



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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Happy New Year

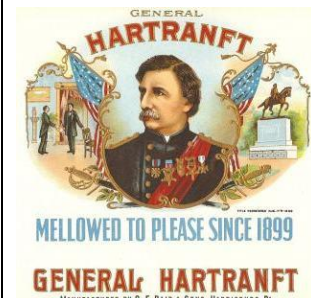
January 2023



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!

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| 2023 Hartranft Camp 15 | Commander ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Vernon Stout 2021 - 2023 |
| Officers and Staff | Senior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~ | Logan Swanger PCC 2021-2023 |
| | Junior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~ | Scott Debo, PCC 2021 - 2023 |
| | Secretary ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-23 |
| | Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-23 |
| | Council 01 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Anthony Kline 16-23 |
| | Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Scott Debo, PCC 15-23 |
| | Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-23 |
| | Patriotic Instructor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-23 |
| | Chaplain ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-23 |
| | Graves Registration ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Logan Swanger 14-23 |
| | GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Jeffery Smith, PCC 2023 |
| | Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Vacant |
| | Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~ | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-23 |
| | GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~ | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-23 |
| | Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Wayne Blattner PCC 2023 |
| | Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Wayne Blattner PCC 2023 |
| | Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Wayne Blattner PCC 2023 |
| | Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 2011 - 2023 |
| | ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-23 |
| | 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,
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"

January 2023 *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

Happy Anniversary Camp 15

Brothers and Sisters and readers of this newsletter, year 2023 is the 25th anniversary of Camp 15's uplift from a paper camp into an active camp. Thanx to our late brothers Joe Long and Lee Walters for the uplift.

Next Camp Meeting

Our next meeting will be this **Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at NCWM**, high atop Reservoir Park at 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

Our camp birthdays for January and February

Kline, Anthony Frederick

Myers, Forrest Cedric

Debo, Scott A

Bolian, William Charles

Stephens, Glenn W

Mascioli, II, P Eugene

Ottens, Russell J

Messersmith, Donald Max

[Hobbins, James Benjamin](#)

2022 Camp Holiday Banquet photos

Below, Helen Shireman, great granddaughter of our namesake, Maj Gen John F Hartranft, shared one of the General's original coats:





According to Sister Helen, this ribbon has never been removed from the General's Coat.



Helen continued to show other artifacts from her family collection. We thank Helen for sharing a little more of the General's life.



Helen's good friend and our good brother, Dave Klinepeter addressed the attendees to our annual banquet. Brother Larry looks on!



Many items offered on our holiday bingo activity. Bring 5 items and win at bingo 5 times.



The group above



Brother Larry addressing the group.



Brother Scott preparing to offer the invocation.



Brother Dane, PA Dept Commander, providing the installation of camp 15's 2023 elected officers:



Brothers in attendance taking the oath.



Camp webmaster, brother Dave, was this year's bingo caller. Dave also built the annual table center pieces.



Enjoying holiday bingo



PCC Brothers Vern, Dane and Gene

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2023

2nd ‘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 \$7.00 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 and February!

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.²⁴ *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 any future increase in per capita, the total reinstatement for national purposes will be 33 +10 = \$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 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!



Brothers Fred, Scott and Wayne.



Our National Assistant Executive Director, Susan Mitchell and hubby Rob, enjoying themselves!



This year’s table center piece created with working candles and provided by Dave Demmy Jr.

On the Road with Camp 15

Camp events:

January meeting 01/15/23

February Lincoln Luncheon 02/00/23

February Meeting 02/19/23

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

March meeting 03/19/23

April Easter 04/09/23

April CofA meeting Springfield, IL 13-17th

April meeting 04/16/23

May meeting 05/21/23

May camp *breakfast* and then annual *field trip* to old Harrisburg Historical Cemetery @ 13th and State Streets 05/27/23 – additional details later.

May Memorial Day weekend 29

June **PA Department Encampment** 22-26th

July summer recess

August **National Encampment** 3 – 7th

September fall-kick off camp meeting 09/17/23

October meeting 10/15/23

November **Remembrance Day** weekend 17-19th

December camp's annual holiday banquet 10th.

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 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.