



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 139th Year serving Harrisburg Area



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Autumn Time

August & September 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.

PA Dept: www.PAsuvcw.org National: <http://www.suvcw.org/>

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Camp Birthdays for Autumn

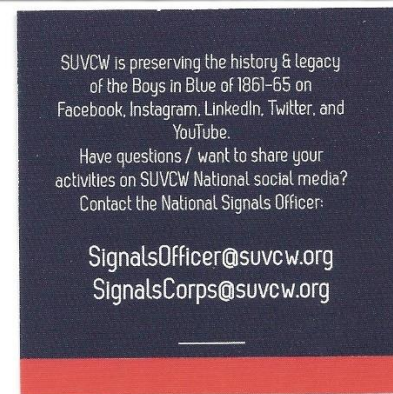
Jackson, William Spencer
 Gearhart, John Gregory
 Smith, Jeffery Joseph
 Treat, Robert Francis

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 our camp counselor, Lee Walters, PDC. Also, 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.

If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them!
DoubleD@Demmy.cc

The following cards were offered to all at the 2021 National Encampment Convention by our IT Signal Officer, all the way from the east coast of Africa, where Brother Tim McCoy, PDC, lives and works.



Tim visited in person in Saint Louis during visit to the USA!

See more about National Encampment later in this issue of the *Hartranft Herald*.

May meeting minutes:

There was no meeting during May – too many brothers had family obligations and travel events! And then, we were in recess for the summer months!

Broken pencils are point-less!

September Camp Meeting: Sunday 9/19/21 2pm, at NCWM upper-level ballroom.

For last May, our Patriotic Instructor, PCC brother Jeff Smith expected to present *show and tell*

material regarding WWII [World War II] in living color.

That event has been postponed to September 2021. Our newsletter editor, David W. Demmy Sr., will also have on hand a collection of items of WWII era on the Home Front, like ration books, photos of ETO, [that's European Theatre of Operations of WWII], mostly items from our late brother Floyd J. Demmy.

Therefore, any one with WWII data, photos, artifacts, ration cards, hats, *uniforms*, please have them available on display at our forthcoming September meeting. [**come early to see our displays**]!

Monument designation

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.



Major General John F Hartranft monument displayed on Capitol Grounds at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania!

Photo source: the collection of the *Hartranft Herald* staff.

Perks of reaching 60 or being over 70 and heading towards 80!

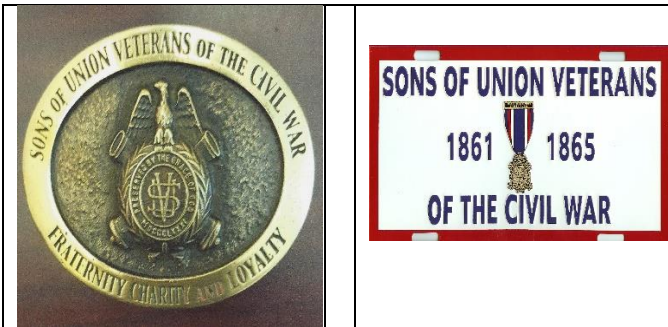
1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 8 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 5 pm.
9. You can live without running to the mall, but not without your glasses.
10. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

Recent Events

PA Dept annual encampment convention at Altoona:

Camp 15 sold 1 SUVCW belt buckle and 7 license plates

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Images from national encampment convention at Saint Louis:



The Famous Arch

The PA department contingent at Saint Louis, l-r: Dave Demmy Jr, Camp 15; David Demmy Sr, Exec Director; Bill Fischer, JVC, John Gipson, Commander; with newly elected Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette.



National Charter upon Camp 15's homemade, oak tripod, all the way from Reservoir Park.

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Commander-in-Chief, Brian C Pierson presenting Award to Camp 15 for best camp website during his term of office! Proudly accepted by David W Demmy Sr on behalf of the camp and the Camp's webmaster, Dave Demmy Jr.



Our sister camp 503 at Sunbury conducted their annual picnic at the Water Works grounds at Sunbury on Saturday 28th. A number of brothers of Harrisburg area traveled to Sunbury to fellowship with our brothers and sisters from Northumberland County area.

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September 23, 2021 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Individuals - \$75.00

Couples - \$125.00

Member tickets - \$50.00

As we mark our 20th Anniversary, we have set an ambitious goal of raising over \$10,000 with our event. The proceeds will support our education and preservation mission.

Tasting Tables provided by:

C&J Catering

Gallows Hill Distillery

GettysGear Coffee

Grand Cru Hospitality

Premiere Catering

Spice Grill

Susquehanna Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar

Cigar Bar by *Union Cigar Co.* of Gettysburg

Activities include a Silent Auction, Scavenger Hunt and we're kicking off another Rifle Raffle!

Help us make our 20th Anniversary Gala the very best yet!

Email Mary Beth if you'd like information about how you can help.
mbkerekes@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

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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]!

The National Encampment August 4th – 9th at Hilton St. Louis Frontenac at St Louis, Missouri was a success excluding the long drive there and back to Central Pennsylvania!

September Camp meeting

Sunday September 19th 2pm at NCWM.

If you plan on displaying any WWII items, come early to do so. All other readers, come early also to have time to view all of the WWII treats we expect to have on display for your interest.

Perhaps 3-4 tables of displayed items.

October TBA

November Remembrance Day Parade at Gettysburg, November 19 – 21 with National Council meeting Sunday morning!

December, camp 15's annual holiday banquet Sunday December 12 at NCWM noon til 4 pm.

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!

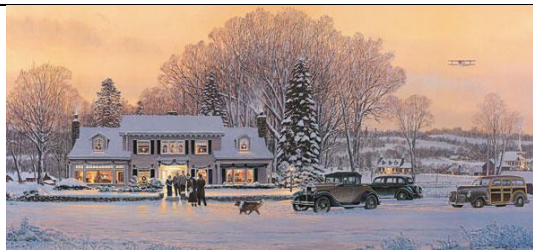
Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

God bless you and yours and God bless the USA.

Advanced Notice

2021 Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet

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



When **Sunday, December 12, 2021**

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 next page for ideas ➡

Where: National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park Harrisburg – upper-level banquet room!

GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Cost: \$ TBA per person, prepaid; Payable to: Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW amount to be published in near future!

Payment: Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/26/21

Fellowship hour: **11:30 – 12:30 ~~~~ Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.**

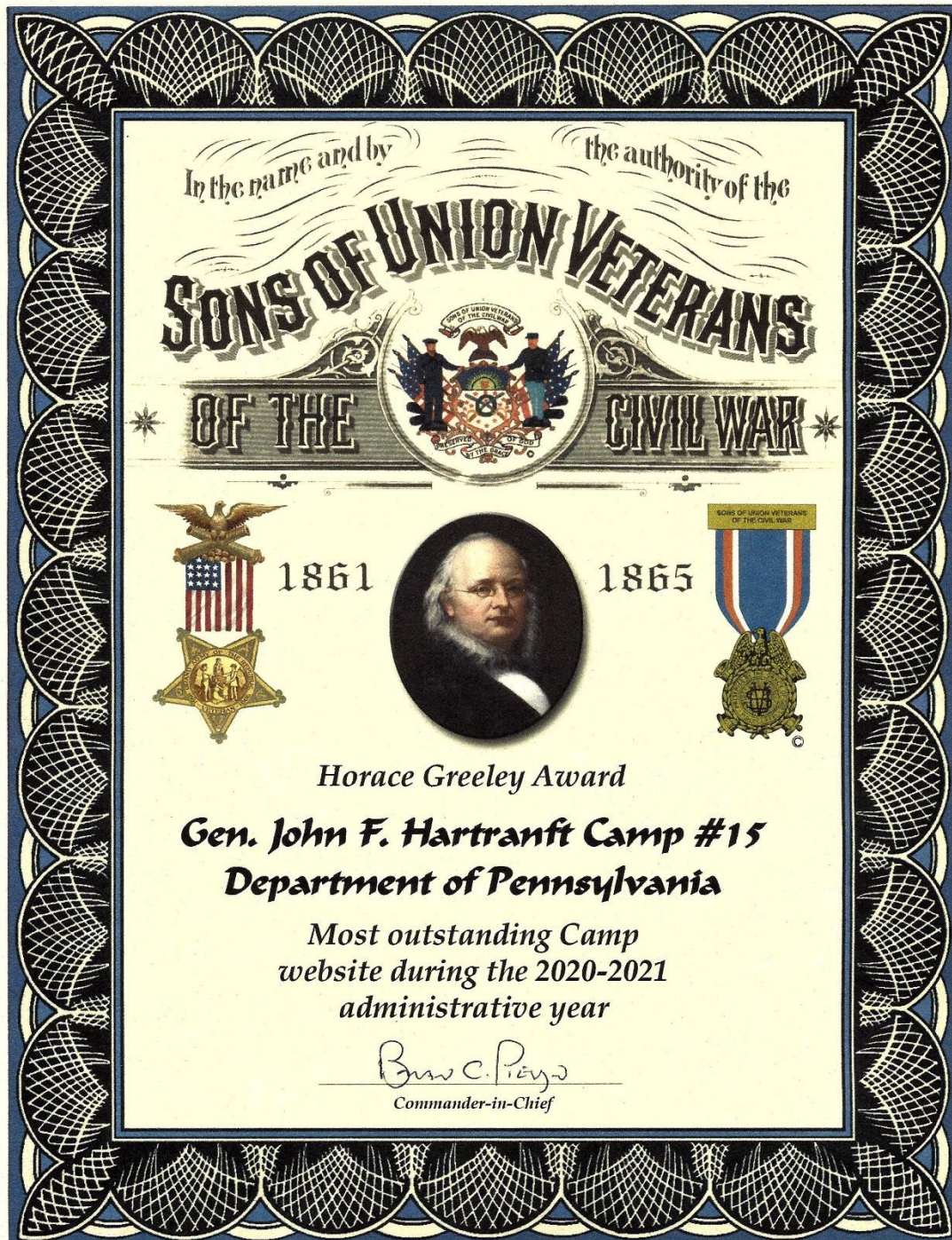
Activities: Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for the New Year!

Entertainment: Holiday Bingo

If covid restrictions *rear its ugly head* again, plan B may be Jo Jo's in Mechanicsburg!

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This award was bestowed upon Camp 15 for most outstanding Camp Website during the 2020-2021 term of
Commander-in-Chief, Brian C. Pierson.



Camp 15's grateful acknowledgement to our Camp Webmaster Dave Demmy, Jr.

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History comes alive at the Camp Curtin Historical Society's

Harrisburg Cemetery Tours **Sunday, September 12th**



All tours will leave from the Caretaker's House and cover three different topics. Tours last between 1-1/2 and 2 hours. Visitors may not change tours once they have started.

Pennsylvania Personalities of the Civil War
led by James Schmick - 1:00PM

Harrisburg's Anti-Slavery Families
led by George Nagle - 1:30PM

Notables of South Central Pennsylvania
led by Bruce Horner - 2:00PM

Living Historians Jeff and Dianne Witmer will portray Harrisburg's Civil War Mayor Augustus Roumfort and his wife, Mary

**Adults - \$8.00 (CCHS Members - \$5.00) All children under 16 - \$1.00
Rain or shine. The terrain is uneven. Wear comfortable walking shoes.
The Harrisburg Cemetery is located at the eastern end of the State Street Bridge.**

For information call 717-732-5115 or email genjenkins@aol.com

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