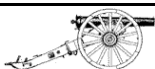




Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
www.SuvcwHarrisburgPa.org/
 Celebrating our 140th Year serving Harrisburg Area

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Lee F Walters, PDC

June & July 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!

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 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vacant
	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"

June and July 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

This issue of the *Hartranft Herald* is draped in remembrance of our late brother Lee F Walters.

Lee was the first camp commander for camp 15 when the camp was lifted out of a paper camp during the reorganization of camp 15 in 1998-1999 by our late brother Joe Long of Scranton camp 8.

In a few short years, Lee was elected to be Commander of the Pennsylvania Department, all the while operating National Headquarters of the SUVCW as the National Executive Director until his retirement in 2008.

Camp Commander Vern Stout has approved Camp Order #1 series 2022 has a tribute recognition to our late brother Lee.

This issue is also draped in honor of our Late PCinC Andy the Great, Andrew M Johnson, 1998-1999.

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 Logan Swanger, SVC, with continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP. Greg Kline, Tony Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Ohio; 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. 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

Brothers, we are in recess for the summer of 2022.

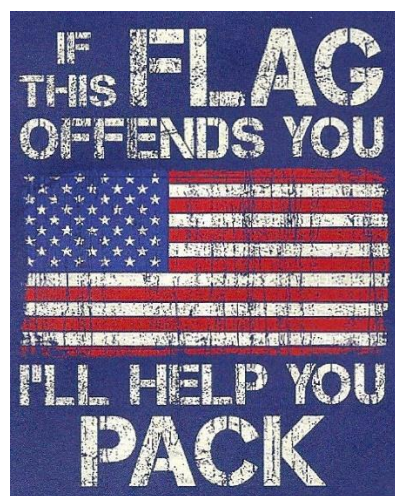
Our summertime birthdays

Diemer Jr, Wesley E
Riegle, Charles William
Proper, Michael Scott
Kline, Gregory Edward
Kuhn Jr, William Charles
Klinepeter, David Michael
Kyle, Lynn E
Bruner, Thomas Gene
Demmy Jr, David William
Stout, Vernon David
Happy birthday brothers!

Minutes of May Camp Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 2022

To be published in our Fall kickoff issue of your *Hartranft Herald*.



Look for a national tribute to our late brother Lee Walters in a forthcoming *Banner!*

Remembering Lee Walters



our brother Lee.



Lee as installment officer circa 2010



Duke Hall, Lee's grandson, member camp '06



Charlotte and Lee at Camp Holiday event 2010!



We believe Charlotte & Lee were instrumental in creating the image and colors for this license plate, which is licensed to only camp 15, for sale, to the suvcw brotherhood and collectors!



Lee, far right, on duty with *The Gettysburg Blues* at Lincoln Monument 2005.

On the Road with Camp 15

Save the kick-off date! September 24th, 2022 You and your family are invited to attend Brevet Major General John Frederick Hartranft's life celebration! It will be a part of the "Hartranft Homecoming" exhibits and programs presented by the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg, PA. At this special occasion, on Saturday September 24, 2022, at 2 pm, there will be General Hartranft himself, a.k.a. Mr. Mark Grim, a professional public speaker and historian who portrays the past Civil War soldier and Pennsylvania Governor. Exhibits will highlight Hartranft's role in the Civil War, being the Honorable Governor of Pennsylvania, heading the Grand Army of the Republic organization, and many more of his accomplishments. This will be combined with displays relating to Hartranft's family artifacts. Moving forward, the Hartranft celebration will run a number of months from the September kick off, into 2023. On Sunday October 23rd, 2022, at 2:00, pm, Historian Craig Bird present a program dealing with "Hartranft's Masonic Connections". Then next year on April 30th, 2023, noted historian and author Harold Holzer will present a program based on a book he edited titled "The Lincoln Assassination Conspirators: Their Confinement and Execution, as Recorded in the Leather book of John F. Hartranft." Watch for more information on purchasing tickets for this particular event in April of 2023. Hartranft was a descendent from the religious order known as the Schwenkfelder's. They arrived in Philadelphia in the mid 1730's from Silesia in Eastern Europe. The majority of the Schwenkfelder families settled in various areas of southeastern PA. The Schwenkfelder Museum staff is actively reaching out to the Civil War community, Historical Societies, and Hartranft family members for historically significant items they can borrow or buy for this event and or add to the museum's collection and displays. Can you assist with these types of requested items? For more details contact Candace Perry or Hunt Shenkle, c/o Schwenkfelder

Library and Heritage Center, 107 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA, 18073. Phone 215-679-3103. Check the web site below for schedules, topics, and times. www.schwenkfelder.org Submitted by Brother Wayne N. Blattner, member of Hartranft Camp #15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Camp 15 is expected to carpool on the 24th!

Details and carpooling to be worked out at camp meeting on September 18, 2022.

Concern: if our smart media contraptions are so smart, why do we have to tell them what to do?
"Mabel, play our favorite song again!"

Memorial Day weekend 2022

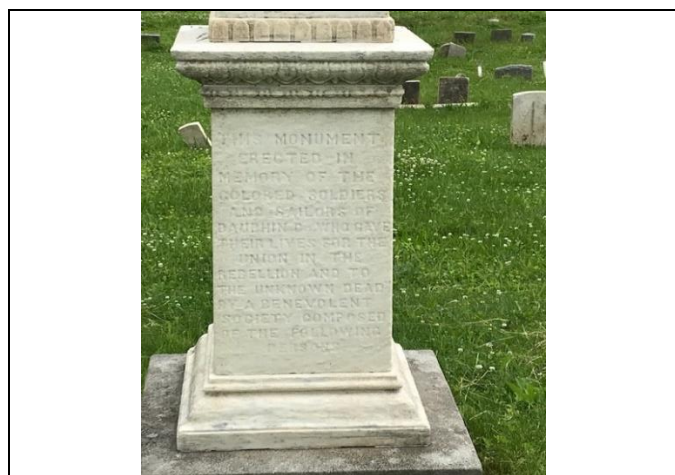


Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Maj Gen John F Hartranft Camp 15 of
 central Pennsylvania

A contingent of members of Camp 15 visit Lincoln Cemetery at Penbrook, just outside of Harrisburg PA:



L to r: Gene Mascioli, PCC; Vern Stout, CC; Calobe Jackson [Mr Harrisburg]; Greg Kline, PDC; and Scott Debo, PCC
Photos courtesy of Vern Stout.



Dedication tombstone to colored soldiers!

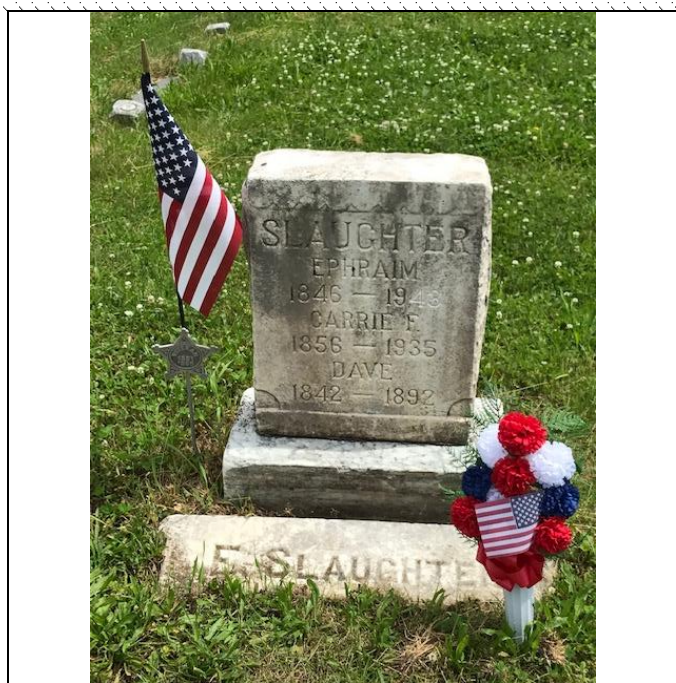
Previously today, the brothers visited historic Harrisburg Cemetery to place flags upon veterans laid to rest therein, and



..... conducted a ceremony, according to SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonies, in honor of our departed brothers of Hartranft Camp. -- File Photo, Hartranft Staff



Wreath [center] presented this weekend by camp 15.



Slaughter Tombstone with wreath by camp 15
Ephraim Slaughter was a former slave from North Carolina who joined the union army in 1863. When he died in 1943, he was Harrisburg's last Civil War Veteran!

Memorial Day weekend Continued with:

Col. Heg Statue Rededication

COL. HANS CHRISTIAN HEG - hero, immigrant, civic leader, abolitionist, patriot, husband and father - was also the highest-ranking Wisconsin soldier to give his life in the Civil War.

This day, Sunday, May 29, 2022, honors Col.

Heg, the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment, patriots, immigrants, veterans, and their families and descendants by rededicating this monument to the PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN.

Submitted by dual life member brother, Ben Hobbins, who was instrumental in working with the committee for the rededication ceremony upon capital grounds of Wisconsin.



Camp 503 brothers paying tribute this weekend. L to r Fred, Greg, Scott and Lee....



Make them never be forgotten!



Our sister camp of Sunbury marching along



PA Dept SVC Dane DiFebo, far right, on stage for Dept Commander, as Joel Searfoss Camp# 273 Honored the last Union veteran of Northampton County, Pvt. Charles Washington Horn of the 48th PA at Nisky Hill Cemetery in Bethlehem.



Note by PCC Brother Scott Debo: I started Tuesday with placing flags in the Sunbury City Cemetery with Camp 503. Friday, I went to 3 Cemeteries placing Flowers on graves of family and friends. Saturday I along with Brothers from Camp 15 placed flags in Harrisburg [old] City Cemetery and Lincoln Cemetery. Placed a few flags and flowers on friends and veterans' graves. Sunday, I placed flowers on family and friends' graves. Did an Eagle Scout program in Selinsgrove! Monday marched in the annual Sunbury parade with Camp 503! In total, I visited 17 cemeteries and placed 150+ flowers on graves and completed 213 miles!

'Congrats brother Scott". --Hartranft Herald Staff


Attendance at Historical Society of Montgomery County [hsmc] event at Cemetery:



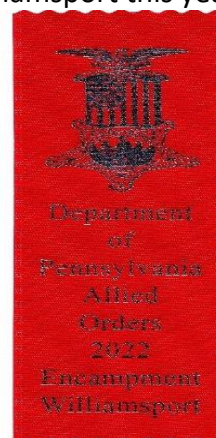
Wayne Blattner attended events at the Historical Society of Montgomery County with tribute to our namesake, John F Hartranft [family plot]

Sincerely,

 Barry Rauhauser
 Executive Director
 barryr@hsmcpa.org

*Thank, David!
 Wayne Blattner was able to
 join us to honor our Veterans!
*

2022 Pennsylvania Encampment Convention
 was held at Williamsport this year.



Breakfast at Genetti of course!



Charters of Allied Orders present this weekend.



David Demmy, Sr honoring our late brother Lee Walters with **red carnation** during Memorial Service for our fallen brothers and sisters.



in background,
chaplain brother
Clark Brocht

Above CinC Mike Paquette participating in Memorial Service with Pennsylvania Department.

See facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115549618455486> for additional photos of encampment.

Camp #503 Sunbury Annual Picnic

Brothers and Sisters, Camp Commander Lee Miller decided that we should hold a camp picnic again this year. The date is set for Saturday, August 27 and we will meet at noon and eat at about 1:00 pm. The place is the Sunbury Waterworks, the same place as last year.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper plates, plastic utensils, cups and napkins will be provided. Those attending should bring a covered dish to share. Also, bring your own beverage.

In order to do some planning, we need a count as to how many will be attending. If you are planning to attend, please contact Tony Kline at afkline@ptd.net or (570) 473-7938 on or before Friday, August 19. Let me know the total number of people in your party and what covered dish you will bring. Spouses, friends, etc. are all welcome. **Also, PLEASE let me know what covered dish you will be bringing.** I'll keep a tally so that we don't end up with 14 trays of potato salad.

Camp 503 will hold a brief business meeting sometime after we eat.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Anthony F. Kline, Secretary
Gen. J.P.S. Gobin Camp #503, Sunbury

Camp 15 annual 2022 holiday banquet

Advanced notice for you and your family

When: To be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022,
Where: at National Civil War Museum Harrisburg
Announcement: after Labor Day, in our *Hartranft Herald* newsletter.

Continued

Future Encampments/Conventions notice

Year	location
2023	Nat'l Nashua, New Hampshire 8/2/2023
2023	PA Return to Altoona, PA
2024	Nat'l Pending Dept of Kentucky
2024	PA Open Pending return to King of Prussia, PA
2025	Nat'l Unknown as of June 2022
2025	PA Open Pending return to Williamsport, PA

Status of Camp 15

Our personnel strength is 38 down from 65 in 2009.

5 of us are over 80 years young and 2 of us are 90 years young.

Our average age is 60!

Free Lunch at hqs

Brothers, if you are able to visit National Headquarters and offer a few hours of clerical work, there is a free lunch/meal in the deal for you.

Contact execdir@suvchw.org with your schedule!

I aint Perfect, but I do have a
DD-214



For an old Man,
That's close enough!

Missing SUVCW Badges



Brothers, if you are missing or never received a badge, send \$30 payable to Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW to:

David Demmy
881 Sunny Hill Ln
Harrisburg, PA 17111-4690

We'll fix you up with a colorful badge!

that's all she wrote



Look for our Fall kick-off program newsletter in mid-September in time for our camp meeting on Sunday September 18th. Please update your social calendar!

October meeting will be conducted on Sunday, October 16th

November, we do not meet, but hope to see you at Remembrance Day Weekend at Gettysburg: 18-20.

December 11th will be our annual holiday banquet.

And then, gee, another New Year already!

Remembering this 2006 Honor for Brother Lee

Testimonial Luncheon
 In Honor of
 Lee F. Walters
 Commander
 Department of Pennsylvania
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Saturday, 10 October 2006
 Doc Holliday's
 Harrisburg Inn & Conference Center
 110 Limekiln Road New Cumberland, PA
 Hosted by:
 David W. Demmy, Event Chairman
 Camp #15 Harrisburg, SUVCW
 and
 Margaret Shuttlesworth, Co-Chair
 President PA Dept. ASUVCW

CALL TO ORDER:

Charles E. Kuhn, Sr. Vice Commander in
 Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Welcome:

David W. Demmy, Sr.,
 Assistant Secretary, PA Dept. Camp #300
 Chaplain, John F. Hartranft Camp #15,
 Harrisburg, PA SUVCW

Margaret Shuttlesworth, Pennsylvania Department

Lee F Walters

1942 – 2022

R. I. P.