

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 Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Vol 24, No. 10 Leaves may be falling upon us October 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!

2022 Hartranft Camp 15 Commander ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ Vernon Stout 2022 Senior Vice Commander ~~ ~~ Logan Swanger PCC 2022 Junior Vice Commander ~~ ~~ Scott Debo, PCC 2022 Officers and Staff 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 Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-22 GAR Highway Officer ~~~~~ Guide ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ Wayne Blattner PCC 2022 Color Bearer ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ Wayne Blattner PCC 2022 Guard ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ ~~ Wayne Blattner PCC 2022 Dave W. Demmy, Jr. since 2011 ROTC Coordinator ~~ ~~ ~~ Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-22 Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC since 1943 Longevity Brother ~~ ~~ ~~ **GENERAL HARTRAN** Praiseworthy Brother ~~ ~~ ~~ Late Joseph E. Long, Jr., PDC Praiseworthy Brother ~~.~~.~~ Late Lee F Walters, PDC

A newsletter for, about, and by the members of Camp 15!

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

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"

Hartranft deceased in October

John F. Hartranft (1830 – 1889) served as Governor of Pennsylvania, 1872-1879. Born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in 1830, having served local militia, he raised a regiment of Montgomery County militia in April of 1861 to serve in the Civil War. Hartranft was later named Colonel of the 51st Regiment Volunteer Infantry, participating in several major battles, and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. Following the Civil War, Hartranft was appointed Special Provost Marshall, and given responsibility for the care and final execution of the conspirators convicted in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Later, Hartranft became Auditor General of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1865 and, served two terms. Thereafter he was elected Governor of Commonwealth in 1872. As Governor, he was involved in the ratification of a new state constitution, the Centennial of Pennsylvania, and such labor issues as railroad strikes and the trials of the *Molly Maguires*.

Following his years as governor, Hartranft was active in various organizations, and was appointed Major General over the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The General, Camp 15's namesake, died on October 17, 1889.

<u>Next Camp Meeting</u> will be on Sunday, October 16, 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

Our ongoing birthdays

Gearhart, John Gregory Peters, David Lloyd Smith, Jeffery Joseph Kratzer III, Russell E Blattner, Wayne B Betz, Kelly Wayne Motts, Wayne E

Being a designated drive is not a desirable job. If you get sucked into doing it, drop them off at the wrong house!

Did ya know babies are nauseated by the smell of a clean shirt! --- Jeff Foxworthy

Would someone please tell my wife I'm retired!

1947 WURLITZER

The Randolph Wurlitzer Co.'s jukeboxes cost about \$750 in the late 1940s, or about \$9,800 in today's money-a major investment for restaurants and taverns. But they paid off in drawing customers eager to dance the night away-or at least for as long as it took to play the 24 records most Wurlitzers, such as Model 1100, offered. This is a reminder that Halloween was not always just for kids. Adults dressed up and let loose, too. 1947*

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Camp 15 Sticker



For a mere buckeroo \$1.00 you may have this [weatherproof] sticker for your car, truck, boat, book covers, laptop, house windows.

Order a few today or pick em up at October camp meeting. Or Send remittance to Hartranft Staff at

881 Sunny Hill Ln, Hbg PA 17111-4690



Officers for 2023

Brothers it is that time of year again for nominations and elections of camp 15 officers for 2023. If you desire to be nominated for an officer position or you desire to accept a nod from our commander for another position as indicated on the cover page of each of our newsletters, please contact camp Commander brother Vern at vernonstout@gmail.com and especially attend our October meeting on October 15 2022 for nominations and elections.

If you desire the job description of any elected office, you may read all about them in our national Charter, Constitution and Regulations at <u>https://suvcw.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2022/09/Blue-Book-2022-1-R1.pdf</u>

Dues for 2023

The 2022 national encampment at Grand Rapids, MI, voted effective January 1, 2023, the National Per Capita will increase 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. At our October Camp meeting we will need to *declare* the camp dues for 2023, including the camp's needs, PA Department dues and the increase of the National Per Capita [dues].

Also, any camp or department that is licensed by National to sell variety of items, needs to have their license renewed every 2 years. At a recent CofA meeting the subject was not discussed and later when brought to the attention of the Council of Administration, it was decided all licensees have been extended for another year due to the clerical error. Therefore Camp 15's 2 licenses are good into 2023.

National Life Memberships

A hardy congratulations to 2 brothers with ties to Camp 15: Brother Bill Fischer, PA SVC of camp 8 Scranton; and PA PDC John McNulty of camp 273 Bangor.

If you are interested in becoming a National Life Member, complete form 9 at <u>https://suvcw.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/08/Form-9fi-May-2021-</u>

<u>Final.pdf</u> and submit it with your remittance, directly to National Headquarters.

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 t	he ranges v	vill change for 2023!

Notes of May Meeting

May 15, 2022, partly sunny at 73°

Personnel present Commander Vern Stout SVC Logan Swanger JVC Scott Debo Secy Greg Kline Treasurer David Demmy Guide Wayne Blattner Brother Gene Mascioli

Commander opened camp according to our Ritual.

Treasurer's report was provided and motion to accept and passed!

Correspondence was provided by Secy.

Brother Wayne Blattner reported on Camp 15's future visit on Saturday September 24th to the 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.

Discussion was held about meeting for breakfast on Saturday May 28 prior to our *annual trek* to Harrisburg's historic cemetery to place flags upon veteran's graves to pay tribute to the fallen.

And a reminder about the forthcoming Pennsylvania Department of SUVCW's annual encampment convention at Williamsport on June 16th.

Having completed our business for the day, the meeting was closed by Ritual about 4pm at 79° and the camp recessed for the summer with many of the brothers on hand today departing for local restaurant to continue fellowship.

Next Camp meeting scheduled for September 18th.



Minutes of September Meeting

Camp 15 Sunday September 18, 2022 at 85°

Brothers Present: Commander - Vern Stout PCC SVC - Logan Swanger PCC Treasurer - David Demmy Sr, PCC, Guide/Guard - Wayne Blattner PCC Brother – Gene Mascioli PCC Brother David Morrison Esq

Brother Commander opened the meeting at approximately 2:10 pm following the SUVCW Ritual and Ceremonies

Treasurer's report was presented revealing financial transactions since Spring meeting resulting in a current balance of \$499 in checking account. Otherwise, Camp's investments continue to march forward with current interest rates. The next expenditure will be the monthly internet fee. Treasurer David Demmy presented the contract from our cater for our forthcoming holiday banquet in December, revealing a steady inflation increase over the last several years. The current contract reveals the camp will be required to charge \$32 a person for the December affair. Motion approved to accept the contract and issue invitations to all concerned at the \$32 rate.

Motion to accept Treasurers report approved.

Correspondence:

Brother David Demmy revealed a number of recent National Commander in Chief's General Orders by Bruce Frail; and the Department Order[s] by Dane DiFebo.

And a request from a brother who wishes to join camp 15 as a long-distant brother was read and accepted. Welcome brother Stuart Ritter of Spanish Fort AL. Stuart joins our other southern community brothers from Grenada MS, Arlington VA and Winston GA – all whom wanted to honor their Pennsylvania civil war ancestor or just had a liking

to join the great camp of the capital area of The Burg. Likewise, we have dual brothers from Palm Desert CA and Mountain Home ID and long-term brother living in DE. It is not surprising to have long-distant brothers of our Harrisburg Camp. Over the years we have had a number of personnel from the north and south who wanted to belong to the SUVCW; and joined camp 15 through a family brother or friend or merely contacted us via camp website.

New Business:

Brother Wayne Blattner reported on Camp 15's future visit on Saturday September 24th to the 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. Wayne posted announcements for the event at the following sites:

1. Our Camp #15 Newsletter

2. Placed an AD in the state of 2022 PA Encampment Booklet

3. Posted the announcement on the Department of PA Facebook site.

4. Posted the announcement in the Civil War Round Table Congress Face Book site, which is a national organization promoting Civil War Round Tables.

5. Spoke for a few minutes at the September 2022 Eastern Pennsylvania Civil War Roundtable (Lehigh Valley area), promoting the September 24 event.

Also, on Saturday the 24th, The National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Park is having an Open House/Community Day.

Discussion began on Possibility of Camp 15 conducting a trip to see the "behind the scenes" areas of the Museum!

Query arose on the floor regarding visitors to our camp meetings: A discussion continued, and it was agreed and has always been noted in our *Newsletter* that everyone is invited, male and female. They would be admitted to our meeting *after* we have our Camp opening. (per the Ritual). It was a good thing to discuss/review this subject.

Camp Officers for 2023: Camp Commander Vern will approach our Brothers on the various elected positions that *may* become available. Any brother interested in serving Camp 15 and enable it to grow, please contact Camp Commander brother Vern Stout to express your desire in running for an office or position for 2023. Email Vern at: vernonstout@gmail.com.

Another concern was expressed to the camp: Historically Camp 15 has held its business meetings on the 3rd Sunday of most months since 1999. Sunday was selected in 1999 as a few brothers had employment obligations on Saturday and could not attend meetings or events on a Saturday; thus, Sunday was voted upon and selected for future meetings. In recent years, attendance at Sunday meetings has fallen away – due to pandemic; family events or travel distance to The Burg on a Sunday. Concern was offered from the floor suggesting we send a query to the membership of camp 15 seeking their feedback about holding meetings on another day of the week. Our treasurer was tasked with sending an email to all camp 15 brothers seeking their reply by October 12 to tally replies for October meeting on Sunday October 16th to post meeting dates for 2023 and have approval of meeting venue for 2023.

Camp meeting closed according to ritual. Brothers cleaned up meeting space and adjourned to nearby restaurant for continued fellowship for a few more hours before departure to their residences.

Minutes complied by Commander, SVC, Treasurer and Camp Guide.

Local News:

This icon clock in Strawberry Square, downtown Harrisburg is moving.



The clock will be relocated to Shippensburg College sometime during month of October.

Hartranft Event

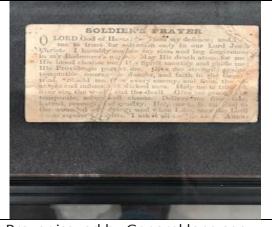
A few brothers of our camp traveled to attend Brevet Major General John Frederick Hartranft's life celebration! It was the kickoff of part of the "Hartranft Homecoming" exhibits and programs presented by the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg, PA.

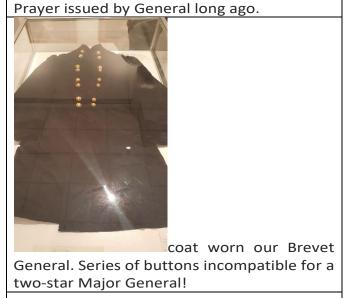


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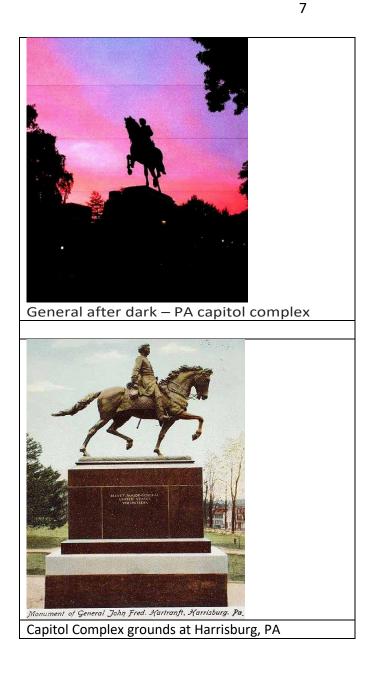


I to r Wayne Blattner our liaison between Schwenkfelder center and camp 15; David Demmy; Helen Shireman Great Grand Daughter of The General; Vern Stout Camp Commander; and Gene Mascioli, PCC.









On the Road with Camp 15

Camp events:

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 which are the 3rd weekend.

Advanced notice of Camp 15 **annual holiday banquet** is **Sunday December 11**th.



advertisement

Tis time to purchase coal now for long cold winter!

PA Department Mid-year meeting [mini encampment day] may be scheduled for the spring of 2023.

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

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 members submit them.

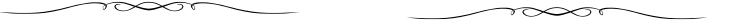
Worksheets were inserted in Camp 15's 125th Anniversary history book.

If you prefer, [and your *Hartranft Herald* wishes you would], complete an *e*-worksheet, please ask for one – send e-mail request to <u>DoubleD@Demmy.cc</u>

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!

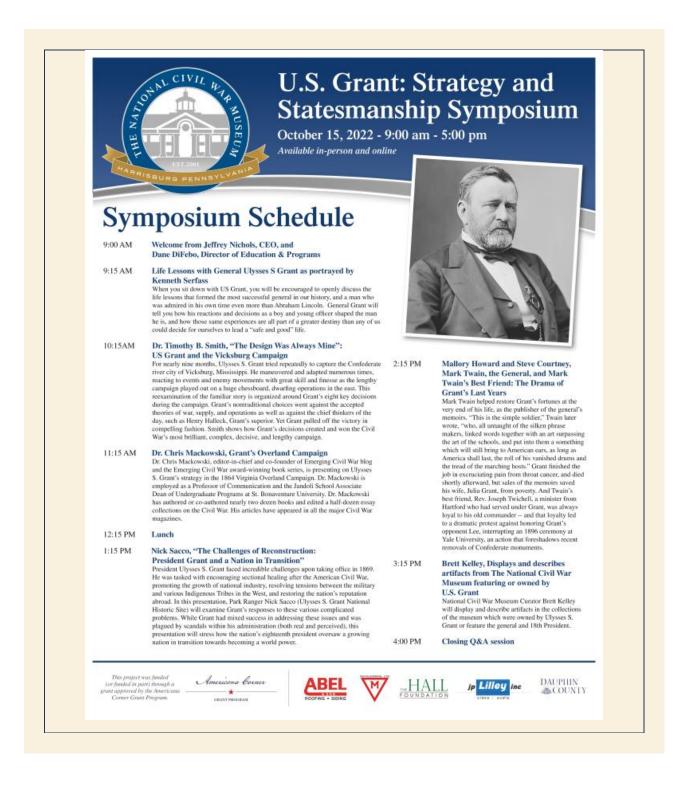
Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882 in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

God bless you and yours and God bless the USA.



The National Civil War Museum Event

It's with great pleasure that we announce our 2022 U.S. Grant Symposium. We'll discuss Grant's Civil War career, his role in Reconstruction, and explore the publication of his personal memoirs.



2022 Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet



All participants: please bring 2-4 *items for the gift table with value of about \$15 each*! ITEMS SHOULD BE **UNWRAPPED** FOR VIEWING! Each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item. Return to your seat and play again – good luck!

Items may be, e.g.: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, CD music, DVD, gift certificate, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, veteran related or not, family related or not; e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – *you may make it interesting* for all of us by making *unusual choices*! see photo next page for ideas \bigcirc

Where:	National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Pk Hbg – upper-level banquet roo	
	GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103	
Cost:	\$ 32.00 per person (due to increased costs by cater and services)	
	Payable to: Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW	
Payment:	Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than $11/26/22$	
Fellowship hour:	12:00 – 12:30 ~~~~ Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.	
Activities:	Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for the New Year!	
Entertainment:	Holiday Bingo	



Don't fall asleep, RSVP now

Preferred RSVP by email at <u>DoubleD@Demmy.cc</u> or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174. Please leave your full name and *number of persons attending*! Please remit full payment no later than November 26th for a full accounting to the cater for preparation of our annual event.

<mark>Continued</mark>!

Send remittance of \$32 for each individual Payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

David Demmy

881 Sunny Hill Ln

Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690



Likewise, if you are interested, bring some cash to engage in the Camp's 50/50 *opportunity*! 50/50 Tickets are \$.50 each; or **12 for \$5.00** – that's 2 free.

Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2021 Camp 15 dues of \$40 along!

Still \$40 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to 'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!

Have a safe trip!

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