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Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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“Camp Meeting March 17th”

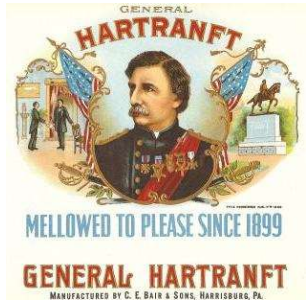
March 2024



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!

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| 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.”

March 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

Forthcoming camp business meeting

Sunday March 17th 2pm at

NCWM building high atop reservoir park!

Did you know the park is the highest elevation in Harrisburg? Don't look for the American Flag; it is down for winter months due to harsh winds on the hill.

Brothers and Sisters who may be in Distress

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

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. and brother Logan Swanger too with new concern!

New additions: PCinC Mark Day's wife Barbara is hospitalized. PCinC Mike Paquette has a concern. Mrs. Dave Demmy Jr, is recuperating! PCinC Gene Mortoroff is also hospitalized!

If you have knowledge of our sisters and brothers in distress, drop us a line so we may pray for them! DoubleD@Demmy.cc

Membership Dues for year 2024

A hardy thanks you for brothers that have paid their 2024 dues in a timely manner.

Membership cards for 2024 will be available at our March meeting. Please attend to receive your *paid dues* membership card. Otherwise, it costs the camp funds to mail acknowledgement and card to each brother; and postage increased again in January!

Camp offers a warm thank you to brothers who added a donation to their dues remittance.

If you are still delinquent in your dues, please hurry and make your remittance now. If dues are not paid by end of March 2024, camp 15 will have no option but to drop you from the rolls of the camp, dept, and national for nonpayment for 2024. If you want to be reinstated after March, there is a national \$10 fee on top of our 2024 \$50.00 rate.

Visit camp meeting this weekend or mail your remittance *payable to*

Hartranft Camp 15 SUVCW to

David Demmy

881 Sunny Hill Ln

Harrisburg PA 17111-4690

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 is Camp day Saturday 25th! On this date camp gathers for breakfast and then off to historic Harrisburg cemetery to pay tribute to veterans therein; followed up with visit to Lincoln cemetery in Penbrook just a mere couple of miles away. Penbrook is a small community next to Reservoir Park.

Details about breakfast TBA later.

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 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 all 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.

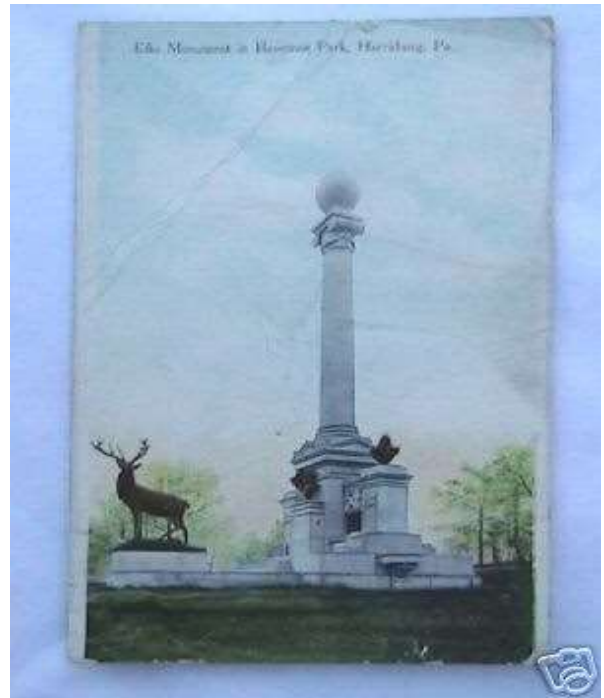
Minutes of February meeting

Sunday February 18 sunny with 38°

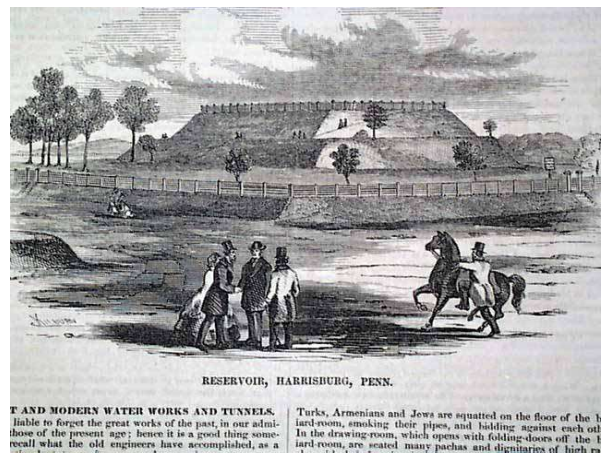
11 brothers persent including PA Dept Commander, brother Dane FiFebo.

Following the business meeting 4-5 brothers gathered together at local resturant and broke bread together and had another good time.

Minutes are not available at this time!



Anyone recongize these old images?



OLD AND MODERN WATER WORKS AND TUNNELS. Turks, Armenians and Jews are squatted on the floor of the hard room, smoking their pipes, and baiding against each other. In the drawing room, which opens with folding-doors off the hard room, are seated many pachas and dignitaries of high rank. liable to forget the great works of the past, in our admilshoes of the present age; hence it is a good thing some- recall what the old engineers have accomplished, as a