

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

@ Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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Let us Give Thanks! November 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!

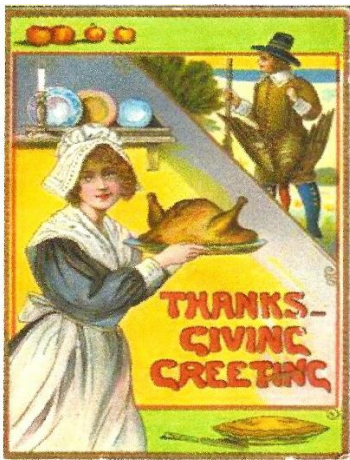
Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, and Term. Includes roles like Commander, Officers and Staff, Treasurer, and various council members.

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."

This

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[Give thanx for our bounty!](#)

**This November newsletter is draped
in remembrance of our late Brother Tony Kline
1938 – 2024**

[Brothers, next camp event,](#) will be Remembrance Day Activities, see national Autumn *Banner* for details.

Camp 15 does not meet during November due to Remembrance Day weekend and no meeting in December due to holiday banquet. This year the banquet will be in conjunction with camp 503 at Sunbury.

[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. – see notice among October Camp meeting *minutes* below.

[Minutes of October 2024 Camp Meeting](#)

Location: National Civil War Museum Education Gallery.

Date: Sunday October 20th 2024 very sunny at 70°

SVC Brother Logan opened the meeting according to ritual.

Roll Call – following present:

1. Mascioli - PCC
2. Swanger – SVC
3. Blattner – Council
4. Demmy – Treasurer
5. Brackbill – Brother
6. Purchase – Brother
7. DiFebo – PDC *visitor*

Treasurers report presented and approved.

Recommendation that forthcoming dues for 2025 remain at the \$50 level. Approved. Dues notices will be published in November through February at Hartranft Heralds. The due date is the end of February. Nonpayment's will result in personnel being *reluctantly* dropped from our rolls.

The treasurer will be making a special order of goods from the national quartermaster store!

Nominations were offered for 2025 officers.

According to ritual, the following personnel were nominated and elected or appointed:

Commander – Kyle Purchase
 Senior Vice – Logan Swanger
 Junior Vice – Scott Debo
 Secretary – Wayne Blattner
 Treasurer – David Demmy Sr.
 Council – Jeff Smith
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 Chaplain – David Demmy Sr.
 Patriotic Instructor – Jeff Smith
 Guide/Color Bearer – Wayne Blattner

Officers are to be installed during the Holiday Banquet at Sunbury PA.

Post meeting:

Job descriptions were shared with appropriate brothers along with year 2024 forms 22 and 27.

Brothers and Sisters who may be in Distress:
 Continued blessings for Mrs. Diane Debo, Mrs. Charlotte Walters PDP. Tony & Dot Kline, Scott Debo. Mrs. Betz, Jim Crane of Dept of Ohio; and Mrs.

Rosemary Jackson. Brother Vern Stout. Brother Ivan Frantz of York PA camp 33.

Mrs. Ellen Kowalski to care for Jerry, our immediate pass National Chaplain and our local chaplains too: Scott Teeters, & Clark Brocht! PCinC Ed Krieser & PCinC Brad Schall. God bless you and yours, and in all things, give thanx! Blessings for Klinepeter family as they continue onward.

Susan Mitchell Assistant Executive Director has 1 more procedure to have completed.

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

Written and Published Orders:

The National General Orders and Pennsylvania Department orders are published on those 2 websites. [see links on page 1 of monthly newsletter]. They have been distributed to all Camp 15 personnel who have an email address. If you need a copy of a particular order, contact David at DoubleD@Demmy.cc.

Good of the Order:

Wreaths Across America local dates:

Paxton Presbyterian Church Cemetery -
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/158916/overview/?relatedId=0>

Historic Midland Cemetery -

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/173077/Overview/?relatedId=0>

Both events are on Saturday, December 14th. Paxton is at 9am, Midland is Noon.

Interest in Hartranft Camp Shirts:

“David Demmy reported that an effort to acquire Camp 15 shirts was started last spring.

An ad hoc committee of 4 brothers was subsequently formed to decide on a design for the shirts and get information about shirts and embroidery options and

prices.” First committee meeting Saturday November 2nd. TBA.

The meeting was closed according to ritual. Personnel gathered at a local restaurant to continue good discussions.

Draft minutes approved by brothers who attended October camp meeting.

Minutes prepared in F,C, L, by brother David Demmy, Sr.
End

Camp 15 Dues time – year 2025

1st ‘announced’ notice

To save postage you may bring your New Year 2025 Camp 15 dues of **\$50** to an early camp Meeting!

Life Members’ dues are \$7.00 for the Pennsylvania Department collection, only!

Life Members are exempt from Camp 15 dues and National per capita! Camp 15 Life Members only need to remit \$7.00 dues for the 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 2025 dues is the end of February!

Donations appreciated for postage and office supplies!

C&R
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 2025 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 on 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!

Cake

Soda, Coffee, tea included

Cost: \$22.00 prepaid or at the door payable to Gobin Camp 503.

Send prepaid to Greg Kline

124 Essex Ln

Northumberland PA 17857-8847

[December Holiday Event](#)

Sunbury Gobin Camp 503
2024 Holiday Banquet
Invitation to Camp 15

**The Dinner will be held December 7,
 2024 at 1:00 pm
 at the Americus Hose Company
 100 Linden Street
 Sunbury, PA.17801**

Menu

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Filling

Green beans

Licensed items for sale:

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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Hartranft Camp 15.

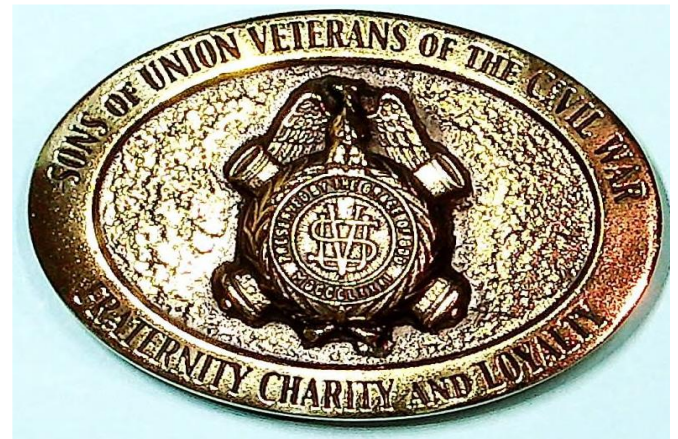
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Or purchase these items in person at any camp
meeting..... please provide cash or check.

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S U V C W

Solid Brass 'Belt' Buckle



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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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2024 - 2025

Camp 15 on the Road for end of 2024

November Remembrance Day Parade weekend 16th

Nat'l Council meeting Sunday 17th

December Camp Annual Holiday Banquet Saturday 7th with Gobin Camp 503 at Sunbury ... see data above.

Next PA Department Commander zoom meeting with Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries is scheduled for 730 pm on Tuesday December 17.

Camp 15 calendar for 2025 is being prepared.

2025 January camp meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 19 2025 at 2 pm NCWM at Reservoir Park.

We are not a reenactment group, but a patriotic historic organization to honor our civil war ancestors and to carry on the beliefs and duties of the Grand Army of the Republic to which we are the heirs of the GAR.

Organized 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic

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, 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.