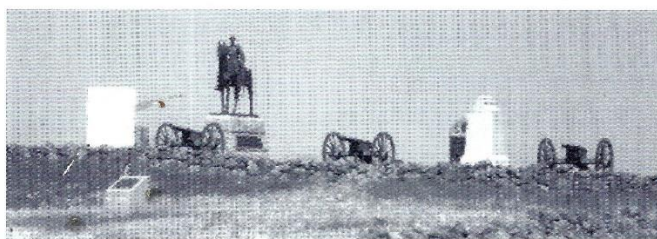
Camp Curtin Historical Society
presents

What Mean these Stones?

A Walking Tour of Gettysburg's Cemetery Ridge

by

Dr. Richard Goedkoop



1:30PM, Sunday, June 6

at the Gettysburg National Military Park

Meet at the National Cemetery Parking Lot off the Taneytown Road

Preregistration required - telephone 717-732-5115 (7PM-9PM) or email genjenkins@aol.com.

CCHS Members Free

Non-Members \$5.00 each

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Dr. Richard Goedkoop is a retired faculty member from La Salle University, where he taught for 32 years. He became a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide in 2000 and has given over 5,800 tours for various types of groups, families and individuals.

During this tour, we will visit 28 monuments including the New Jersey Brigade, Father Corby, 1st Minnesota Infantry, 84th Pennsylvania Infantry, U.S. Regulars Monument, Gen. John Gibbon Statue, 20th Massachusetts Infantry, Cushing's Battery, Albert Woolson GAR Monument and the Gen. Alexander Hays Statue. Dr. Goedkoop will fill in the details and "backstories" of these "last sentinels" of the battle.

If the tour is cancelled, we will post a notice on our Website www.campcurtin.org, our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CampCurtinHistoricalSociety/>, and send an email to all members for whom we have an email address.