



Hartranft Herald
The Newsletter of
Maj. 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!

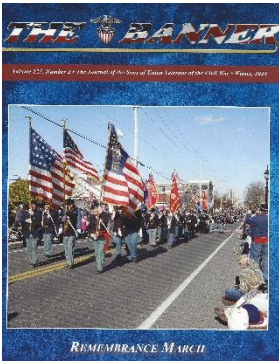
2023 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vernon Stout 2021 - 2023
Officers and Staff	Senior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger PCC 2021-2023
	Junior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 2021 - 2023
	Secretary ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-23
	Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 07-23
	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 SUCVW website and/or on any SUCVW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUCVW material."

March 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

The Banner



Brothers, you should have received our quarterly National Magazine, *The Banner*, during January. If not let us know at Ast.Execdir@SUVCW.org.

Provide your full name and current address!

Welcome new Brother Eric Ives of Harrisburg PA

Next Camp Meeting will be on **Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. at NCWM**, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg! You are invited to join us for dinner following the meeting.

Q: What is the highest peak in the Harrisburg metropolitan area?

A: Come to a camp meeting to see the image!

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

by Brother David W, Demmy, Sr., PCC, a Kentucky Colonel, Camp 15 Chaplain & Treasurer, and a CPA, and ARNG.

Camp Commander brother Vern has had recent surgery! 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

Camp 15 Wintertime into Spring birthdays:

February thru April:

Messersmith, Donald Max

Ottens, Russell J

Hobbins, James Ben

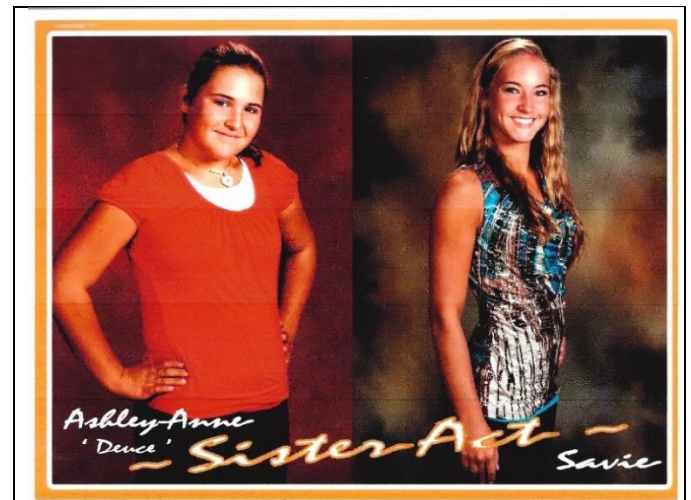
Klinepeter PCC, David J

Manning, Robert Calvin

Demmy, Jonathan Scott

DePamphilis, Devin Philip

Hobbins Sisters



World Swimming Championship gold, silver and bronze medals earned by Team USA swimmer **Ashley-Anne Hobbins** in Long Beach, CA. Ashley-Anne is a DOLLUS and DUVCW Wisconsin Detached Tent 23 Mary Chesebro Lee sister, and daughter of, Camp 15 dual member, Brother Ben Hobbins!

Editor Note: Brother Ben is A Dual Life Member of Harrisburg Hartranft Camp 15.

Dues and National Per Capita for 2023

Brothers thank you for reenlisting in the SUVCW by paying your dues and per capita for 2023 and thank you too for your donations to help keep camp 15 in the black. Even nominal donations help with purchasing stamps and/or ink to issue our *Hartranft Herald* to our readers.

Recess

My mother has a medical podcast where she self-diagnosis her ailments. It is called my voicemail and it happens every morning at 9 a.m.

New coffin for sale: I bought it for my husband, but he continues to live longer than I expected, so no longer need the item that is cluttering up my house.

What do Stop Signs really mean?

I awoke my 6 year for school. She said you broke my dream! I'm going back to dreamland.

During my six-grade language art class I mentioned that ideas come from ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle. Later reviewing the students notes I noticed a youngster wrote that rhetorical appeals were the creation of one Mr. Eric Stottle.



Brother Dave Laman of Dillsburg has passed.

A veteran of the US Army, Dave went on to his reward on February 10, 2023. His BIO appeared in this newsletter January 2010.



Camp Meeting Minutes

January 15 2023

Held in NCWM at Reservoir Park
Harrisburg PA

Officers Present

Commander.....Vern Stout
JVC.....Scott Debo
Secretary.....Greg Kline
Treasurer/Chaplain.....David Demmy, Sr
Council.....Scott Debo
Color Bearer.....Wayne Blattner

Guide/Guard.....Wayne Blattner

Officers Absent

SVC..... Logan Swanger
Pat. Instructor/Historian....Jeff Smith
Council.....Jeff Smith
Council..... Tony Kline

Members attending:

Tom McKay

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Vern Stout at 2:02 PM according to ritual.

The meeting minutes from last meeting were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother David Demmy, Sr 2nd by Brother Scott Debo, motion approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. A checkbook balance of approximately \$576 was reported which includes a few donations received along with dues payments. Motion to accept by Brother Greg Kline, 2nd by Brother Scott Debo,

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Vern mentioned that Brother Dick Simpson, of Lancaster PA recently passed into his glory above.

Orders, bills, etc.

Read GO# 11 and discussed the rescinding of GO# 7 Dept Order #2 which increases per capita by \$10 Department Orders can be read in their entirety at www.pusvvcw.org

National General Orders can be read in their entirety at www.svvcw.org

Unfinished Business:

Camp Council will audit the Camp books at the February meeting in preparation to submit Form 22.

Camp will be setting a firm date for a Camp field trips: Potentially same day visit to Eisenhower Farm Estate and Buck's venue of old military vehicles, near Gettysburg!

New Business:

April 30- Pennsburg final event for the Hartranft event series at the library. Wayne will be sending specific details. Vern suggested that we use this as a field trip for the Camp if possible.

The PA Department Lincoln Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 18, at the Front Street Station in Northumberland from 1-4PM. The cost is \$25 per person and the speaker will be Department President to the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ann McMillin.

Good of the Order: NO REPORT

Patriotic Instructor: NO REPORT

The meeting was closed by Commander Stout at 3:10 PM!

Faithfully submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Gregory E. Kline, PDC, Camp Secretary
Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Hmmmmmm...



Really? Wonder how driver opened the door!!

Meet a deadline



A deadline was an actual line drawn on Civil War prisons. If a prisoner escaped and crossed that line, he would be killed. Not the same consequence as not responding to an email, right?

Editor Note: the above illustration is not a prison, but an image of **Camp Curtin** here in old uptown Harrisburg, 1860s. Readers, who besides brother Larry, knows what the *item* is in the upper right-hand corner of this image?

If you don't know, send email request to execdir@suvcw.org for the answer. Clue, the item still stands today, but some of the structures are now used for other purposes or rented out by the Commonwealth!

Notes of the Camp Meeting

held on February 19 2023

Held in NCWM at Reservoir Park
Harrisburg PA

Partly Cloud at 44°

At end of meeting the temp was 59°

Attendees today:

Logan Swanger – SVC
Jeff Smith – Council
Gene Mascioli – PCC
Wayne Blattner – Guard
David Demmy, Sr – Treasurer

Brother Logan opened the meeting at 2:10 PM in the fashion of the SUVCW ritual.

Brother David read the minutes from January meeting. Motion to accept was approved.

Brother David continued with the Treasurer report mentioning few office expenses and postage to mail our monthly newsletter, *The Hartranft Herald*.

Report was offered on collection of 2023 dues to date with 70% participation. 11 brothers' dues are still outstanding.

Brother Greg, camp secy is completing form 22 for submission to PA Dept secy. Next documentation required to be completed by our camp is form 27 itemizing personnel strength and remittance of dues for 2023.

Motion to accept the report was approved.

Visitation:

Brothers Wayne and David offered discussion of the annual PA dept Lincoln Luncheon hosted by our sister camp in Sunbury. The affair was held in the charming former Railroad Station in Northumberland. Brother Wayne will be offering photos later in this March issue of *Hartranft Herald*.

New Business:

Brother David spoke upon a display of cigar boxes* embellished with likeness of **Maj Gen John F. Hartranft**. One box was offered to the camp from our national *Banner* editor, another box was purchased from eBay long ago and the most recent box was provided to the camp by *Dave Klinepeter's* Knapp's Battery cohort, **Charlie Oellig** of Linglestown, PA. Charlie is the current curator of the PA 28th Division Museum, at Fort Indiantown Gap. The photos on display revealed gunners of the reenactment battery of long ago. This 3rd box was wooden and square shaped. *Photos later in this issue; check out caption of names.*

Old Business:

After a brief discussion on potential field trips to Delaware and Gettysburg area, namely the Eisenhower Farm Estate, the brothers decided to postpone further comments for our March meeting.

Also, we mentioned we need to conduct a tribute for the Last Veteran ceremony later this year in Perry County, just across the river from Harrisburg.

Brother Logan discussed his latest adventures in local cemeteries accumulating data from text on variety of veteran tombstones.

Patriotic Instructor Report: postponed to March meeting due to small number of personnel on hand today.

Meeting concluded with ritual and camp closed by Brother Logan at 3:40 pm. Brothers adjourned to local restaurant for continued fellowship.

Notes compiled by attendees today.

* *A box/container have been used to pack premium and or handmade cigars. Cuba's H. Upmann brand deserves credits to initiate packaging cigars in boxes in the early 18th century. To get an accurate count of cigars and sales for tax collection purposes, cigars needed to be packed in wooden boxes in batches of 25, 50, 100, or 250 cigars. Cigar boxes are traditionally made from wood (mainly Spanish cedar), but tin, cardboard, and even plastic have been used as alternative materials.*

*A cigar box is a container used for packaging a cigar; it is mainly a part of the cigar accessory. By tradition, a cigar box is made out of cardboard, wood, or paper. Spanish cedar is the 'best' kind of wood for cigar boxes because of its pleasant odor, beautiful grain, ability to keep bugs out, and delicate texture. Yellow Poplar and Eucalyptus are used as popular substitutes, and sometimes it's scented or even stained to resemble the **Spanish Cedar**. Other characteristic woods used to make for cigar boxes include White Oak, Mahogany, and Elm. Circassia, Rosewood, and Basswood are among the lesser-known woods used to manufacture cigar boxes.*

Many cigar companies such as the C Bair and Sons company of Harrisburg PA covered their cigar boxes in colorful images of famous individuals such as John F Hartranft.

Camp Curtin Historical Society notice:

Next Harrisburg Cemetery Tour

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Check out CCHS at CampCurtin@verizon.net or
Facebook



The 160th Anniversary of The Shelling of Carlisle

One of the most harrowing events in the town's long and memorable history. To commemorate the event Historic Carlisle Inc. is hosting a one day only reenactment on Saturday June 10th, 2023.

We are proudly partnered with such organizations as The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, Benchfield Farms, Downtown Carlisle Association, Create-A-Palooza, The National Civil War Museum, Carlisle Theatre, Cumberland County Historical Society, just to name a few!

The action packed day will begin at 10am on W. High Street in the middle of the beautiful downtown Historic District. Hear the lively airs of Civil War songs, just as the soldiers would have heard, played by the Carlisle Brass Band.

Kids will have the opportunity to enlist in the PA Militia and be instructed in the drill and tactics of a Civil War soldier.

As part of Historic Carlisle's Civil War Building Plaque program there will be a walking tour with unveilings of new plaques that have been placed on High Street with a short history of each location.

Well known and accomplished authors on The Civil War and The Cumberland Valley; Cooper Wingert, Jim Schmick, and Scott Mingus will be on hand for book signings and presentations.

See artifacts that pertain to Carlisle's rich history on display at the Cumberland County Historical Society and on the street at The National Civil War Museum's display tent.

[Recent Lincoln Luncheon hosted by camp 503](#)



Brothers Greg, Tony, David and Wayne were among the folks that attended the luncheon. Representatives were on hand from many camps across the Commonwealth.

Military demonstrations will include Artillery, Infantry, Medical, and a 19th Century Saber and Bayonet Drill.

At 3pm the Reenactment of The Shelling of Carlisle will commence!

Watch first hand as Confederate troops enter the town and demand supplies from the citizens. Union troops recapture the town and are forced to stave off a bombardment from enemy artillery. Feel the cannons roar as shells fly overhead and crash into the streets of town. Hear stories of the civilians and soldiers who lived through those turbulent days of 1863.

At the conclusion of the reenactment, at 5pm, the Sons of Union Veterans will be hosting a ceremony at the Civil War Monument on the Square to honor the brave souls from Cumberland County who gave their all for the Union.

To wrap up the evening there will be a showing of the Director's Cut of the film "Gettysburg" in the historic Carlisle Theatre at 7:30pm.

The daylong event is free to the public and has something for everyone of all ages.

For more information, contact Chris Jones: cckylightgallery@hotmail.com

Shared by PDC Doug McMillin, Carlisle Camp 50.

Typical cigar box of years gone by with illustrations of popular 'individual' of the times!



3 boxes among Camp 15's assets



discussion by brother

David; these items displayed below:

Hartranft Cigar Boxes display, at February meeting



Knapps Battery above, Dave Klinepeter, just above drummer....



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1964
 NSSA Winchester Va
 Mike Klinepeter - Charles Dellig
 Eddie Wagner - Don Wagner
 Fred Hampton

1964 Caption hand written by *Dave Klinepeter*,
 Center above.

Small world, the Wagners above are cousins to the
 Demmy Family.



On the Road with Camp 15

Camp events:

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 @ 13th 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 – 7th

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

October camp 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.

Out of Our Past



Above brothers and sisters in attendance at Camp 15's Holiday banquet. Gee look at all that dark hair!
Okay who can name all these folks??? Mid-2000'?

Photo by brother Dave Sosnowski