



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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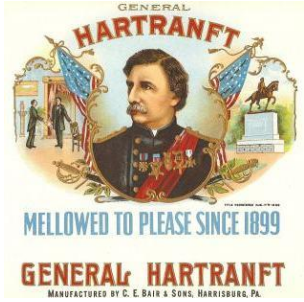
April 2023



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
	Council 01 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vacant
	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 the 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."

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Readers

If you have an email address and you are receiving this newsletter as a hard copy via USPS, and you do not mind receiving future issues via email, please share your email with us to save printing effort and costs.

Email DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Welcome new Brother Eric Ives of Harrisburg PA

Readers, Brother Eric is a veteran and now living in the Harrisburg area. Eric works as a federal law enforcement officer. He is subject to being deployed to any hot spot across the USA. Hopefully he will be sharing his BIO with us in a future issue of this *Hartranft Herald*.

Next Camp Meeting will be on **Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 2 p.m. at NCWM**, high atop Reservoir Park, Harrisburg! You are invited to join us for dinner after the meeting.



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!

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Camp 15 Springtime birthdays:

- DePamphilis, Devin Philip
- Manning, Robert Calvin
- Demmy, Jonathan Scott
- Klinepeter PCC, David J

Camp Council position:

Our brother Tony Kline, of Sunbury PA, has decided to retire from Camp 15. Tony will continue as a brother with our sister camp 503 at Sunbury. We greatly thank Tony for his years of service to Camp 15 as a brother of camp council.

Tony's departure creates a vacancy for camp council. Nominations will be accepted at our April meeting, followed by an election to fill this important camp position. Job description:

Purpose

The purpose of the three-member Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Camp or Department and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Camp or Department offices.

Activities

Camp Council. The activities of the Camp Council should include: (1) Devising and recommending measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp; (2) Making the Camp's investments, leases, and other contracts; (3) Settling and disposing of all disputed accounts between the Camp Treasurer and Brothers of the Camp; (4) Examining the books, vouchers and other financial papers of the Camp; (5) Reviewing and passing upon a quarterly financial report of the Camp; (6) Filling for the unexpired term by of a majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in an elected Camp office. Source: national CC&R!

On the Road with Camp 15

Camp events:

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

April National 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 10/08/23 **NOTE change of Date from usual 3rd Sunday for this meeting!**

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

December camp's annual holiday banquet 10th.

If you need a copy of camp 15's 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.

Continued

Images of March Camp Meeting



Brother Eric Ives at Commander Station!



New Brother Eric Ives pinned by Brother Jeff



Patriotic Instructor's Lesson image below

**Spencer Arms
(Rifle and Carbine)**

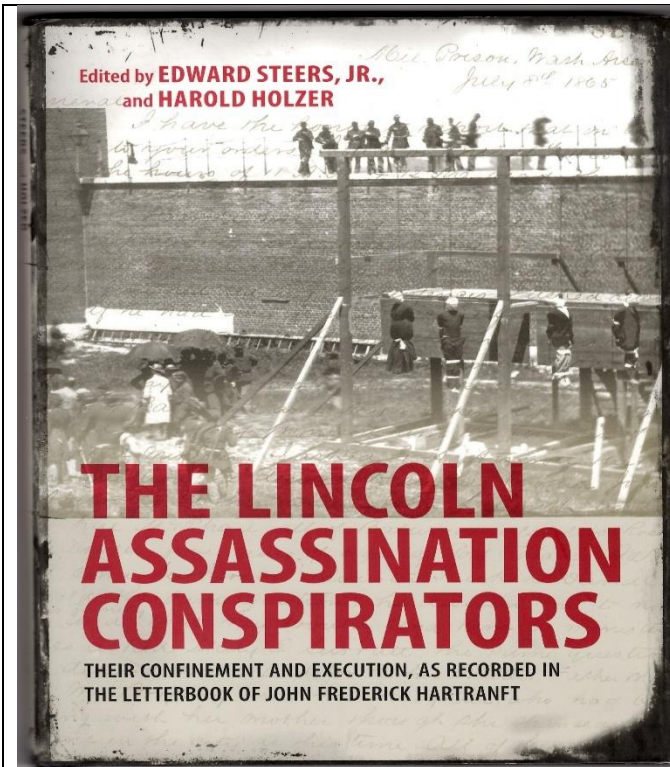
Sunday, March 19, 2023

Presented by : Brother Jeffery Smith



Target Practice : White House, August 19, 1863

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the cover of the book that will be the subject of the final **Hartranft** program at the Schwenkfelder Library on April 30th at 2:00. The presenter will be Harold Holtzer. \$10 Registration is required. Contact the Schwenkfelder Library in Pennsburg, PA for details.

Photos provided by Brother Wayne Blattner

- Treasurer/Chaplain....Dave Demmy, Sr
- Pat. Instructor/Historian....Jeff Smith
- Council 1.....Scott Debo
- Council 2.....Greg Kline
- Council 3.....Jeff Smith
- Color Bearer....Wayne Blattner
- Guide/Guard....Wayne Blattner

Officers Absent

- Commander..... Vern Stout
- Council..... Tony Kline

Members attending:

Bill Jackson

Guests:

Rosemary Jackson

The meeting was called to order by Camp SCV Logan Swanger at 2:01 PM

The meeting minutes from February 19, 2023 were read by Secretary Greg Kline. Motion to accept by Brother Jeff Smith 2nd by Brother Wayne Blattner, motion approved.

The treasurer’s report was read by Brother David Demmy, Sr. The checkbook balance of \$1438 consists mainly of collected dues reported along with the Camp balances in Savings and Certificates of Deposit. Motion to accept by Brother Bill Jackson, 2nd by Brother Greg Kline, motion approved

Sick Brothers or Brothers in Distress

Commander Vern Stout is recovering from surgery and was unable to attend the meeting. Dave Klinepeter is having vision issues which seem to be progressively worse and causing him much frustration.

New membership applications

Minutes of March Camp Meeting

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp # 15
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg PA

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Officers Present

- SVC..... Logan Swanger
- JVC.....Scott Debo
- Secretary.....Greg Kline

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Application for Membership was received from Eric Charles Ives who bases his right of Membership on his 3rd Great Grandfather Brainard Taylor Ives of the 20th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. All paperwork was submitted in good order.

Motion was made by Brother David Demmy, Sr, second by Brother Bill Jackson to approve the application which was unanimously agreed upon.

Brother Eric was initiated as a Member of Camp 15 in Ritual fashion.

Orders, bills, etc.

Read GO# 19 regarding infamous or heinous crimes and flagging a former Brother's file at National Headquarters

Read Dept Order #4 announcing the suspension of Theodore Howell Camp # 48 and Mount Union Church Camp # 502 for failing to file Form 22 with Department Headquarters

Department Orders can be read in their entirety at www.pusvvcw.org

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

Unfinished Business:

Brother Jeff Smith reminded the Camp of the Gettysburg Foundation Spring Muster which will take place on Saturday, April 22. This includes a tour of Little Round Top and breakfast on Sunday.

Brother Jeff also announced a potential field trip to the Fort Delaware prisoner of war camp. He will be circulating an email to gauge when in the months of June through September would best work for a visit. The cost to visit will be \$12 per person.

Due to other activities, our October meeting will be 1 week early, October 8th.

New Business:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith is finalizing the Camp Patriotic Instructor Report which is due to the Department Patriotic Instructor on April 1. He enlisted the help of the Members present to complete the content of the report.

Good of the Order:

Brother David Demmy announced that Brother Dave Klinepeter's 97th birthday will be on April 19!

Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor Jeff Smith presented a program on Spencer weapons (rifles & carbines) including the initial opposition to the rifle by General James Ripley which likely caused a prolonging of the war. Jeff's program and handout included information on specifications, uses for the rifle and carbine during and after the Civil War and he brought an example of each piece to display to the Camp. The presentation was very interesting and well received!

The meeting was closed by SVC Swanger at 3:40 PM

Faithfully submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PDC

Secretary

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp# 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





Department of Pennsylvania Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Make plans now to attend the annual Convention/Encampment

JUNE 22-25, 2023

Altoona Grand Hotel, Altoona, PA

When making reservations mention:
Grand Army of the Republic

Call the hotel directly at 814-946-1631



Room Rate is \$75.00
plus 6% sales tax
and 4% occupancy rate
Total cost = \$82.50 per night
Room rate includes complimentary hot breakfast

*Make your room reservation early, the cutoff date for the
above rate is May 27, 2023*

Hotel includes: Fitness Center, Heated Indoor Pool, Free Parking on site,
Wi-Fi and Internet Access, Restaurant

The hotel is within one mile of a major mall and shopping centers
Near by Attractions include: Altoona Curve Baseball, Horseshoe Curve, Altoona
Works, Railroaders Memorial Museum, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Tour Information will be announced soon
Check the various Pennsylvania Allied Orders individual websites for updates

PREREGISTRATION FORM

Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Encampment

Camp No: _____ Date: _____

Brother:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am a member in good standing in this camp
and my rank in the Order is:

CinC	PCinC	DC
PDC	CC	PCC

Attending as: ___ Delegate ___ Alternate

Pre-Registration fee is \$7.00 by 6/10/2023
 \$10.00 at Encampment
 Make check payable to: PA Dept., SUVCW
 And send to: Secretary/Treasurer:
 Rob Koenigsberg
 504 Prospect St.
 Portage, PA 15946
 814-244-0899
rkoenigsberg3@gmail.com

CREDENTIAL CARDS

If your intention is to make either the Department Encampment in June 2023 or the National Encampment in August 2023, please make sure you obtain a signed card before making either event.

The Credential Card for the Department Encampment can be obtained from your Camp Secretary and must be filled out fully so that you have the right to participate during the business meetings and vote.

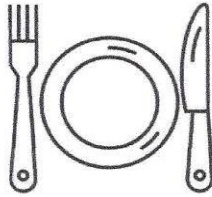
The Credential Card for the National Encampment must be filled out fully and signed by the Department Secretary before you are able to participate. So please contact your Camp Secretary or Camp Commander and he can obtain these for you from the Department.

The form for the Credential Card is located on the National web site under forms. This is a printable form right off of the site. The site is www.suvcw.org

Please make every effort to have these filled out correctly as it makes it easier for those who do the registration to help you.....

"What is the essence of America? Finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom "to" and freedom "from."

-Marilyn vos Savant



**ALLIED ORDERS OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

June 22-25, 2023

Meal Order Form

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 23-24, 2023 LUNCH

Deli Lunch Buffet includes:

*Soup of the Day, Pasta Salad
Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef Deli Meats and Swiss, American, Provolone Cheeses
Tomatoes, Pickles, Lettuce, Potato Chips and Artisan Bread and Roll Assortment
Coffee, Iced Tea and Water and Dessert*

Friday Lunch - number of meals _____ x \$21.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch - number of meals _____ x \$21.00 = _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 EVENING BANQUET

*All dinners are served with: Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Iced Tea and Water*

Desert will be Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce

(Total meal cost includes; entrée, dessert, tax and service charge)

Roasted Chicken number of meals _____ x \$34.00 = _____

Chicken is marinated in chicken velouté, served with mashed potatoes and green beans almandine

Herb Encrusted Salmon number of meals _____ x \$37.00 = _____

Served with herb roasted vegetables, wild rice pilaf and lemon herb sauce

Penne Pasta Primavera number of meals _____ x \$29.00 = _____

Served with herb roasted vegetable and a white cream sauce.


Make checks payable to **PA DUVCW**

Mail check & order form to: Sharon Harkcom, PO Box 33, Cairnbrook, PA 15924

Total number of meals - _____ Total enclosed - _____

Name(s) for meal tickets _____

**Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
Department of Pennsylvania**


 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865
 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 Woman's Relief Corp

Please support the 2023 Pennsylvania Encampment/Convention by purchasing an AD in the Encampment Program Booklet. Your support helps to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a wonderful experience for all to enjoy.



Suggestions for your AD can be to honor your Civil War ancestor, honor a Department or National Officer, or best wishes to a friend or fellow Allied Order member.

An order for an AD with a check, payable to "PA SUVCW" and artwork are to be sent to:

Ellen Higgins
PO BOX 405, MARMORA, NJ 08223-0405
SquirrelOCNJ@aol.com

Deadline for submission is May 16, 2023

AD orders can be sent by USPS mail or email (preferred method). If emailing please send in word doc (please no pdf's) and photos or artwork in jpg format. If you would like a booklet sent to you in the mail, after the Encampment, please include \$2.00 for shipping.

Due to price increases of printing – all AD's will be one price, per size, and will be printed in your choice either – black/white or color

Cost of AD's
 Full Page - \$60.00
 Half Page - \$35.00
 Quarter Page - \$25.00
 Eighth Page - \$15.00
 Patron – one line - \$5.00