



**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 140<sup>th</sup> Year serving Harrisburg Area

 @ [Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#)



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*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 PCC 2022
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2022
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 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>

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## Deaths in Department of Ohio

This issue of our *Hartranft Herald* newsletter is draped in honor of the life and death of SVR brother Henry Shaw Jr., see G.O. #9 for tribute to brother Henry.

~~~ 1938 – 2022 ~~~

Also from Ohio, we report the death of PCinC Dave Medert. Brother Dave was instrumental in establishing a national headquarters at Harrisburg and an Executive Director to maintain and operate headquarters.

~~~ 1952 – 2022 ~~~

## Next Camp Meeting

Brothers we do not meet during the month of November, as the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend is Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg PA.

Our next event will be our holiday banquet and installation of officers for 2023 on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at noon at National Civil War Museum upper-level ballroom.

Our next meeting will be in 2023 on **Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at NCWM**, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg! You are invited to join us for dinner following the meeting. A calendar of events for camp 15 will be published in near future.

## Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain & Treasurer, and 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 camp birthdays for November and December

Smith, Jeffery Joseph

Betz, Kelly Wayne

Blattner, Wayne B

Motts, Wayne E

[Kratzer III, Russell E](#)

If a paper plane cannot fly, it is stationary.

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a giant spider web!

Name this 1964 movie: it was the first movie in the series to win an Oscar Award and needless to say, it was a huge success at the box office. It was able to recoup its budget in the first 2 weeks and would go on to gross over \$120,000,000. Clue Shirley Bassett sang the theme song.

## Camp 15 Dues time – year 2023

### 1st ‘announced’ notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2023 Camp 15 dues of **\$50** to early camp Meeting!

Life Members’ dues is \$7.00 for Pennsylvania Department collection, only.

Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita! Camp 15 Life Members only need remit dues for PA Department!

See text bottom of national [form 9](#) for specifics!

Camp treasurer prefers **\$50** check payable to **‘Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW’**.

Or mail your check to  
David W. Demmy, Sr.  
881 Sunny Hill Lane  
Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

A *Check* protects both parties!

notices will be issued in January!  
Deadline for 2023 dues is end of February!  
Donations appreciated for postage and office supplies!

#### C&R Article II Membership

Section 3 (a). A Brother whose dues are not paid by **March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues** ..... by Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him.

A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order.<sup>24</sup> A Brother may be reinstated by paying the current year’s dues [camp and department] plus a [national] reinstatement fee of ten dollars (\$10.00)! For 2023 until the next increase in per capita, the total reinstatement for national purposes will be \$43.00 all year long and may not be prorated.

To become a National Life Member of our grand organization, visit national website [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org) choose forms, select [form 9](#). Save it to your computer, open this newly saved form, complete it, save it, and attach your payment for your age bracket and mail directly to national headquarters!

I don’t mean to brag, BUT, I just put a puzzle together in 1 day AND the box said 2-4 years!

Readers, just be happy I am not a twin!

I’m sorry.... Did you just roll your eyes out loud?

### **Notes from October Camp 15 meeting**

Sunday, October 16, 2022 2:07 pm sunny at 66°

Brothers Present:

Vern Stout Commander

Logan Swanger JVC

David Demmy Treasurer

Wayne Blattner Guard

Tom McKay, Ret.

Gene Mascioli PCC

Dave Morrison, Esq.

Brother Vern opened the meeting and we glided into discussions.

Treasurer’s report offered and approved. \$499 in checking account. Down payment issued to Cater for our Camp December Banquet and installation of officers for 2023. Pending payment for our usual banquet venue. RSVP’s already arriving to Treasurer.

What is our inventory of our licensed SUVCW belt buckles and license plates. How soon do we need to replenish our inventory for 2023 sales?

Inventory underway!

What will be The Banner's advertising rates for 2023? New rate chart pending after 12 years.

The recent death of Ohio Brother Henry Shaw, Jr esq was mentioned. Henry was authorized to conduct legal business in OH and PA and for years, Henry traveled to Gettysburg from his home in Ohio to be the liaison between SUVCW SVR and the Borough of Gettysburg. No other brothers or sisters and families in distress.

Discussion upon candle lighting during Remembrance Day weekend.

Production of new camp 15 calendar of events for 2023. Need to establish our meeting place for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend during 2023.

Camp officer nominations and elections were conducted for year 2023. All known officers and staff associates were elected or assigned for 2023.

Dues for 2023. Due to the approved national per capita increase of \$10 from the 2012 rate of \$23 to \$33 effective January 2023, camp 15 will need to increase our dues accordingly.

Motion to increase camp 15 overall dues from \$40 to **\$50** to continue to be in compliance with PA and national requirements offered and approved. Therefore camp 15 renewal dues for 2023 will be **\$50.00**

Invitations for camp December banquet have been mailed. Already we have 12 RSVPs for the 2022 \$32.00 per person banquet.

Banquet reminder and 1<sup>st</sup> announcement for 2023 dues will be included in our November *Hartranft Herald* newsletter.

Meeting closed by Commander Vern at approximately 3:50 pm with 69° and the brothers departed the venue for Longhorns Restaurant for continued fellowship and delicious meal.

Above notes submitted by Hartranft Herald Staff.

## Brothers and Sisters, it is not too late to RSVP for camp 15s

### 2022 Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet

**You and yours** are invited to break bread with General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at our annual Holiday Banquet gathering.



**When** **Sunday, December 11, 2022** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December

**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 ☺

**Where:** National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Pk Hbg – upper-level banquet room!

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 [DoubleD@Demmy.cc](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc) 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 26<sup>th</sup> for a full accounting to the cater for preparation of our annual event.

**Continued!**

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](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year **2023** Camp 15 dues of **\$50** along!

**\$50** 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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~~~~~ END of this month's newsletter ~~~~~

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