



Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

www.SuvcwHarrisburgPa.org/

Celebrating our 140th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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Our 24th year since revitalization

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!

2022 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vernon Stout 2022
Officers and Staff	Senior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger PCC 2022
	Junior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 2022
	Secretary ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-22
	Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-22
	Council 01 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Anthony Kline 16 - 22
	Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 15-22
	Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-22
	Patriotic Instructor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18 - 22
	Chaplain ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-22
	Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Lee F. Walters, PCC since 2007
	GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2022
	Graves Registration ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger 14-22
	Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2022
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2022
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-22
	Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2022
	Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011
	ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-22
	GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-22
	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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This issue of the *Hartranft Herald* is draped in remembrance of our late **Real Son, John Oliver Jr of the Department of Tennessee**, who died Mid-November 2021, shy of his 97th year. His remembrance appears in Commander in Chief's Michael Paquette General Order Number 4 December 2021.

Currently the SUVCW has only 1 remaining known *living real son, William Pool* who we become 97 this month!

2021, our 23rd year of revitalization has come to end; welcome brothers to our 24th year and another volume of our Camp news!

Camp Birthdays for winter of 2022

Debo, Scott A
Kline, Anthony Frederick
Mascioli, II, P Eugene
Myers, Forrest Cedric
Stephens, Glenn W
Messersmith, Donald Max
Ottens, Russell J
Hobbins, James Ben

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, our National Chaplain and our local chaplains too: Scott Teeters, & Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser & PCinC Brad

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Schall. God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

Mrs Crystal Kratzer's and Brother Russell Kratzer!

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 2022 **2nd of 3 ‘announced’ notices**

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2022 Camp 15 dues of **\$40** to January and February Camp Meetings!

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 2022 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!

Out of our Past

by brother Ben Hobbins, Dual Life Member of Camp 15

PROUD AMERICA DAYS, INDEPENDENCE DAY 2021
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America's 1st Veterans Liberty Tree Dedicated.

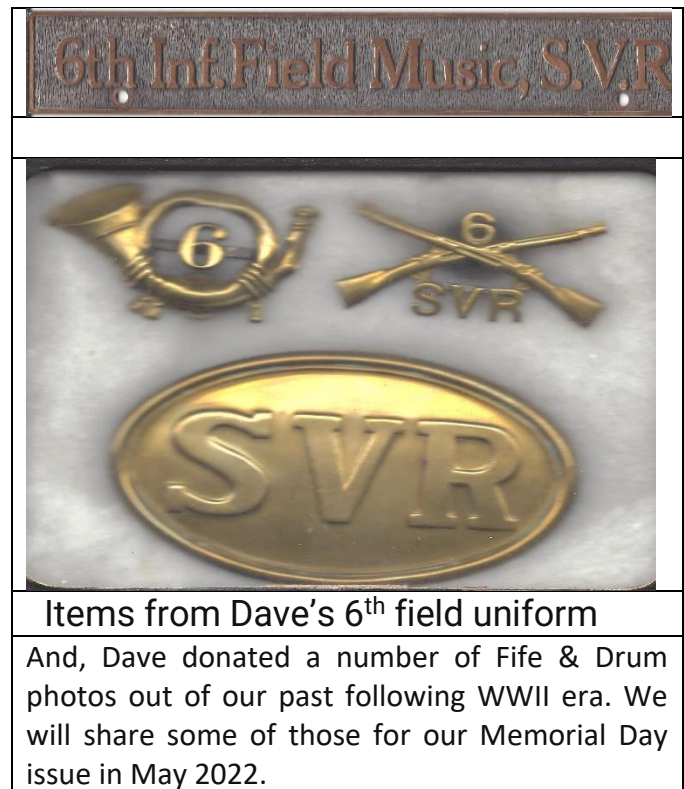
As we near the Nation's 250th Anniversary, in an American First, in Oregon WI, America's 1st "Veterans Liberty Tree" was dedicated for ALL AMERICAN VETERANS, Nathaniel Ames Family Patriots included.

<https://www.channel3000.com/oregon-veterans-celebrate-4th-at-revolutionary-war-veterans-grave/>

Enjoy All, Celebrate America!! ~ Ben Hobbins

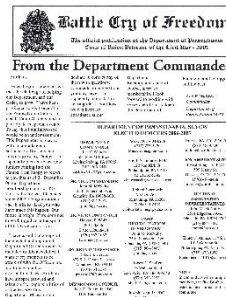
Banquet note from our Brother Dave Klinepeter:

"I really enjoyed myself seeing old friends and meeting several new ones. Daughter-in-law was excited to have won the table center piece. Keep up the good work. The ole guy" – Dave K. and from the Hartranft Herald Staff, here are couple of images of items Dave K bestowed to Camp 15 and the staff:



Items from Dave's 6th field uniform

And, Dave donated a number of Fife & Drum photos out of our past following WWII era. We will share some of those for our Memorial Day issue in May 2022.



The Annual PA Department Newsletter has been published and if you did not receive email notice and want a copy, notify camp 15.

Lincoln Luncheon by PA Dept of SUVCW and Appomattox Luncheon:

No news regarding February Lincoln Luncheon at this time.

Appomattox event of western PA is as follows:

Hosted by Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504

April 9, 2022 12 Noon Hoss's Restaurant located near the Outlet Mall at 1948 Leesburg Grove City rd, Grove City, PA 16127.

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Come join the Brothers of the *Western Camps* of the Department of Pennsylvania for a great opportunity to socialize with old friends and meet new members of the Sons. Luncheon is open to wives, Daughters of Union Veterans, and other Allied Orders. Presentations, free raffles and door prizes will be given away.

This is a great opportunity to kick off the Spring events for the different Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans for 2022.

To Register please email Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 at bennett6305@yahoo.com or call 724-372-0710, by April 4th, 2022.

Community Free Day

The National Civil War Museum

*1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park,
Harrisburg*

Join us on February 19, 2022, for our annual Community Free Day, Celebrating Black History Month and Presidents Day. Completely free of charge, this is a fun and history-filled day for everyone! We will have Living Historians, speakers, and our newest exhibit opens "Above and Beyond: Medal of Honor Recipients of the Civil War."

Visit the tables of the
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil
War**

at top of the great rotunda staircase

www.suvcw.org
execdir@suvcw.org

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]!

January meeting will be held on 16th
February meeting will be held on 20th
March meeting will be held on 20th

April meeting will be held on 10th as the 17th is Easter weekend.

May meeting will be held on 15th and then on May 28th, Camp 15 will participate in the annual tribute of posting flags upon the fallen civil war veterans at historic Harrisburg Cemetery, where many of Harrisburg's movers and shakers are at rest, including Maj Gen John White Geary.

Camp 15 rests for summer; however:

PA Department encampment/convention is scheduled for June 23-25 at Williamsport, a short road trip northward, from Harrisburg, along the Susquehanna River.

The National Encampment will be held on August 11th – 14th, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Grand Rapids Airport, Michigan. Rooms are \$109.

September meeting will be held on 18th.

October meeting will be held on 16th.

November Remembrance Day Parade date is 19th. Camp does not meet in November due to Remembrance Day activities are generally the 3rd weekend.

Advanced notice of Camp 15 **annual holiday banquet** is Sunday December 11th.

Please update your social calendar now.

Following our meetings, we adjourn to Longhorns Restaurant for enjoyable food and fellowship.

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.



Throwback Days

2011 Holiday Banquet by Camp 15 and friends of the Civil War Community



The Editor stretched this photo to the limit for this issue. If you would like a jpgfile copy, write to execdir@suvcw.org for a fresh copy. One attaboy for anyone that can name all of the folks in this image. The editor named all clearly visible individuals. Amazing how many friends of camp 15 have joined with us year after year for our holiday banquet, here and there in central Pennsylvania. "God bless us everyone" Photo by Camp 15 PCC David W. Sosnowski. At least 6 are no longer among us mortals & the youngster above has graduated from college!

General John F. Hartranft
Camp 15 of Harrisburg
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2011 Annual Christmas Banquet



Sunday, December 11, 2011
Doc Holliday's at New Cumberland, PA

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