



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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Lincoln Luncheon

February 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!

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
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	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 SUCVW website and/or on any SUCVW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUCVW material."

February 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

This newsletter ...

and Camp Charter are draped in memory of 2 of our late Past Commander in Chiefs, David V Medert and Donald Shaw. You may read all about these 2 outstanding brothers in the Volume 127 number 2, Winter 2023 *The Banner*.

The Banner

Our own Pennsylvania Commander and SVC are pictured in the Winter edition of *The Banner*. They were captured on (film) at Remembrance Day 2022.

Next Camp Meeting will be on **Sunday, February 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. at NCWM**, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg! You are invited to join us for dinner following the meeting.

Camp 15 Wintertime into Spring birthdays:

- Messersmith, Donald Max
- Ottens, Russell J
- Hobbins, James Ben
- Klinepeter PCC, David J
- Manning, Robert Calvin
- Demmy, Jonathan Scott
- DePamphilis, Devin Philip

2023 Lincoln Luncheon sponsored by Sunbury Camp 503:

The Brothers and Sisters of Gen. J.P.S Gobin Camp 503 and Auxiliary 503 cordially invite you to attend the 2023 Pennsylvania Department Lincoln Luncheon on **Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 PM** at the historic Front Street Station in Northumberland. The Front Street Station is located at 2 Front St. Northumberland PA.

The speaker after our meal will be Pennsylvania Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ann McMillin who will present her program entitled **“From Folklore to Fact: The Girls of ‘63”**.

The Luncheon meal will consist of your choice of beef or chicken (please indicate your selection below), mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, green beans and a piece of cake for dessert. Coffee, tea and soda are included.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8!!! **Please make checks payable to Gobin Camp# 503, SUVCW** Questions? Contact Greg Kline at 717-571-6877 or email at gregsuvchw@yahoo.com

.....PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL.....

Yes, I would like to make a reservation for the 2023 Lincoln Luncheon on Saturday, February 18 at the Front Street Station in Northumberland!

Please reserve _____ seats for the luncheon at \$25 each.

Number of beef _____

Number of chicken _____

Please mail checks to Greg Kline, SUVCW Camp# 503, 124 Essex Lane, Northumberland PA 17857



Four Chaplains shared by William Jackson, founder of the Central Pennsylvania WWII Round Table in Hummelstown PA

As regular readers of my column featured in [*the Sun*, Hummelstown PA] know, I am a military history enthusiast. As such, I'm well aware that just when you think you've learned everything about some person, battle, incident, etc., you learn how far from the truth that can be. Such was the case when, at our Central Pennsylvania WWII Roundtable meeting, I picked up a flyer titled, "Legacy of Four Chaplains live on through scholarship recipient." I've long known the story of the World War II tragedy of what became known as "The Four Chaplains." It was Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester* was sunk in the icy North Atlantic Ocean on its way to a base off of the coast of Greenland. On board were 902 troops, among them four Army chaplains: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Survivors reported that as the ship sank, the four chaplains first gave their life jackets to others, then linked arms and continued to offer prayers and messages of encouragement and courage until they were swept under. Of the 902 on board, 230 survived to tell the story of the tragedy and of the heroic actions by the four chaplains. This became a legend and led to the creation of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, which Rosemary and I visited some years ago with our great friend and World War II veteran, the late Harry Trefz of Hummelstown.

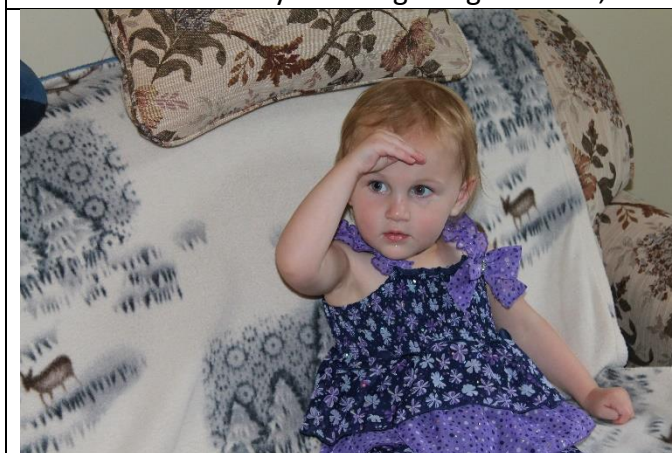
What I didn't know and learned from the flyer was that Lt. Goode, the Jewish rabbi, had been the rabbi for the York, Pa. Jewish Temple and the Alexander D. Goode Elementary School in the York City School District is named in his honor. It also led to the creation of the Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast in York, now some 30 years ago, to honor the Four Chaplains and in particular, Rabbi Goode. This has grown into an annual event attended by hundreds, raising thousands of dollars for York City student scholarships and an endowment fund with the York County Community Foundation. Each year the organization awards scholarships to York City students. At a recent Breakfast, the 2004 Four Chaplains Scholarship recipient, now Dr. Tana Freeland Andre, was

honored. She is a psychiatrist at an inpatient hospital in suburban Philadelphia. A William Penn Senior High School 2004 graduate, she also attended the Alexander D. Goode Elementary School in York. She recalled, "It was never just a name on the building. We were taught who the Four Chaplains were and why it was important to live by their example. What the Four Chaplains stood for in their actions really resonated with me. I often keep that in mind: We are not here simply to serve ourselves but to serve others." To learn more about the Four Chaplains Prayer Breakfast and their mission, email info@fourchaplainsyork.org or visit their website at www.fourchaplainsyork.org.

Editor's Note: Brother Bill Jackson is a member of Major General John F Hartranft, Camp 15, Harrisburg PA. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Our late brother Floyd J Demmy, a combat veteran of WWII is saluted by his first great grandchild,



Aubree L Demmy, circa July 2014. The *maneuver* was a bit difficult for young Aubree, a southpaw.

FORM OF HAND SALUTE IN CIVIL WAR

According to regulations, the hand salute rendered by the U.S. soldier during the Civil War resembled the British salute, i.e., with the palm facing outward. Article XXXIX of Army Regulations for 1857, 1861, and 1863 specifically prescribe that the soldier without arms or with just side-arms will "...raise his hand to the right side of the visor of his cap, palm to the front, elbow raised as high as the shoulder...." The Confederate soldier followed the same procedure. See: Confederate States of America. Army Regulations, Adopted for Use of the Army of the Confederate States.... Richmond: West & Johnston, 1861. Article XXIX, pp. 23-25. U113.5C76.

The 1863 Regulations remained in force until superseded by these of 1881. Emory Upton's new system of infantry tactics, officially adopted by the War Dept in 1867, prescribed hand salutes with "the palm of the hand down" in Lesson II. The proposed regulations of 1873 and those actually adopted in 1881 omitted the earlier specifications for hand salutes and instructed the soldier to simply raise his hand to his cap

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



For an old Man,
That's close enough!

If you see me talking to myself,
Just move along!

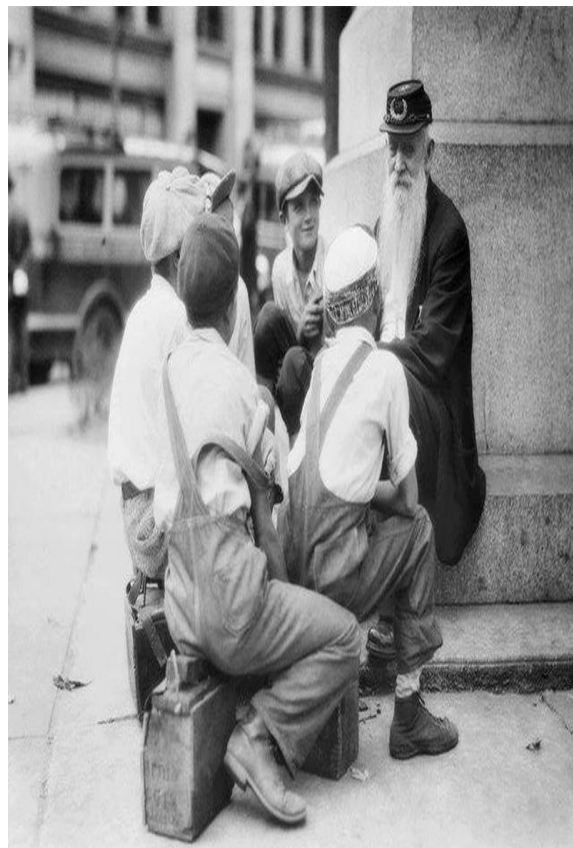
I'm self-employed, and
We are having a staff meeting!!!

~~~ Also ~~~

I sleep 8 hours a day and  
work 8 hours and

I try to do both at the same time.

Young shoe shiners gather at the boots of a Civil War veteran to hear his tales in Pennsylvania 1935.



Source: Reddit

Gone are the days of the shoeshine. When you could walk down the street and find any young man with a box and a rag who could make your shoes look as good as new. In the 1930s boot blacks were in most urban areas, and at that time there was also a confluence of the old-world meeting with the new world. Holdovers from the 19th century were still hanging out and telling stories about the last half of the 1800s.

It must have been an amazing time for a young boy to be earning a wage as a boot black. Not only were stories of the old world *afoot*, but the world was changing at a major rate!

*Nothing tops a plain pizza.*  
That's a knee slapper!

"I haven't trusted polls since I read that 62% of women had affairs during their lunch hour. I've never met a woman in my life who would give up lunch for s e x." ~Erma Bombeck~

## Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

<[Schwenkfelder Library Heritage @mail.vresp.com](mailto:Schwenkfelder_Library_Heritage@mail.vresp.com)>

April 30 2023 shared by brother Wayne Blattner.

### The Lincoln Assassination Conspirators: Their Confinement and Execution, As Recorded in the Letterbook of John Frederick Hartranft - Book talk with Harold

Holzer on April 30. \$8 through February 28, 2023. (They will be \$10 after that.)

## National Civil War Museum news:

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

February 13 - February 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The museum will be closed to the public for heavy cleaning.

Volunteers will help with scrubbing, dusting, cleaning glass, and painting.

Share as little or as much time as you have available.

Saturday, February 18, 2023

### Community Free Day

Volunteers are needed to help with the Welcome and Children's Activities tables.

Half-day and Full-day volunteers are welcome.

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## INAUGURAL EVENT

# A CIVIL CONVERSATION

Thursday, April 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Live ZOOM Event

National Civil War Museum CEO, Jeffrey Nichols will engage in a civil conversation with **Peniel E. Joseph**, Barbara Jordan Chair in Ethics and Political Values, Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, and Associate Dean for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin. They will discuss Joseph's latest book *The Third Reconstruction: America's Struggle for Racial Justice in the Twenty-First Century*.

Joseph will share his expertise on the successes and failures of Reconstruction following the Civil War and how these events continue to ripple through modern society.

This is an online-only event and is free and open to the public. Stay tuned for the ZOOM link to participate live.

## Camp 15 Dues time – year 2023

### 3rd 'and final' 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!

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An extract from our Charter, Constitution, and Regulations:

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 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](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!

If you need assistance with payment contact us.....

*Women love a man in an apron!*

Q: *What more do women love?*

A: *A man in an apron with a broom and dust rag!*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 AT 10 AM**

**The Shelling of Carlisle - 160th Anniversary  
Reenactment**

Carlisle, PA

This year marks the 160th Anniversary of the Shelling of Carlisle. While hugely overshadowed by history for its coinciding date with The Battle of Gettysburg we are making an event to showcase this little known bit of Civil War History!

Hosted by Historic Carlisle Inc in partnership with such organizations as The Sons of Union

Veterans, Downtown Carlisle Association, Carlisle Theatre, Create-A-Palooza, and many others!

General Event Information:

Chris Jones [ccskylightgallery@hotmail.com](mailto:ccskylightgallery@hotmail.com)

Reenactors:

Doug Snyder [snyderfam28@pa.net](mailto:snyderfam28@pa.net)

Vendors:

Karen Lyter [jklyter@icloud.com](mailto:jklyter@icloud.com)

**January Camp meeting minutes not available as we  
go to press for this February issue**

**Continued**

## On the Road with Camp 15

Camp events:

February Lincoln Luncheon 02/18/23

February Camp Meeting 02/19/23

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

March camp meeting 03/19/23

April Easter 04/09/23

April CofA meeting Springfield, IL - 13-17th

April camp meeting 04/16/23

May camp meeting 05/21/23

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

May camp Memorial Day weekend 29

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

July summer recess

August **National Encampment** 3 – 7<sup>th</sup>

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

October camp meeting 10/15/23

November **Remembrance Day** weekend 17-19<sup>th</sup>

December camp's annual holiday banquet 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 members submit them.

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.