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Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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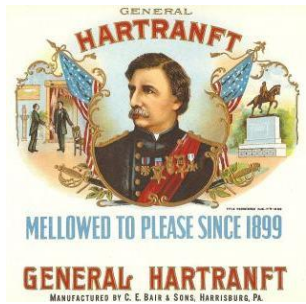
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Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

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 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 15-23
	Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-23
	Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 23-25
	Patriotic Instructor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 00-23
	Chaplain ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger 14-23
	Graves Registration ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2023
	GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vacant
	Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-23
	Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 08-23
	GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2023
	Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2023
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2023
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 2011 - 2023
Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 11-23	
ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave J. Klinepeter, PCC since 1943	
Longevity Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Joseph E. Long, Jr., PDC	
Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Lee F. Walters, PDC	
Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~		



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

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Notes of May 2023 camp business meeting

Hartranft Camp 15

National Civil War Museum Harrisburg PA

Sunday May 21 2023 Sunny and 73°

4 brothers present no quorum

Vern Stout

Logan Swanger

Wayne Blattner

David Demmy Sr

The brothers began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our National Flag.

Note reminder, Camp 15 does not meet during the summer months; however, we usually attempt to work on a road trip. More later on this subject.....

The treasurer's report was offered indicating that after a few outstanding checks clear, we will have a checkbook balance of less than \$300.

The treasurer recently paid for additional SUVCW brass belt buckles to keep our inventory up to date for resale.

Brother David offered dropped brother Bill Kuhn the opportunity to reenlist with local camp in Lebanon County or dept MAL Camp 300.

Also dropped brother David Morrison reenlisted with Camp 15. Paperwork pending.

Also we have 3 CDs monthly earning \$5, \$3, and \$3 respectively. Minutes of April meeting read and we reviewed old business, namely Camp Memorial Day breakfast 8 am May 27, at Peachtree Restaurant and then our annual trek to pay tribute to veterans laid to rest at historic Harrisburg Cemetery.

NOTICE ~~~ Next, discussed camp outing for June 17:

8 am Breakfast at Peachtree and then meet at NCWM [national civil war museum] for carpooling to Gettysburg to visit Eisenhower Estate Farm and hopefully round out day at Frank Buck's WWII military vehicles venue.

If not engaging breakfast, and brothers who desire or need to carpool, meet at NCWM at 9:15 parking lot for departure to Gettysburg.

Entrance to Eisenhower Farm may be free; the cost at WWII museum is \$11 for veterans and \$14 for other adults. Plan to have lunch in downtown Gettysburg following the visit to Eisenhower Farm.

Reminder, if brothers intend to attend PA Department encampment/convention at Altoona, please register with Dept Secy and ask camp secy Greg Klinegregsuvcw@yahoo.com for credential card to attend the weekend long event dtd

June 22nd. Camp membership cards issued earlier this year are required to *attend and vote* during the encampment.

Documents for the encampment were posted in previous issues of Camp 15 newsletter available at www.SuvcwHarrisburgPa.org/

Events for fall of 2023 were briefly mentioned:

- Last veteran tribute for Perry County civil war veteran at Marysville PA just across the river from Harrisburg; and,
- Camp road trip to Fort Delaware:



These notes were compiled by 4 brothers in attendance.

The meeting ended with brothers moseying off to local restaurant for continued fellowship, which lasted much longer than the meeting.

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V for Victory Sign

Where and when the "V for Victory" icon began is not entirely clear. It can be traced back to WWI and was a familiar sight on banners prominently displayed encouraging investments in war loans and community chests.

Regardless of its origin, during WWII it was the most



famous of icons.

The morse code for the letter V, *dot-dot-dot-dash*, became a part of the V for victory icon. V for Victory was truly ubiquitous. It was found on baseball uniforms and programs, movie bills, banks, vases, flags, banners, matchbooks, ashtrays, window displays, dolls, punchboards, jewelry, decals and the list continued with item like this product:



It came to signify America's undying support of its troops. Also it served to program both soldiers and civilians for eventual victory.

It could be seen even in the simple gesture of a hand, two fingers waved in the shape of a V. Peace through victory.

The V for Victory icon was so common, the sheer number of items potentially collectible must number in the tens of thousands.



According to England, with two-fingers up and the palm facing inward, the symbol means “up yours” or “go yourself Der Fuhrer”. Churchill used the “V for Victory” symbol early in the war, until his aides informed him the lower classes were *giggling* at him.



Facing forward, it was “V for Victory”

This author and his band of brothers used it during training back in '68. Riding in back of an open deuce and half or tractor- trailer,



We would wave the **V** symbol to other trainees traveling to and from a rifle range.

Memorial Day 2023

Camp 15 brothers gathered for breakfast and then relocated to historic Harrisburg Cemetery at 13th and State streets to pay tribute to veterans therein:



L to r Scott Debo, David Demmy, Vern Stout, Logan Swanger, Gene Mascioli and Wayne Blattner.



Flowers offered in remembrance of civil war veterans laid to rest in old cemetery.



Brothers below paid tribute to Ephraim Slaughter, the last Civil War Veteran, of the city of Harrisburg.



Brother David read the names and years of the deceased brothers of Camp 15, lost since 2000.



Photos shared by Brother Wayne Blattner and camp commander, Vern Stout.

Following the placing of flags thru-out Harrisburg Cemetery, the brothers moved on to Lincoln Cemetery in Penbrook about 3 miles away.

Harrisburg cemetery is 35 acres bordered by 13th, 15th and Herr streets, overlooking the capitol complex.

In the future, any reader who desires to travel with us to these cemeteries, let us know.

[you must peek through the heavy brush and trees to see the city skyline]. It was established in 1845. Five years later the Cemetery Cottage was built.