




**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 **142nd** Year serving Harrisburg Area

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**“Cemetery Tribute Month”**

**May 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 Floyd J Demmy WWII Veteran	
Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Joseph E. Long, Jr., PDC, Veteran	
Praiseworthy Brother ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Late Lee F. Walters, PDC	

Camp 15 routinely meets at the National Civil War Museum, at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA, 2 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of most months. PA Dept: [www.PAsuvcw.org](http://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.”

May 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, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm at** NCWM building high atop reservoir park! Check out the magnificent USA flag. It can be seen from Enola; I-83, and west-bound Route 22.

**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. Also, Memorial Camp 300, PA Dept MAL Camp secy.

Continued blessings for Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP. Greg Kline, Tony & Dot Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Ohio; 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 now home. PCinC Mike Paquette has a concern. Mrs. Dave Demmy Jr, is recuperating! PCinC Gene Mortoroff has been 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](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

### **Dues for 2024 by treasurer brother David**

Camp 15 lost 6 brothers due to neglect, forgetfulness, life; despite dues reminders in Dec, Jan, and Feb Newsletters and personal extension into Mar. Presently camp 15 is down 6 personnel to 34. 10 years ago we were 61 strong. Membership Cards

have been issued in Feb and Mar, if you did not receive your card, let me know at [execdir@suvvcw.org](mailto:execdir@suvvcw.org)

### **Notes from April Camp business Meeting:**

Notes of Camp 15 Meeting for April 2024

Sunday April 21, 2024 54<sup>o</sup> very chilly

Brothers Present:

SVC Logan

JVC Scott

Treasurer David

Dual brother Kyle

Guest Diane

All other personnel were absent due to illness or family or employment obligations.

New dual brother Kyle Purchase was introduced and welcomed into Hartranft Camp. Kyle's home primary camp is Baker-Fischer camp 101 of Hatboro. New employment brought Kyle to Capital City of Harrisburg and Kyle decided he wanted to become a dual brother of a local, active camp!

Camp 15 expresses our Christian sympathy to the CEO of the National Civil War Museum, Jeff Nichols, upon the very recent death of his Father of Connecticut.

PDP sisters Barbara and Ellen recently visited PDP Margaret Atkinsons whose late husband was PCinC Bud Atkinson of PA. The sisters had a grand time with Margaret whose family was celebrating a surprise birthday party for her that day!

### **Back to camp meeting:**

The brothers were invited to attend the forthcoming PA Dept Encampment at King of Prussia end of June

and to register with dept and obtain credentials card for camp 15 secy brother Greg asap.

Brother David announced a few things from the recent national Council of Administration meeting in Springfield IL – mid-April:

- New certificates available at QM store. PA dept Kittanning camp requested a license from the national to sell hats and shirts with SUVCW name and PA symbols. The council voted 9-0 in favor of the request.
- All known banners on hand at HQs have been scanned! DVDs were shared with Banner Editor and National Webmaster. Brother Rob is slowly adding the old banners to our national website. [uploading now complete]. Take a gander when you have an opportunity. Likewise, National Assistant Executive Director, Susan Mitchell, is scanning all known surrendered camps and/or former department charters. [project completed.]
- Next year 2024, will be the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln.
- The Kit Carson Monument concern has been turned over to the Federal Government and is no longer a concern for SUVCW.
- *Introducing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Flyer* was approved by the Council and given a Publication number.
- *No action taken on short term portion of phase 2 plan to relocate Headquarters introduced by Headquarters committee.*
- *Query regarding potential new badge for secy or treasurer who have served over 10 years and is entitled to PCC honors. Council may be leaning towards a lapel pin in lieu of another badge. [see national council minutes for exact details].*

### Treasurer's Report by David W Demmy, Sr:

34 Brothers have paid their 2024 dues and are considered BIGS [brothers in good standing]. Six brothers after notices in newsletter and emails have neglected or couldn't make a remittance for their dues. According to SUVCW national regulations, the 6 have been suspended and dropped from camp 15 rolls. By comparison, in 2010 camp 15 boasted 62 brothers. Among deaths, brothers relocated outside of PA, and Covid, we have lost 28 brothers since '10.

In other news regarding membership, during the National Civil War Museum's Community FREE day yesterday, brothers Bill and David met a brother from MD whose camp disbanded. Brother Eddie was invited to seek transfer into camp 15; and on Monday, Eddie visited HQs and paid his prorated dues for 2024. Eddie is now a BIGS in camp 15. Welcome Eddie Roberts.



Just in time for coming holidays:

**S U V C W**

**Aluminum Vehicle License  
Plate**

FULL 'COLOR' DETAIL



Send \$15 payable to

**General John F. Hartranft Camp 15**

**Greg Kline**

205 N. 40th St. Apt. 203  
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2271

*Or purchase at encampment registration desk!*

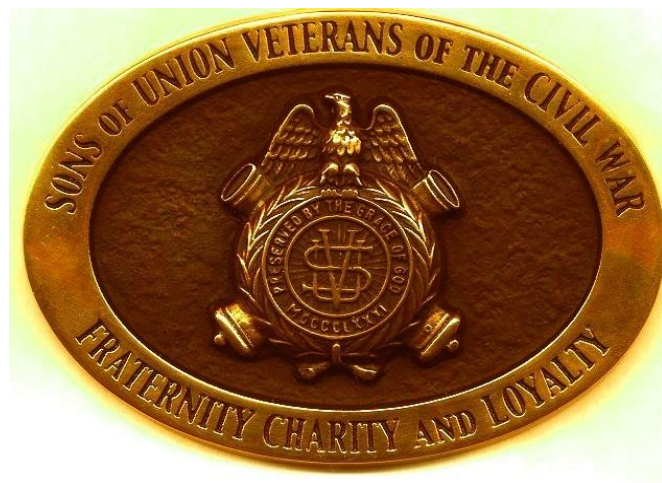
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Or purchase these items in person at May camp meeting..... please provide cash or check.

Father's Day gift:

**Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle**



**Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle**

*Fits up to 1 & 3/4-inch Belt*

send \$50 payable to

**General John F. Hartranft Camp 15**

**Scott Debo**

144 Race St, Sunbury, PA 17801

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## Camp 15 on the Road for 2024

~~January camp meeting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>~~

~~Potential Lincoln Luncheon February 10<sup>th</sup>~~

~~February camp meeting Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>~~

~~March camp meeting Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>~~

~~April camp meeting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>~~

May camp meeting Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

May Memorial Day weekend Camp Day **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**! On this date the camp gathers for **7 a.m.** breakfast [*reservation already made*]; 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. Please RSVP to [execdir@sucvw.org](mailto:execdir@sucvw.org).

**Breakfast Details: 7 a.m.** at Peachtree Restaurant [HOME | Peachtree \(peachtree251.biz\)](http://HOME|Peachtree(peachtree251.biz)) or try [Online Menu of Peachtree Family Dining, Harrisburg, PA \(menupix.com\)](http://Online Menu of Peachtree Family Dining, Harrisburg, PA (menupix.com)).

June PA Dept encampment 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> at King of Prussia with election of new department officers for 2024-2025. For details Visit department 2023 newsletter: [Volume 2007-2008, No 2 \(pasucvw.org\)](http://Volume 2007-2008, No 2 (pasucvw.org))

August National encampment 1<sup>st</sup>, - 4<sup>th</sup> at Lexington KY. For details visit: <https://sucvw.org/national-encampment>

September camp meeting Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

October camp meeting Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

November Remembrance Day Parade weekend 16<sup>th</sup>

Nat'l Council meeting Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

**December Camp Annual Holiday Banquet Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:DoubleD@Demmy.cc)

**Bring a nephew, uncle, brother, father, grandfather, cousin, 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.