



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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~~ Happy Birthday Mr. Lincoln ~~

February 2022



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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National Civil War Museum note: To Camp 15, thank you for your contribution to our recent Challenge!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Gallery Upgrade Challenge Match.

Because of you, we met the challenge match of \$26,000.

The installation of our systems will begin on February 7, 2022, and are scheduled to be completed by our **Community Free Day** on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

See and hear the upgrades that you made possible.

This goal seemed daunting, *but because you gave*, we met the match.

We are grateful and hope that you will visit us soon to see and experience the upgrade that was made possible because of you.

The museum also serves as the national **headquarters** for the sons of union veterans of the civil war

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, fun kids' activities, and our newest exhibit opens "

A great fly over for your enjoyment:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/VImNBuJW3sQ?rel=0>



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Camp 15 birthdays for late winter:

Messersmith, Donald Max
Ottens, Russell J
Hobbins, James Ben
Drumm, Paul Kimber
Demmy, Jonathan Scott
DePamphilis, Devin Philip
Klinepeter PCC, David J
Manning, Robert Calvin

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2022

3 of 3 ‘announced’ notices

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

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 Ln
Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

A Check protects both parties!

notices will be issued during winter months!
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 according to your age bracket and mail directly to national headquarters!

Next camp meeting is scheduled for:

Sunday, February 20, 2pm upper level of NCWM at Harrisburg.

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 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

Out of Our Past - February 2010:

“National Civil War Museum curator Brett Kelley: he hopes donating his two weeks a year will be worth it. See the log-cabin style shanty he has built on the grounds of Reservoir Park for his two-week tour of duty as a Civil War era soldier in winter Camp.



PHOTO BY PENNLIVE.COM

From Feb. 6-20, Kelley will live the life of a Civil War soldier, spending 24 hours a day on a picket line. Kelley will be clad in a reproduction Civil War uniform and use period equipment and food rations. Brother Brett is sponsored in part by Harrisburg Hartranft Camp 15.”

Note, Central Pennsylvania experienced a 10-inch snow storm that began Friday afternoon, as Brett was still adding a door to the shanty, and continued well into the weekend. But Marine Brett came thru.

2022 January camp minutes

Sunday January 16 2022

Weather was Cold with forecast for nor'easter nearly upon us today.

Personnel Present

1. Commander Vern Stout
2. Treasurer David Demmy Sr
3. Guide Wayne Blattner
4. Brother Dan Lute
5. Brother Dave Demmy Jr

Brother Commander opened the meeting following the official R&C at 2:00 pm.

1. Minutes where not read. Brothers and sisters in distress or illness were briefly discussed including Lee Walters and Dave Klinepeter!
2. Brother Treasurer offered end of year 2021 data, income, and expenditures for annual holiday banquet and incoming dues for 2022. The brother provided a current checkbook balance of \$714; mostly earmarked for 2022 dues to PA Dept of SUVCW to include National Per Capita. Upcoming expenses will be ink and postage for future monthly newsletter and the ongoing monthly internet fee. Report accepted and approved. Brother Demmy reminded the camp of the upcoming free day at the museum on February 19th. Volunteers are needed to work the table. The museum will be unveiling a new exhibit as well that day on the topic of Medal of Honor winners during the Civil War.
3. January monthly newsletter was published and issued to all concern including the mailing to 19 individuals without an email address.
4. A brief discussion was entertained regarding brothers who are delinquent in remitting their annual dues in a timely fashion. Discussion tabled for February meeting.
5. Wayne Blattner discussions:

At the Camp #15 Christmas Partin December, I had a chance to chat with Helen Shireman, the Great Grand Daughter of General Hartranft. We realized that we were the same bus trip from 1995, sponsored by the Historical of Montgomery County, to the Antietam Battlefield. I verified this event by a photo that I had taken at the 51st PA regiment at Burnside Bridge showing Helen, Al Gambone (author of an outstanding book on General

Hartranft), and we think our battlefield guide that day a Mr. Bill Adams!

Our conservation continued concerning the up in coming "Hartranft Homecoming" celebration this coming September 23rd, 24th, & 25th, 2022 at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg PA. Pennsburg is not far from the Quakertown exit of the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike. Brevet Major General John Frederick F. Hartranft himself, a.k.a. Mark Grim, a professional public speaker and historian who portrays the future governor, will be there Saturday, September 24, 2022. Many more events are in the planning stage. As these events with time and date become closer in time, I mentioned to Helen, I would keep her up to date along with members of Camp #15, via our Newsletter.

We exchanged e-mail addresses, and I will contact Mr Hunt Schenkel, head of library operations. We have some questions for him!

It was recommended the camp membership may plan a road trip to visit the Hartranft Celebration in September!

PS brothers: "I arrived home about 9:00 P.M. from our 16th day meeting. The Turnpike was really snow covered. Saw many snow plows doing their job.....all heading west bound!! None east bound way I was heading. All roads were at a 40-45-mile limit. But I got home safely A-okay"

6. Brother Stout discussed plans for our 140th anniversary celebrations. Brother Blattner offered to take the lead on updating our camp history during this year. The history has not been updated since our 2007 125th anniversary.

A suggestion was made that the Camp visit an exhibit about John F. Hartranft planned to be held at the Montgomery County Museum later this year and perhaps plan on another outing as well to a historical site yet to be determined.

7. Brother Stout also suggested that we plan on completing our next **Last Veterans** project sometime this year. The event will be held in Marysville.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 and fellowship followed at Longhorn Steakhouse after which Brothers had a snowy drive home.

Minutes collaborated by brothers Stout, Blattner and Demmy!

End

Childbirth at 65

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. when she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.

'May I see the new baby?' I asked; 'not yet,' she said 'I'll make coffee and we can visit for a while first.'

Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, 'may I see the new baby now?'

'No, not yet,' she said. after another few minutes had elapsed, I asked again, 'may I see the baby now?'

'No, not yet,' replied my friend. growing very impatient, I asked, 'well, when can I see the baby?'

'When he cries!' she told me.

'When he cries?' I demanded. 'Why do I have to wait until he cries?'

'Because I forgot where I put him, o.k.?!!!! o.k.?!!!!'

Readers: don't grow old!

Community Free Day

*The National Civil War Museum
1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park,
Harrisburg*

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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]!

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 16-18** at Williamsport, a short road trip northward, from Harrisburg, along the Susquehanna River. Corrected dates above!

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.