




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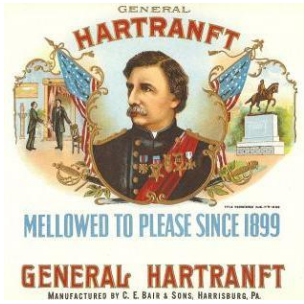
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Come to our general meetings and view central Pennsylvania from high atop Reservoir Park!

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 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	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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Summer Road Trip

Three years in the making and finally a contingent of brothers enjoyed breakfast together and then headed to Gettysburg area:

First the brothers visited the Eisenhower Farm!

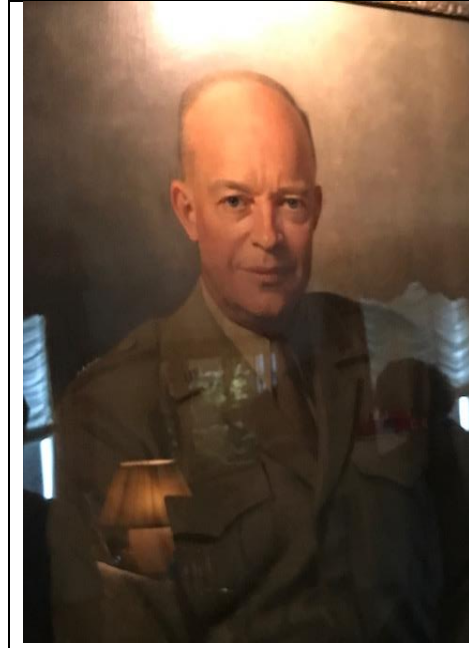
While waiting for the next guided tour, they checked out the old barn and Ike's putting green:



Brother Jeff above showed his skill on the green.



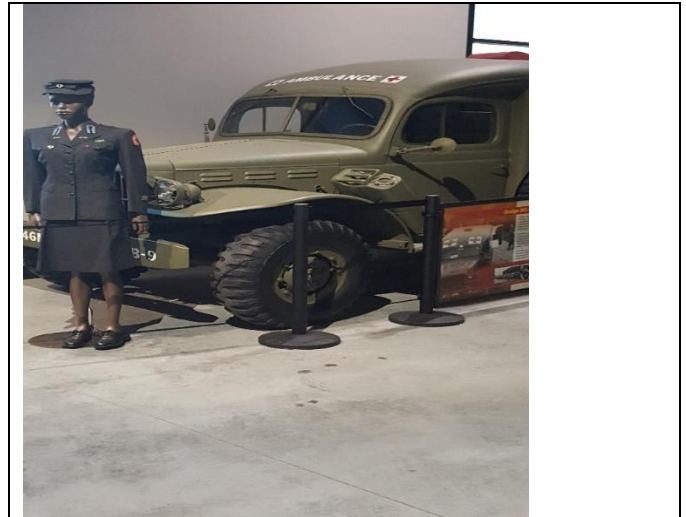
Tour consisted of Mamie's homestead:



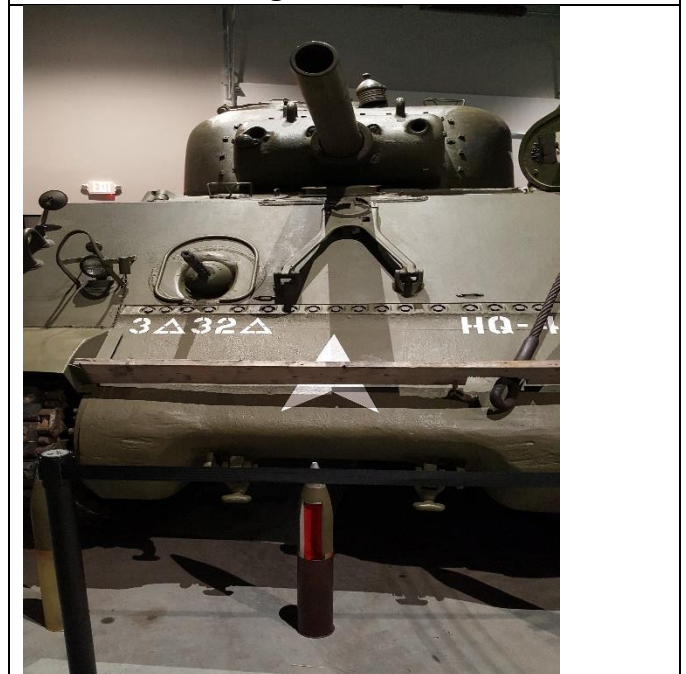
The General



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Red Cross visiting vehicle.



3rd Armored Division Sherman Tank

Following the visit to the Eisenhower Farm, the brothers moseied downtown and had a great leisurely lunch! AND then they continued the carpooling to the WWII American Experience Museum of WWII era vehicles.

Note: brother Bill Jackson's friend, Frank Buck collected and initiated the museum. What a wonderful experience indeed....



. . . . nicknamed The Eagle after the late tanker Clarence Smoyer of Allentown PA. Clarence and crew, made famous by the recent Book 'Spearhead' for the famed 3rd Armored Division of WWII.

Many of the accomplishments of the 3rd Armored Division were accorded to Gen Patten's Third Army by newspapers of the WWII era as the media did not know the difference between an *Army* such as Third Army and a *Division* such as the 3rd Armored Division [Spearhead].



PS Elvis was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in 1958 and served well.....



10th Armored Division maintenance truck. *This author wonders if this truck pulled maintenance upon our late brother Floyd Demmy's halftrack which threw a track and the halftrack squad sat for a week awaiting repair before rejoining the war.*



Dismounted M45 Quad 4, 50 Cal. deadly terror.

Just announced: Rosemary, wife of brother Bill Jackson, fell and had surgery to fix the damage. She is recuperating and will need therapy following the healing process. Please add Rosemary and Bill to your prayer list!

Camp 15 Summer birthdays:

Kuhn Jr, William Charles
Klinepeter, David 'Mike'
Kyle, Lynn E
Bruner, Thomas Gene
Demmy Jr, David William
Stout, Vernon David
Swanger, Logan Garth
Foster, Barry Elmer
Jackson, William Spencer

Summer bookkeeping:

After remitting camp dues to our Pennsylvania Department for PA dues and National Per Capita which includes our quarterly magazine, *The Banner*; office supplies and postage; and ads in the PA encampment book; we have a *mere* balance in the checkbook of less than \$200.

National Civil War News:

Through the Blue Star Museum program, NCWM is offering summer-time free admission to active-duty, NG, and reserve personnel & families. Events:

September 22 Cocktails and Cannonballs evening.

September 23 Civil War Saturday.

February 17 2024 Quilt Raffle

Other News, Dual Brother of Camp 15, Ben Hobbins, has been appointed to the national Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the United States of America (2026); and Ben has been added to promotion and marketing committee.

Congrats brother Ben.

Brothers and Sisters in Distress

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

PCC Dave Klinepeter has some concerns! Continued prayers for Dave and his family for caring for him. 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!

More recently brother Gene reported his health issues and that he will undergo heart surgery again in August. At this writing, Gene is recuperating. If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them!

DoubleD@Demmy.cc

My wife says I never listen to her or something like that! Hmmmmmm



5 out of 4 people have difficulty with Math.

Notice at resort: this pool is closed because it is not open! Really?

Cheerleaders post banner: Got Spirt?

Girls go back to English class; Please!

Technically a half glass of water is: 50% air and 50% water;

Therefore, the glass is completely full.

NO matter how big and bad you are, whenever a 2-year-old hands you a toy phone, you had better answer it!

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So readers do you read this sign left to right or up and down:

YOU DON'T  
MATTER GIVE UP

Parking available in empty spaces only!  
Hmmm

Sign on government fence:

Post no signs on this fence. Subject to penalty!

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Parking lot Sign:

ENTRANCE ONLY
DO NOT ENTER!

I was so ugly when I was born, the Doctor spanked my Mother!

On the Road with Camp 15

Camp events:

July summer recess

August **National Encampment 3 – 7th**

August 27th, a Sunday, Camp 503 Sunbury's annual picnic

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!

Following week, October 15th, Camp 273 will be hosting testimonial luncheon in honor of our PA dept commander, Dane DiFebo.

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

December camp's annual holiday banquet 10th.

With usual cater!

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.

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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

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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



samples....

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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