



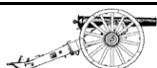
Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

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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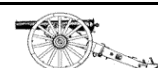
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Happy Birthday Dave K.



April 2022



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!

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>

In accordance with General Order #7, March 7, 2022: "Individuals attending events hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by virtue of their attendance, agree to the usage of their likeness in the *Banner*, any Camp or Department Newsletter, any SUVCW website and/or on any SUVCW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUVCW material"

April 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

Our forthcoming April Meeting

will be conducted on Sunday April 10, 2022 as the 3rd Sunday is Easter

Our birthdays for Springtime

Klinepeter PCC, David J
Manning, Robert Calvin
Demmy, Jonathan Scott
DePamphilis, Devin Philip
McKay Jr, Thomas Edward
Demmy Sr, PCC, David W
Mills, Terry A
Keener-Farley, Lawrence E
Lute, Daniel G

2022 dues remitted

To all brothers who renewed their 2022 membership, we thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner; and we thank you for your continued dedication to our grand patriotic organization. Also, we announce, a hardy thank you, to a number of brothers and their families, for donations to help keep the camp on the move!

Shay 7 Camp of Lebanon Pennsylvania, visited Hartranft Camp during our March meeting on Sunday 20th

It was acknowledged, their camp name is based upon 7 Shay Veterans!

Here are a variety of photos of the meeting conducted by camp 15 Commander Vern Stout:



American Flag on homemade stand.

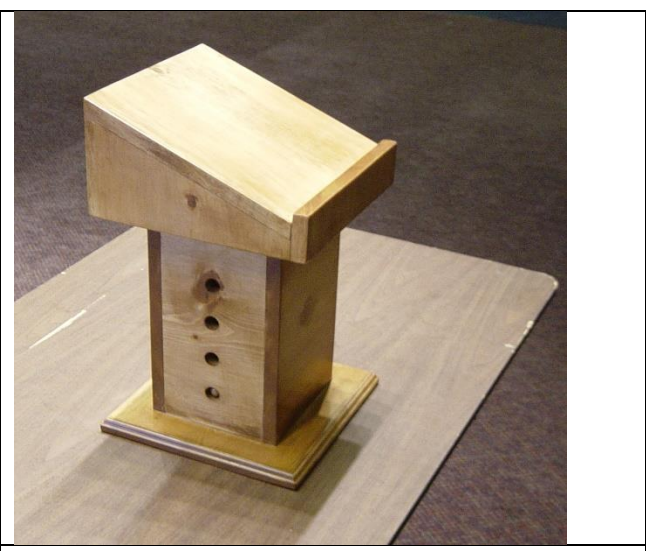


Camp charter on oak stand

This is 1 of 4 charters camp 15 has among our assets



Once upon a time our organization was known as the Sons of Veterans; see above S of V. This marble asset is from that era.



Adjustable height Commander's lectern



station banners for Commander and Patriotic Instructor.



typical setup of our meeting space with bible in foreground.



station banners for SVC and JVC officers.

Guests from Camp 7:



Sources: Photos provided by *Hartranft Herald* Staff

Camp 15 wooden oak furniture handmade by camp webmaster Dave Demmy Jr.

by Brother Jeff Smith, 2nd by Brother David Demmy, Sr, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A checkbook balance of approximately \$1100 was reported of which roughly \$800 is earmarked for Department per capita dues. David reported that at the Community Free Day at the National Civil War Museum, we sold 1 belt buckle and 1 license plate. Motion to accept by Brother Tony Kline, 2nd by Brother Vern Stout, motion approved.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Prayers for Doug Myer, a member of Brother Wayne Blattner's church.

Prayers and condolences to Brothers Tony and Greg Kline on the passing of their Brother-in-law/Uncle Donnie Everett.

Prayers for the family of Brother Gene Kistner as well as Members of Camp 503 and Cooper's Battery B

Applications/Balloting of Candidates

Associate application was read for William C. Bolian. Unanimously approved. Welcome brother William from Grenada, Mississippi.

Committee Reports

A Camp 15 History Committee was appointed by Commander Vern Stout with Brother Wayne Blattner appointed as Chairman. Wayne is reviewing our published Camp history from 2007. There is a PDF of the original which can be edited to reflect current times. Wayne is asking for contributions of photos from past events and they should be emailed to Wayne. The original book ends at 2008. Additional Committee Members include Brother David Demmy, Sr.

Minutes of February Meeting

Sunday February 20, 2022, 35°

Commander.....Vern Stout
 SVC..... Logan Swanger
 JVCScott Debo
 SecyGreg Kline
 Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr
 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

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Vern Stout at 2:03 PM

The meeting minutes from January, 2022 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read the following Department Orders:

Department Order #5 which announced the suspension of Camps who had failed to file Form 22 with Department Headquarters

Department Order #6 which lifted the suspension on Anna Ross Camp # 1 having received their paperwork.

No General Orders were issued since our last meeting

Department Orders can be read in their entirety at www.pasuvchw.org

National General Orders can be read in their entirety at www.suvchw.org

Unfinished Business:

The February 19 Community Free Day at the National Civil War Museum was a success. Camp 15 sold a belt buckle and a license plate and had two potential new Members. Camp 15 Brothers who participated: Jeff Smith, David Demmy, Sr, Gene Mascioli, Dave Klinepeter, Mike Klinepeter, Commander Vern Stout.

New Business:

The Camp discussed the possibility of participating in the Hartranft Homecoming" celebration this coming September 23, 24 & 25 at the Schwenkfelder Library in Pennsburg PA. Brother Wayne Blattner had mentioned to Sister Helen Shireman that he would ask our Membership for anything related to General Hartranft that could be borrowed.

Possible options for upcoming field trips were

suggested including:

- 1) Evening with the Cyclorama presented by Sue Boardman
- 2) Trip to Fort Delaware
- 3) Trip to Eisenhower Farm at Gettysburg

Members should think of available dates to suggest at the March meeting.

Brother Jeff Smith was appointed the Chairman of the Field Trip Committee.

Lincoln Cemetery at Penbrook, a suburb of Harrisburg.

Discussion began regarding the Lincoln Cemetery in Harrisburg (a prominent African American cemetery) which has had local media attention due to its poor condition. It needs maintenance work as well as financial assistance. Harrisburg's last Civil War veteran, Ephraim Slaughter, is among the heroes buried there as well as an estimated 44 other United States Colored Troops from the area. Brother Logan Swanger will be contacting the group who is rehabilitating the cemetery to get more information and try to get one of their representatives to speak to us.

There will be a visit from Seven Shays, Camp # 7 of Lebanon at our March 20 Camp meeting. They are interested in observing a Ritual meeting and getting to know the Brothers of Camp 15.

Good of the Order:

The Pennsylvania Department Appomattox Luncheon will be hosted by Isaac Eaton Camp # 504 and will be held at Hoss's Restaurant, Grove City, PA at 12 Noon on April 9. Please contact Secretary Kline for further information.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith displayed and gave

the stories behind numerous German and Japanese World War II artifacts from his personal collection. Included in his presentation were a Japanese rifle with a Chrysanthemum mark indicating ownership by the Emperor, a Japanese canteen, officer's pistol and prayer flag. He followed this up with a display with explanations of German artifacts including pistols, armbands and flags. The personal stories relating to the artifacts made this presentation particularly interesting.

The meeting was closed by Commander Stout at 4:29 PM

Faithfully submitted
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Gregory E. Kline, PDC
Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers adjourned to local steak house, but waiting time was near 2 hours, so they opt for buffet restaurant nearby and had another wonderful meal and continued fellowship in brotherhood!

Minutes of March Meeting

Sunday March 20, 2022

51° sunny and bit cloudy and cool

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Council 02.....Scott Debo
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Color Bearer..... Wayne Blattner
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Officers absent

Council 01 Tony Kline

Brothers attending:

Dane DiFebo, camp 273
Gene Mascioli, camp 15
Tom McKay, camp 15
Fred Wertman, camp 503
and guest brothers of camp 7
Dave Weisman
Ray Bender
Lee Keller
Harry Newcomer
James McAteer

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Vern Stout at 2:03 PM

The meeting minutes from February 20, 2022 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Jeff Smith, 2nd by Brother Gene Mascioli, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A checkbook balance of approximately \$1600 was reported with approximately \$500 remaining in checking after payment of per capita dues to Department and National. There are still 5 Brothers with unpaid dues. Brother Jeff Smith mentioned that the Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates several times this year and that this will have an impact when we renew the Camp's certificates of deposit. Motion to accept by Brother Greg Kline, 2nd by Brother Jeff Smith, motion approved.

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

No Report

Applications/Balloting of Candidates

Application was read for David Peters of Arlington, VA who's Great, Great-Grandfather, Levi Peters, served in the 38th PA. Unanimously approved. Welcome new brother David Peters!

Committee Reports

History:

Wayne needs photos that were taken on Community Free Day. He will be looking through Camp newsletter archives starting from 2009 for photos, etc. He gave the Camp an update on the upcoming Hartranft Homecoming event in September. He recently met with the curator and head archivist at the library and plans to place an ad in this year's PA Department Encampment booklet to advertise the event to the Department.

Lincoln Cemetery:

Brother Logan Swanger provided background information on the SAOL (Saving Our Ancestor's Legacy) group which is dedicated to rehabilitating the Lincoln Cemetery including refurbishing headstones. Volunteer work days are held from March through November on the 3rd weekend of each month and take place Friday/Saturday/Sunday from Noon to dusk. More information can be found on the group's website at lincolncemetery.org They will be able to send a representative to address the Camp sometime in the near future. Brother David Demmy Sr suggested that Camp Council come up with an amount to donate to SAOL.

Field Trip:

Brother Jeff Smith gave an update on a potential Fort Delaware field trip. It is opening soon and is approximately a 2-hour drive from Harrisburg. Estimated cost is \$15 per person. He also brought up the possibility of visiting the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg over World War 2 days in September.

Orders, Communications and Bills

Secretary Kline read the following National General Orders:

General Order # 7 regarding the use of photographs and video imagery by the SUVCW.

General Order # 8 regarding the Commander in Chief's appointment of a committee to review Membership qualifications

Department Orders can be read in their entirety at www.pasuvchw.org

National General Orders can be read in their entirety at www.suvchw.org

Unfinished Business:

Brother David Demmy, Sr has added a statement to the Camp 15 website and newsletter in accordance with General Order# 7.

New Business:

Commander Vern Stout mentioned that permission has been granted for electronic means of transmitting meetings and other events to homebound Members. He suggested looking into options. Brother Greg Kline will check to see if there is a Department Zoom account.

Good of the Order:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith obtained information from the Camp Members regarding information needed to fill out the Patriotic Instructor's report that is submitted annually to the Department Patriotic Instructor.

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith mentioned Civil War events which occurred in the month of

March including Pea Ridge, the Red River Campaign and Fort Stedman. We then played a game where Jeff announced common terms during the Civil War and then asked the Members for definitions—very fun and educational! He gave a presentation with an informative handout on the 5th Ohio Cavalry. Once again, Jeff displayed items from his impressive collection of artifacts including a cavalry belt buckle and a Burnside rifle that has been traced to the soldier who owned it. His name is Bill Crawford of the 7th Ohio Cavalry and his name is carved on the stock!

The meeting was closed by Commander Stout at 4:29 PM

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In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PDC
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Message from a Princess: My dentist told me I needed a Crown! Right?

I have CDO it's like OCD but the letters are in the correct order! Right?

My brother has an awesome Brother! Right?

I survived the 1950's kitchen wooden spoon. Right?

I don't need Google; my wife knows everything! Right? Wrong! And now I have a major headache; she hit me with a very large wooden spoon!

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]!

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. A number of brothers will be visiting Montgomery County Historical Society and the Cemetery to pay tribute to our namesake, Major General John F Hartranft.

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.