



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 140th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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~~ *Marching to Springtime* ~~

March 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/>

March 2022 *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
 Awarding winning website -- Horace Greeley Award presented to Hartranft Camp 2020-2022

National Civil War Museum Community Free Day

Saturday, February 19 2022,

“And you are there”! -- Walter Cronkite

On the cold day with a snow squall, camp 15 manned 2 tables all day, to crowds of young families! The event garnered 3 men who are interested in becoming members of the Sons:



tables

display



Navy Veterans,

Dave Klinepeter and son Mike, joined us for the day.



mid-day

we were visited by a snow squall



Left, Brother Dave shown with Keith Mitchell, right, grandson of Ephraim Slaughter, Harrisburg’s last civil war veteran. Brother Keith is a member of the Board of Directors of the NCWM.

& Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser & PCinC Brad Schall. Mrs Crystal Kratzer's and Brother Russell Kratzer! God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx!

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

DoubleD@Demmy.cc

No, I can't do Snapshot or Tik Toc, but I can *Write in cursive* and do math without a calculator and tell time on a clock without hands and fingers.

[Images of our February camp meeting Sunday 20th.](#)



we had

2 candy dishes on display. Many youngsters looked at the candy and then looked at us; and then they looked upward at mommy and daddy and back to the candy and finally looked at mommy and daddy for approval to help themselves to the candy. Adorable kids.

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

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. Also, PCC brother Logan Swanger!

Mrs. Ellen Kowalski to care for Jerry, our National Chaplain and our local chaplains too: Scott Teeters,



our camp banner on display at commander's station.

Brothers Scott & Logan & Commander Vern.



Patriotic Brother and camp historian, Jeff Smith, provided a discussion on WWII with a variety of his souvenirs shown here: helmets, rifles and handguns.

Minutes of February Meeting

Sunday February 20, 2022 35°

Minutes are not available at press time.

Look for February meeting minutes in the April edition of this newsletter.

Form 40, Camp Patriotic Instructor Report, will be discussed at March camp meeting!

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]!

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 15 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**. Venue is already secured.

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 male 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.

