



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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

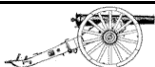
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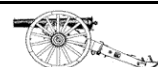
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**Fall In**

**September 2022**



*Welcome to Autumn and our Kickoff for the new season*

*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
	Graves Registration ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger 14-22
	GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2022
	Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vacant
	Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-22
	GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-22
	Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2022
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2022
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner 2022
	Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011
	ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-22
	Longevity Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC since 1943
	Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Joseph E. Long, Jr., PDC
	Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Lee F Walters, PDC

Camp 15 routinely meets at National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of most months. PA Dept: [www.PAsuvcw.org](http://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"

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### Summer Recess is over, and Autumn is upon us.

Our Fall Kickoff camp meeting will be on **Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 2 p.m. at NCWM**, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg! You are invited to join us for dinner following the meeting.

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](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

### Our summertime birthdays

Swanger, Logan Garth

Foster, Barry Elmer

Jackson, William Spencer

Peters, David Lloyd

Gearhart, John Gregory

Smith, Jeffery Joseph

Betz, Kelly Wayne

Blattner, Wayne B

Motts, Wayne E

Kratzer III, Russell E

**Happy birthday brothers!**

### Recent Happenings and Issues at 2022 National Encampment for your enlightenment

General Order No. 18 – Establishing a Minimum Age to Run for National Office

General Order No. 19 – Dress Code for National Encampments

General Order No. 20 – Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to Roderick Fraser

General Order No. 21 – Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to David Wildermuth

General Order No. 22 – Annual Awards

The national encampment voted effective January 1, 2023, the National Per Capita increases from \$23.00/year to \$33.00/year. Note, this is the first increase in twelve years; it is worth 2 visits to your favorite coffee shop. Bylaws may need to be reviewed and camp dues chart needs to be reviewed and updated accordingly.

Our very own brother Jeff Smith has been appointed as an aide to the Life Membership Program committee for review of the fee chart on national form 9.

Here are the current fee ranges

#### FEE SCHEDULE

Under 40	1,000.00
41-50	700.00
51-60	500.00
61-70	325.00
71 plus	225.00

Good bet the ranges will change in 2023-2024!

The National Assistance Executive Director position at Headquarters, Harrisburg, PA., has finally been filled. HQs' immediate past intern with a recent MA in history has been selected by elite personnel and budget approved by CofA. Mrs. Susan Mitchell has already began training to operate Hqs, and the cash flowing to the national treasurer. The position is not an assistance to the director but the asst director such as an SVC officer may replace Commander as needed.

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Left, Dane DiFebo, PA Dept Cdr and NCWM Educator, accepts award from CinC Mike Paquette.

The award was for PA recruiting the most, new brothers, under the age of 40. 2021-2022.



This easel is much easier to transport to a National Encampment. The national charter [shown above] was draped for the annual memorial service



Dave Demmy Jr awarded

Meritorious Service Award by CinC Mike Paquette for many years of handling IT work at national headquarters.



In the past, Dave handcrafted an oak easel for camp 15's charter and more recently made a lighter weight easel for the National Charter.

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## On the Road with Camp 15

### Forthcoming Encampments:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Command</u>	<u>Location</u>
2023	National	Nashua, NH 8/3/2023 hotel rate is \$129.00
2023	PA	Return to Altoona, PA
2024	National	Pending Dept of Kentucky
2024	PA	Pending return to King of Prussia, PA
2025	National	The Dept of Chesapeake
2025	PA	Pending return to Williamsport, PA

### Our next camp meeting:

September meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup>.

October meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Advanced notice of Camp 15 **annual holiday banquet** is **Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Please update your social calendar now.

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

If you need a copy of camp 15 calendar, just ask your *Hartranft Herald* staff:

[DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

## 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

**Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, cousins, your neighbor and 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.



### A Short story by brother Bill Jackson

I was both surprised and delighted when I received a mailing from a Monroe Publications firm offering the book "Curahee," an exact reproduction of the book original published in Germany in 1945 about the World War II history of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Infantry Division.

The "delight" part was because I hadn't seen a copy of "Curahee" since I read an original copy at the Hershey home of my 25-year friend, [the late] Major Richard D. Winters, who commanded the famous Easy Company, subject of the 1992 book "Band of Brothers" by Stephen Ambrose and the following HBO miniseries with the same title by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg.....

Needless to say, I ordered a copy, hoping that on its arrival I would solve the mystery of who Monroe Publications were. No such luck. So, I proceeded to write a letter to Monroe Publications at their Hummelstown address, telling them who I was, why I had interest and how there had to be a story there for The Sun.

Shortly thereafter, I received a great and detailed letter from William S. Breidenstine of Hershey, partner in Jay Wertz & Associates, LLC, with Jay Wertz, who lives in Florida, although a native of Hanover, Pa. Wertz spent most of his career in Los Angeles as a film and TV editor with Paramount Studios while Bill Breidenstine worked in historical book and magazine publishing for most of his 30-year career. He worked with Jim Kushlan and wife of Harrisburg, former publishers of "America In WWII" magazine, where my story of losing my dad in WWII was featured in an article in their August 2014 issue titled, "Losing Dad" by Allyson Patton. He also worked with Jim Kushlan 20 years ago when he was editor of "Civil War Times."

Breidenstine oversaw the "Currahee" project in 2007 while at Weider History Group (publisher of World War II, Aviation History and other historical magazines,) now known as HistoryNet. In fact, it was Chris Anderson, editor of World War II magazine, who loaned Bill his copy of "Currahee" to do the reproduction, Anderson also being a close friend of Major Dick Winters.

The question some "Band of Brothers" enthusiasts may have: Is "Currahee" still available? The answer is yes, plus other World War II titled from Monroe Publications, including "The Pacific" (two volumes), "D-Day" and "The World Turns to War." They are still available through Monroe Publications at the above address or online at <https://monroepublications.com/shop>.

Note: Camp 15 brother Bill Jackson is the Founder of the Central Pennsylvania World War II Round Table which meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Hummelstown. Bill is also the former owner of the Hummelstown



**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 months from the September kick off, into 2023. The next program will be held at the historic Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown PA, on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am to 5 pm. On Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 2:00, pm, at the Library and Heritage Center, Historian Craig Bird present a program dealing with "Hartranft's Masonic Connections". Then next year on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 Leatherbook 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 south eastern 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 up to date schedules, topics, and times.**

[www.schwenkfelder.org](http://www.schwenkfelder.org)

Submitted by Brother Wayne N. Blattner, member of Hartranft Camp #15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

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**Attend camp meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to learn about carpooling to this event!**



## The National Civil War Museum

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM PRESENTS THE 2022

# BLUE & GRAY GALA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

- 6:00 pm  
Silent Auction & Reception
- 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Food & Beverage Journey through the Galleries  
(A unique pairing of regional cuisine with a glass of beer, wine or mixed drink.)
- 8:00 pm  
Dessert & Beverages
- 8:30 pm  
Silent Auction Closes & Remarks

\$75.00 per Individual or \$125.00 per Couple (2 Tickets)  
\$50.00 NCWM Member Admission  
Attire is Business Casual, period clothing is also welcome  
Please return enclosed card by September 20, 2022.



Individual or Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email (for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We will join The National Civil War Museum for the Blue & Gray Gala on Friday, September 23, 2022. **Please list all attendees on the reverse side.**

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$75.00 per Individual Ticket (or) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$125.00 per Couple (2 Tickets)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$50.00 per Individual Ticket for National Civil War Museum Members

☐ I/We are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I/We would like to become a member of The National Civil War Museum.  
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Please visit [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) for Sponsor and Membership benefits

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Register online this year at [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)

**RSVP required by September 20, 2022**



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