



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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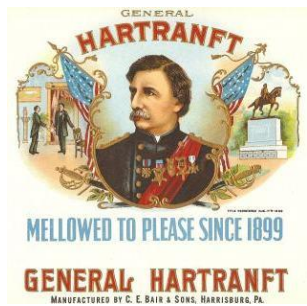
February 2024



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.”

February 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 Membership Dues time for year
2024

3rd and final printed
‘announced’ notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2024 Camp 15 dues of **\$50** to next 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! Blessings for Klinepeter family as they continue onward. Additional blessings for our Brother Eric Ives, a trooper with Homeland Security, who has been deployed several times last couple of years, right in the USA to hotspots and troubled cities of America.

Our brother David who had tumor removed from his pititary gland in ’19 was recently tested for hormone levels and he flunked the blood test. He was DX’d with Addison Disease and while there is no cure for it, he will be on life long meds to compensate for the low levels of hormones.

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 minutes of January 2024 meeting

January 21, 2024 - 31° very sunny

Brothers Present

1. Commander Vern Stout
2. Sr Vice Commander Logan Swanger
3. Treasurer David Demmy Sr
4. Guide Wayne Blattner

New Brothers

1. Bill Ribblett
2. Chuck Brackbill Jr

Brother Vern opened the meeting according to our Rituals and Ceremonies procedures.

The new brothers were welcomed and introduced and provided with a personal copy of the script of a business meeting procedures. One traveled from York county, the other traveled from Adams county to attend their first camp meeting.

The above brothers ventured out into the cold and had to fight the drifted snow upon the major hill at Reservoir Park to gain access to the National Civil War Museum building.

The brothers' absences were due to family obligations, weather-related concerns and perhaps travel distance to The Burg [Harrisburg].

Brother Vern welcomed Bill and Chuck and they provided a brief BIO. Bill and his older brother Terry submitted their applications in October. Terry is retired; Bill is a veteran and

retired from the Commonwealth. Chuck is a retired attorney who has traveled often for employment including Kuwait. He hand-carried his application today.

Treasurers Report offered by brother David

Annual banquet in December resulted in:

44 potential invitees

28 rsvp's

28 folks arrived and had an enjoyable afternoon of the usual great catered meal, viewing installation of 2024 officers; visiting the *Last Man Table* in honor of our late brother Dave Klinepeter, a WWII veteran; and later, we played bingo for items everyone brought to share for the winners and we had winners and more winners.

The current balance of funds available for expenditures includes prepaid dues for 2024. Forthcoming expenses will be postage and ink for monthly newsletters and purchase of membership badges; and reimburse to Brother Logan for prepaying for Last Veterans project to honor last civil war veteran of Perry County.

New Business

Brother Wayne offered a query regarding years of service pins for attachment to membership badges. Following the meeting, the editor researched national quartermaster store for availability and cost of each attachment. Pins for 10, 15, 20, 25,

30+ years of service are in short inventory. Each pin is \$10 plus S/H. each brother may make his own purchase at QM store at www.suvacw.org and click on QM store!

The survey of brothers' years-of-service results revealed following for camp 15:

4 brothers with 25 years of service

5 brothers with 20 years of service

12 brothers with 15 years of service

5 brothers with 10 years of service.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued support of camp 15 to honor your civil war ancestor[s].

Announcement: the annual Pennsylvania Department newsletter is available at <https://www.pasucw.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023-PA-Dept-End-of-Year-Issue-Draft.pdf>

Please check out data on department's annual encampment in June.

Communications: Recent national General Orders are available at nat'l website www.sucw.org.

Patriotic Instructor's words of wisdom

Brother Wayne filled in for out of the country brother Jeff. Wayne provided wonderful, informative picture and story presentation on his 7 civil war ancestors. Wayne's story provided photos, images, and BIOs on his ancestors as soldiers, campaigns, and their post war lives! Well done Wayne and for your next project you may begin with my 3

civil war ancestors and their regiments. I have enough data and images for you to put together a half-hour program. – regards David.....

More Brothers and Sisters in Distress

Camp 15 mourns the death of Frank Buck, owner and operator of WWII American Experience Museum outside of Gettysburg.

See 2023 summer edition of this newsletter for the field trip camp 15 enjoyed during visit to that museum. Camp 15 offers our christain sympathy to [national] Assistant Executive Director, Mrs Susan Mitchell upon recent lost of her mother-in-law. Mrs Scott Debo recovering; Brother Logan has a concern.

Camp 15 late winter birthdays:

Ottens, Russell J

Ives, Eric Charles

Brackbill Jr, Charles Leslie

Messersmith, Donald

Hobbins, James Benjamin

DePamphilis, Devin Philip

Manning, Robert Calvin

Demmy, Jonathan Scott

Engravings upon tombstones:

Now I know something you don't know!

I told you I was sick!

<i>I'm Mr. Stupid</i>		<i>I'm with him</i>
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I'll be back! Don't touch my stuff!

That's all folks – Mel Blanc

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.