



**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 139<sup>th</sup> Year serving Harrisburg Area

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**Fall into Autumn**

**October 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of most months. PA Dept: [www.PAsuvcw.org](http://www.PAsuvcw.org) National: <http://www.suvcw.org/>

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### Camp Birthdays thru end of year

Gearhart, John Gregory  
 Smith, Jeffery Joseph  
 Treat, Robert Francis  
 Betz, Kelly Wayne  
 Blattner, Wayne B  
 Kratzer III, Russell E  
 Motts, Wayne E

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

Blessings especially for **Dave Klinepeter** and **Lee Walters!** Greg Kline, Tony Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Ohio, PCinC Andy Johnson; with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP. Also, Mrs. Dot Kline; and Lowell Alcorn, Mrs. Rosemary Martin; and Mrs. Rosemary Jackson. 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](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

Dauphin County, PA — The Farm Show is Back! CBS21 News has learned that the 2022 Pennsylvania Farm Show will once again be an *in-person* event.

The Annual Farm Show went virtual last year as a result of the pandemic. Officials for the Farm Show say on its website: "After our first ever virtual show in 2021, we're excited to get back to a more traditional in person show and yet continue with some of the new virtual experiences that have allowed Pennsylvanians to participate and join the Farm Show in new ways."

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the largest indoor event of its kind on the east coast! Anyone wanting some history on the long-time event, let us know. ---- *Hartranft Staff*

*Our late brother Floyd J Demmy wrote a poem regarding the farm show!*

Events of September Camp Meeting held on Sunday 19, 2021 sunny and warm at 75°.

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by Commander Vern Stout and opened in the usual fashion according to our Rituals and Ceremonies.

### Officers Present

Commander.....Vern Stout  
 SVC..... .. Logan Swanger  
 Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr

### Officers Absent

JVC..... Scott Debo  
 Secretary..... Greg Kline  
 Pat. Instructor/Historian.... Jeff Smith  
 Council 01 ..... Tony Kline  
 Council 02..... Scott Debo  
 Council 03..... Jeff Smith

Color Bearer..... Wayne Blattner  
 Guide/Guard..... Wayne Blattner

Members attending:

Dan Lute  
 Gene Mascioli  
 Dave Demmy Jr  
 Bill Jackson  
 And Mrs. Rosemary Jackson.

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Treasurer's report: Brother Demmy discussed the expense of a replacement printhead for camp's printer. Brother Demmy also suggested possibly of procuring an additional small fund CD at our financial institution and suggested that Camp Council discuss the matter further.

*Post meeting note:* Camp Council brothers have all agreed the need and benefit of purchasing an additional small fund CD at Members 1<sup>st</sup>. Council brother Jeff Smith will research the current rates and suggest the amount to invest and length of a new CD!

Eg: \$1,000 for 24 months!

Old and new business:

Brother Demmy has reserved the banquet room with the museum and arranged the catering for our upcoming holiday banquet. We expect around thirty guests on Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> in the banquet room of the National Civil War Museum! Brother Stout discussed with the camp the upcoming need to reproduce more license plates and the possibility of other SUVCW products the camp may want to explore. Additionally, Brother Stout shared with the camp about the poor state of

the **Lincoln Cemetery at 30<sup>th</sup> street in Penbrook, [the village next to Reservoir Park]** and the possibility of the Camp doing something to assist.

A reminder was made for the State's mid-year meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For the good of the order:

Three of the camp's brothers shared the stories and artifacts of their father's service during the Second World War.

Brother Dan Lute shared his father's naval uniform and pictures of the vessel on which he served heroically rescuing survivors from a tanker ship that was shortly to explode.

Brother Bill Jackson shared a Minute Man award his father received for his successful campaigning for war bonds along with a real German helmet that was used during the drives. His father later enlisted (although he was older than most volunteering) and served in Europe where he was to make the ultimate sacrifice for his country during the crossing of the Rhine.

Brother Jackson also shared the hat and headset of his childhood hero and neighbor who served in the Army Air Corp and who completed many dangerous missions over occupied Europe and Germany.

Brother Demmy shared about his father and late camp member Floyd Demmy who served in Europe on (or walking behind) a half-track, fighting through Germany. Brother Demmy shared his father's bronze star as well as ration books and several pictures of his father taken during combat. Floyd wrote a wonderful book about his experiences during the war and Brother Demmy offered to share the book via email or hardcopy as requested.

These are just 4 soldiers out of the millions who served during that war. It is no wonder why the men and women of that time are known as the Greatest Generation. See images below.....

Camp closed with the text of our organization’s Rituals and Ceremonies. After cleaning up the area, a number of brothers departed the building for Longhorn Restaurant with additional conversations and Brother Logan and Brother Bill had a good time discussing the areas in which they grew up in Pennsylvania. Amazing how lives interconnect years later.

**The DUVCW and SUVCW along with other patriotic organizations paid tribute to fallen Marine.**

By Dual Life Member of Hartranft Camp 15, brother Ben Hobbins.



*Photo courtesy of Riverside Sheriff's Association* Corporal

Hunter Lopez 4 Sept 2021 lost at the Hamid Karzai Airport in Kabul

Tribute held at Indio, California.



Well, done sisters and brothers!

Brother Ben thank you for sharing the tribute.

Images submitted by Dual Life Member Ben Hobbins.

**2022, Hartranft Camp 15 will celebrate its 140<sup>th</sup> year** of serving greater Harrisburg Area!

Following the Civil War, Harrisburg like nearly every village, town, and city had a GAR Post. The Burg boasted having 3 GAR Posts. Post 58, 116, and 520. Hartranft Camp evolved out of the brotherhood of Post 58.

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the Act in Oct 2020, the first such action we undertook under the new monument protection policy. Below are links to an article and to the decision itself.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/south-carolina-supreme-court-unanimously-upholds-confederate-monument-protection-law/ar-AAOJZtw>

<https://www.sccourts.org/opinions/HTMLFiles/SC/28062.pdf>

Shared by immediate PCinC Brian Pierson



### Gettysburg Foundation

By Jeff Smith, Camp 15 Patriotic Instructor

I have been in contact with Bethany Yingling of the Gettysburg foundation. They need volunteers for Saturday November 20 for Remembrance Day. Specifically, they need 1. Candle set up in the graveyard for the graves; 2. Readers to read the names of union dead and 3. Help cleaning up the lights at the end of the day.

I am volunteering for all three activities! Anyone else desiring to help may contact me at [jjsmet84@verizon.net](mailto:jjsmet84@verizon.net)



### South Carolina State Heritage Act

SC Supreme Court has upheld most of the SC Heritage Act, with the exception of the requirement that any changes to a monument need the approval of 2/3 of the state legislature. (This last part wasn't expected to be upheld anyway.) As you recall, the SUVCW joined a number of other patriotic heritage organizations in an *amicus curiae* brief in support of

### Rational Dress Society and Victorian Dress Reform

In 1881, a group of high society women gathered in London to form a new organization. They named their group the Rational Dress Society, intending to reform Victorian women's dress. The group came up with criteria for the perfect dress. It included:

1. Freedom of Movement
2. Absence of pressure over any part of the body
3. No more weight than is necessary for warmth, and both weight and warmth evenly distributed.
4. Grace and beauty combined with comfort and convenience
5. Not departing too conspicuously from the ordinary dress of the time



Their ideas were revolutionary and controversial. Typical Victorian dress styles incorporated heavy fabrics, tight corsets, bustles, hoop skirts, and extravagant ornamentation. The women argued that dress reform would allow them to participate in activities like cycling. *Bicycles had become a symbol of freedom for many women who found the sport liberating and emancipating.*

Lady Harberton, A founding member of the society was Viscountess Florence Wallace Pomeroy, also known as Lady Harberton.

Lady Harberton, the daughter of wealthy



landowners, married James S. Pomeroy. He later became the 6<sup>th</sup> Viscount Harberton. In 1880, Lady Harberton took up the cause of dress reform. She loved to cycle, but heavy, long skirts prevented her from enjoying the activity. She championed the reformed dress, which consisted of baggy pantaloons worn underneath a knee-length skirt. She also invented the divided skirt, which initially evoked jeers on both sides of the pond. Some feared that trifling with a traditional women's dress was a step down a path to loosening moral values.

In 1883, the Rational Dress Society sponsored an exhibition held in London. The exhibit included shorter dresses, divided skirts, "costumes for climbing for lady mountaineers, and a costume for walking." One man reported to *The Times* that the women in his family discarded their corsets and found new freedom in dancing, walking, tricycling, lawn tennis, and other open-air exercises. They vowed never to return to corsets and

heavy skirts. Attitudes for many women (and men) were undergoing a seismic shift.

The "woman of the future" wanted freedom in her clothing – and freedom within other aspects of her life. The struggle for rational dress came to a head after an incident in 1898. Lady Harberton went cycling in Surrey. She stopped for lunch at the Hautboy Hotel but was turned away for improper dress. Lady Harberton sued the hotel but lost the case because the hotel had offered alternative seating in the bar. Nevertheless, the case brought attention to rational dress and a victory for women who advocated for it. Lady Harberton spent decades promoting clothing that would make life easier for women. Later in her life, she also became an advocate for the women's suffrage movement. Lady Harberton died in 1911. *The Guardian* eulogized her as an "enthusiastic and undaunted advocate" for dress reform.

Source: Newspapers.com™

For Mrs. Lee Walters, camp 15's Christian sympathy to her and family upon recent death of her son: Alan Large, Sr.

### WWII display at October Camp Meeting.

A number of brothers offered and displayed a quantity of WWII items and provided short discussion on the items they presented for the enjoyment of the camp officers and brothers in the audience.

Brother Dan Lute displayed his father's WWII dress Navy uniform and photo(s). a brother remarked about how small the uniform was and that during the 1940's the general population of men in the US were generally small and medium

Brother Bill Jackson, founder of the Central Penn WWII Round Table located in Hummelstown, outside of Hershey PA, had a number of items on display and appropriate stories to accompany his items, one was a WWII German helmet.



To bad brother Dave Klinepeter was not present as Dave and Bill could have talked to us until the building was locked up for the day.

David Demmy, Sr., had a large number of items on display, mostly from his late father's collection including books and collectable toy size reproductions of military vehicles. Floyd was a replacement during WWII and was a rifleman with the 54<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion, assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, under the command of George Patton. These quick photos represent Floyd's deployment:



Sherman tank utilized by 10th Armored Division.

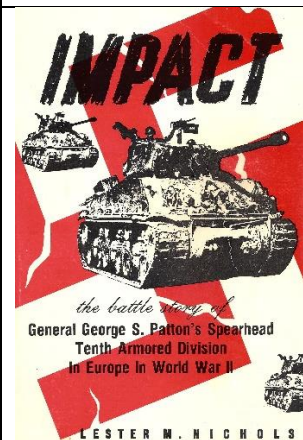


Floyd was a rifleman with a halftrack squad, the winter of '44 – '45 till end of war in Europe.

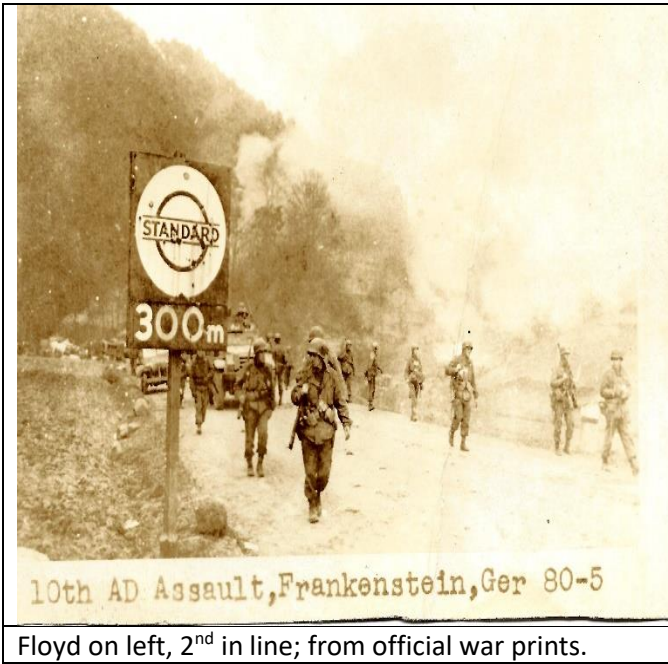
Floyd has been featured in nearly 2 dozen periodicals and publications, including the history of the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division: *Impact* page 210.



Floyd traveled across France on a deuce and half truck to catch up with the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division.



And now back to America's Civil War!

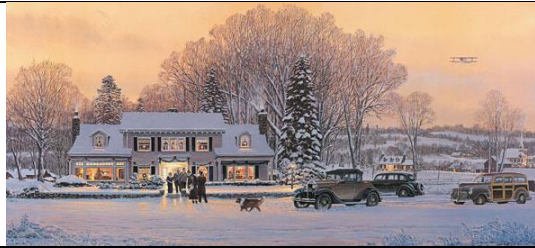


Floyd on left, 2<sup>nd</sup> in line; from official war prints.



## 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:** \$ 28.00 per person Prepaid; same rate as our 2019 event!

**Payment:** Payable to: Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW  
Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than 11/26/21 for an appropriate Headcount to the cater.

**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



**Don't fall asleep, RSVP now**

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Preferred RSVP by email at [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> for a full accounting to the cater for preparation of our annual event.

**Continued!**

Send remittance of \$28 for each individual, Payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

David Demmy

881 Sunny Hill Ln

Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690



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.

## Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

[www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org); SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year **2022** Camp 15 dues of \$35 along!

Still \$35 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!

Have a safe trip!

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