



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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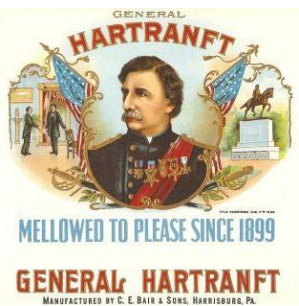
October 2023



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 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 15-23
	Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 18-23
	Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 23-25
	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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Updates on events for Autumn Time:

One, On Saturday October 7, our Pennsylvania Department will, according to General Order, conduct a *Special PA encampment* to vote upon, **10 August 2023, General Order #2 on Membership, requiring Qualifications Ratification** by each Departmental vote: yes or no, in full, on the whole Membership proposal. This subject is the only subject allowable at this Special Encampment. Following the closure of this special event, Pennsylvania will conduct its annual Mid-Year Encampment with lunch. All of this happens at NCWM 1 Lincoln Cir, Harrisburg at Reservoir Park . See copy later in this issue....

Two, Camp 15's October meeting moved up 1 one week earlier on Sunday October 8 2023 2pm at NCWM 1 Lincoln Cir, Harrisburg at Reservoir Park.

Reason: our own department of Pennsylvania Commander, Dane DiFebo will be honored with a Luncheon on the 3rds Sunday, which would be our usual date to meet; and many of us want to go to the affair for Brother Dane to honor him. See copy later in this issue....

Three, See copy later in this issue regarding Camp Curtin Historic Society event in November.

General Order #2, Series 2023 – 2024

10 August 2023

General Order on Membership Qualifications Ratification

1. The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War passed the *following change to the SUVCW Constitution, which must be ratified by more than 50% of the Departments.*
 - a. Recommendation 1: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

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Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

All male descendants, for the purpose of this Constitution, and all Regulations, Orders, and other official acts of the National Organization; Departments and Camps "male" is defined as a person who was biologically male at birth, whether through lineal or collateral lineages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

- b. Recommendation 2 The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Section 2, Subsections (a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

1. Associates are males, a person who was biologically male at birth, at least

fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements of membership established by the National Organization.

2. Junior Associates are males being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

- c. Recommendation 3: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, is hereby amended to add a new Section 6 to read as follows:

Section 6. A Brother who has been duly elected to membership in the Order shall not be subsequently disqualified from membership or be discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

- d. Recommendation 4: The Regulations of the Order are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter III, Article X, Junior Associates, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Junior Associates shall being a person who was biologically male at

birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet ancestor service (blood relative) qualifications stipulated in Article III on the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Recommendation 5. It is recommended that Form 3, Membership Application, be amended so that the declaration in Part II, Application Information and Declaration, be amended to read as follows:

I declare that I am a male being a person who was biologically male at birth, and that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution of the Order, the Bylaws of the Department and the Bylaws of the Camp.

2. All Departments will see that this General Order is disseminated throughout. There cannot be any changes made to the items presented as this is the wording accepted by the 142nd National Encampment. It is strictly a For or Against Ratification vote.

3. Once the vote has been taken the Department Commander through the Department Secretary will notify IN WRITING the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary of the result of said vote. As soon as the 51 percent of the [31] Departments ratify these changes will be in effect.

So Ordered on the 10th Day of August 2023
Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Peter J. Hritsko Jr, Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Submitted 10 August 2023.

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The Officers and Brothers of
Joel Searfoss Camp No. 273
Department of Pennsylvania
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*Request the pleasure of your company along with guests
at a dinner to honor and support*

Department Commander
Dane A. DiFebo

Sunday, October 15, 2023, 4 to 8 PM
Dinner served at 5 o'clock

CJ Hummels Restaurant
28 Willow St., Lenhartsville Pa. 19534
(I-78, EXIT 35)

\$40 per person

Followed by a presentation by historian
Michael Jesberger



"The 50th Anniversary
of the Gettysburg Reunion"



Reservations:

Please send checks made out to **Joel Searfoss Camp 273**
TO Bro. Alfred C. Carty, P.D.C.
2721 John Street
Easton, PA 18045



Camp Curtin Historical Society presents

The Creation of the Gettysburg National Cemetery and the Dedication Ceremony

by Bradley Gottfried



2:00PM, Sunday, November 5th
National Civil War Museum

One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Pa.

Creating the National Cemetery was a task fraught with
drama, intrigue, and hard work. Dr. Gottfried will present
the fast-moving story using a myriad of illustrations.

This presentation is free. Bring a friend.

We will also have a used book sale.

**For more information call 717-732-5115
or email genjenkins@aol.com**

*We hope to see you on October 7th and 8th and
November 5th and later Remembrance Day
Weekend 17, 18 and 19th.*

See next page for your invitation to Camp 15's
annual Holiday Banquet. We have a contract with
cater and issued the standard 10% downpayment.
The banquet hall contract has been secured and
payment pending any day. Please rsvp by 11/25/23.

Happy autumn and fall to you and yours. Brothers,
we hope to see you early in October for the above
events.

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2023 Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet

You and yours are invited to break bread with General John F. Hartranft, Camp 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at our annual Holiday Banquet gathering.



When **Sunday, December 10, 2023** - 2nd Sunday in December

All participants: please bring 2-4 items for the gift table with value of about \$15 each! ITEMS SHOULD BE UNWRAPPED FOR VIEWING! **Each time you win at Bingo, move to the gift table and select an item.** Return to your seat and play again – good luck!

Items may be, e.g.: nice old book, new book, relic tree ornament, CD music, DVD, gift certificate, other ideas may be Civil War related or not, veteran related or not, family related or not; e.g.: candles, stationery, teddy bear, puzzles, games – *you may make it interesting* for all of us by providing *unusual choices!*

Where: National Civil War Museum at Reservoir Pk Hbg – upper-level banquet room!

GPS = 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Cost: **\$ 34.00** per person (due to inflation costs by cater and services provided)

Payable to: Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

Payment: Please submit your check to camp Treasurer no later than **11/25/2023**

Fellowship hour: **12:00 – 12:30 ~~~~ Mealtime approximately 1:00 pm.**

Activities: Good food and fellowship; appointment of officers for the New Year!

Entertainment: Holiday Bingo



Don't fall asleep, RSVP now

Preferred RSVP by email at DoubleD@Demmy.cc or call David W. Demmy, telephone 717 545 5174. Please leave your full name and *number of people attending!* Please remit full payment no later than **November 25th** for a full accounting to the cater for preparation of our annual event.

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Send remittance of **\$34 for each individual** Payable to Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW

David Demmy

881 Sunny Hill Ln

Harrisburg PA 17111 - 4690



Likewise, if you are interested, bring some cash to engage in the Camp's 50/50 opportunity! 50/50 Tickets are \$.50 each; or **12 for \$5.00** – that's 2 free.

Driving Directions to National Civil War Museum

VISIT NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM WEBSITE AT

www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

SCROLL DOWNWARD FOR APPROPRIATE SET OF DIRECTIONS

To save postage you may bring your New Year **2024** Camp 15 dues of **\$50** along!

Still \$50 and Camp treasurer prefers checks payable to

'Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW'.



Circa 1955

God bless you and yours!

Have a safe trip!

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