



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 **141st** Year serving Harrisburg Area



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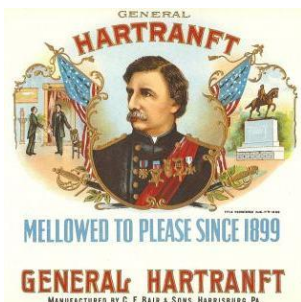
Happy New Year

January 2024

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!

2024 Hartranft Camp 15	Commander ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vernon Stout 2021-2024
Officers and Staff	Senior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger PCC 2021-2024
	Junior Vice Commander ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 2021-2024
	Secretary ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 2008-2024
	Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr. PCC 2007-2024
	Council 01 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Scott Debo, PCC 2015-2024
	Council 02 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018-2024
	Council 03 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2023-2025
	Patriotic Instructor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2018-2024
	Chaplain ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC 2000-2024
	Graves Registration ~ ~ ~	Logan Swanger 2014-2024
	GAR Historian ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Jeffery Smith, PCC 2025
	Counselor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Vacant
	Eagle Scout Coordinator ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 2011-2024
	GAR Highway Officer ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 2008-2024
	Guide ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2024
	Color Bearer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2024
	Guard ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Wayne Blattner PCC 2024
	Webmaster ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Dave W. Demmy, Jr. 2011-2024
	ROTC Coordinator ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Gregory E. Kline, PCC 2011-2024
	Longevity Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late 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."

December 2023 and January 2024 *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

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2024

2nd ‘announced’ notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2024 Camp 15 dues of **\$50** to early camp Meeting! Life Members’ dues are \$7.00 for Pennsylvania Department collection, only! Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita! Camp 15 Life Members only need remit \$7.00 dues for PA Department! See text bottom of national [form 9](#) for specifics!

Camp treasurer prefers **\$50** check payable to **‘Hartranft Camp 15, SUVCW’**.

Or mail your check to
David W. Demmy, Sr.
881 Sunny Hill Lane
Harrisburg PA 17111 – 4690

A *Check* protects both parties!

Notices will be issued in January and February!
Deadline for 2024 dues is the end of February!
Donations appreciated for postage and office supplies!

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Article II
Membership

Section 3 (a). A Brother whose dues are not paid by **March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues** by Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him.

A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order. ²⁴ ***A Brother may be reinstated by paying the current year’s dues [camp and department] plus a [national] reinstatement fee of ten dollars (\$10.00)!***

For 2024 until any future increase in per capita, the total reinstatement is \$60.00 all-year-long and may not be prorated.

To become a National Life Member of our grand organization, visit national website www.suvcw.org choose forms, select form 9. Save it to your computer, open this newly saved form, complete it, save it, and attach your payment for your age bracket and mail directly to national headquarters!

Brothers and Sisters who may be in Distress

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

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 December birthdays:

Kratzer III, Russell E

Blattner, Wayne B

Betz, Kelly Wayne

Motts, Wayne E

January birthdays:

Kline, Anthony Frederick

Debo, Scott A

Bolian, William Charles

Stephens, Glenn W

Mascioli, II, P Eugene

Images of our 2024 Holiday Banquet with tribute to our late brother David J Klinepeter



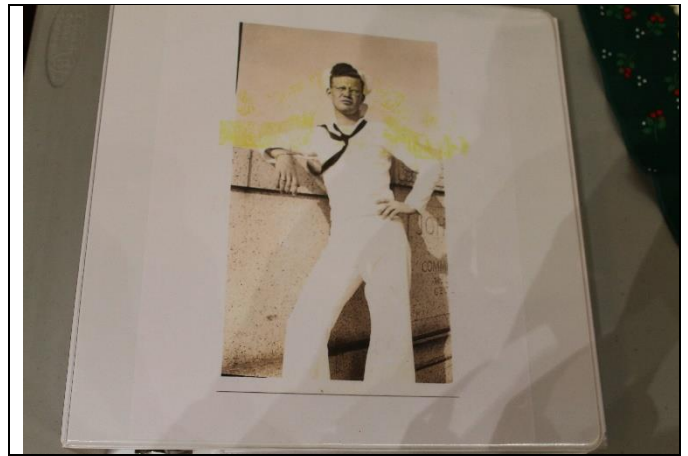
Cake courtesy of Jeff and Henny Smith



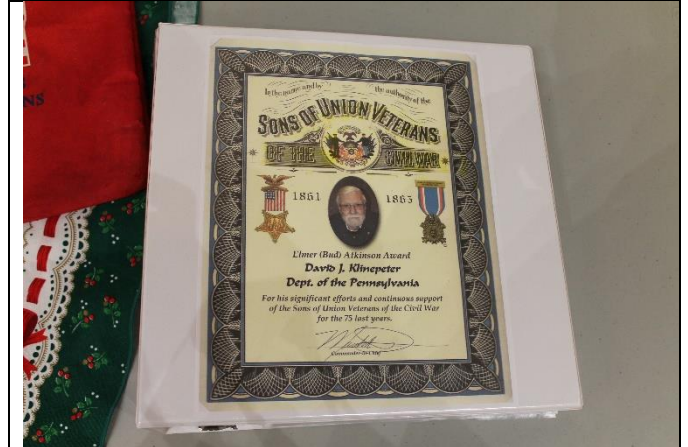
2024 center pieces for each table hand-crafted by Dave Demmy, Jr., camp webmaster!



Special display of items regarding Dave presented to Dave's Family, Rose and Mike Klinepeter.



Binder of photos of Dave's early life [wwii] etc.



2nd binder of photos of Dave's SUVCW life in the Civil War Community portraying Governor Andy Curtin.



Chaplain Scott Teeters offered words of wisdom and short story about late Dave Klinepeter with prayer.



Plaque gift from old Dave to Camp 15 presented to Camp 15 Commander Vern Stout by Mike Klinepeter.



Lincoln Gettysburg Address plaque.



Bingo gift table display.



Brother Dane DiFebo, PA Dept Commander 2022-2024 conducting the installation of brothers for 2024.



Brothers taking oath once more for 2024.

Pennsylvania Department newsletter,
the Battle Cry of Freedom
will be published later this month.

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Camp 15 on the Road for 2024

January camp meeting Sunday 21st.

Potential Lincoln Luncheon February 10th

February camp meeting Sunday 18th

March camp meeting Sunday 17th

April camp meeting Sunday 21st

May camp meeting Sunday 19th

May Memorial Day weekend Camp day 25th

June PA Dept encampment 27th 28th 29th at
King of Prussia with election of new
department officers for 2024 2025.

August National encampment 1st, - 4th at
Lexington KY.

September camp meeting Sunday 15th

October camp meeting Sunday 20th

November Remembrance Day Parade
weekend 16th

Nat'l council meeting Sunday 17th

December Camp 15 Annual Holiday Banquet
Sunday 8th.

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 they are submitted by members.

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 all of your friends to a Camp meeting! Family and our sisters of the Allied Orders are always welcome!

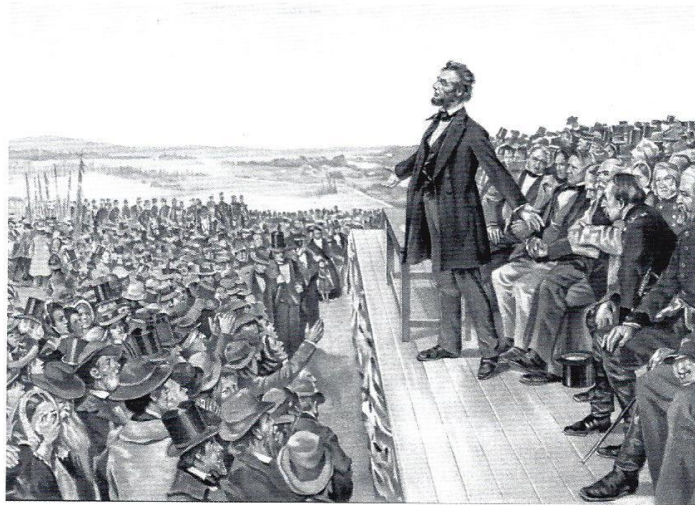
Camp 15 Established February 11, 1882
in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

God bless you and yours and God bless the USA.

Camp Curtin Historical Society presents

The Mysteries of Lincoln's Visit to Gettysburg

by Bradley Gottfried



2:00PM, Sunday, March 3, 2024
National Civil War Museum
One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Pa.

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