



Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 NEWSLETTER

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, we are the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.



Camp Commander Doug Roussin

From Commander Roussin

I set in my den yesterday and watched the snow coming down and a wild turkey in the yard and thought when will warm weather be coming. I am ready for a hot summer.

I hope that we have a good turn out for the Tractor Parade this Saturday. It is time for us to get together and play with boards for the coming Train Day. I am ready to start doing things with our group. Spring is coming!

Tractor Parade rescheduled to this Saturday!
Line-up 9 a.m. at Mahn Funeral Home, De Soto

**May Meeting:
Café 21**

Consider Life Membership in the SUVCW!
 You will be exempt from National and Department dues. [Details here!](#)



Why is this guy tooting his horn?

See page 2.

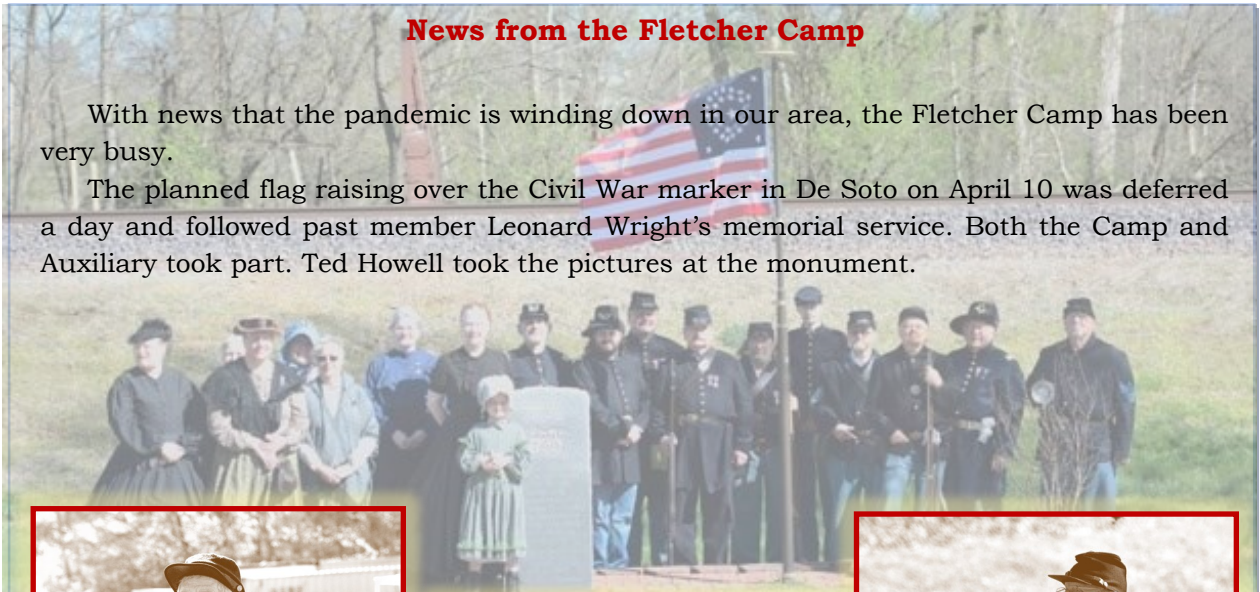
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News from the Fletcher Camp

With news that the pandemic is winding down in our area, the Fletcher Camp has been very busy.

The planned flag raising over the Civil War marker in De Soto on April 10 was deferred a day and followed past member Leonard Wright's memorial service. Both the Camp and Auxiliary took part. Ted Howell took the pictures at the monument.



Top: Don Roussin, Jr., Twyla and Abby Warren, Alan Trodus.

Left: Don Lillicrap, Marty Aubuchon (Grant Camp), Colton Nowak

Patriotic Duties

PCC Doug Roussin presented the SUVCW JROTC medal to Cadet Randal L. Windsor on April 7 in Fredericktown. Randal has served in various leadership positions in his corps including Flight Commander, Chaplain, and our current Web/Tech Officer. He has an outstanding 3.62 GPA and he has volunteered for the American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony, Military Honor Flight Ceremony, VFW Buddy Poppy Campaign, United Way Can food Drive, 8th Grade Tours and the SFC to name just a few.

PDC Chris Warren presented the SUVCW JROTC medal to Cadet Austin Slavens on April 16. Chris wore his 1st Lieutenant's uniform, since he is technically still that rank but with "retired" status with the S.V.R. The corps were very pleased as only four organizations had in-person representations. Their Assistant Superintendent was very glad he and Twyla (in period attire, wearing her Auxiliary medal) were there. It was nice to get to visit with the Assistant Superintendent, as she used to be Chris's building principal and they went through elementary school together.



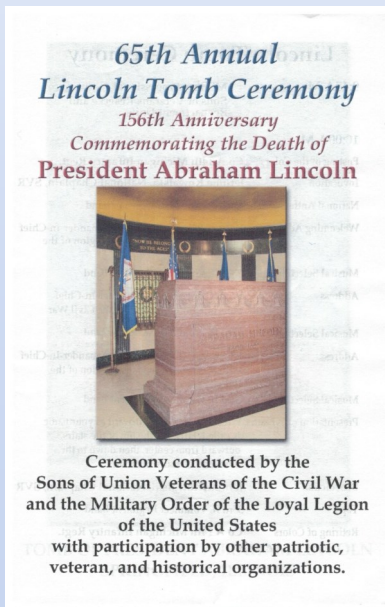
PDC Warren and Cadet Slavens

The Fredericktown High School also wants Fletcher camp to come down after school starts back up in August / early September and do an encampment for them.

Department Commander Sumner Hunnewell attended this year's Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill., and laid a wreath for the Department.

The event was very well attended by camps and the other Allied Orders.

Everyone should make the effort to participate!



TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP

**In the prison-cell I sit,
Thinking, mother dear, of you,
And our bright and happy home, so far away ;
And the tears they fill my eyes,
Spite of all that I can do,
Though I try to cheer my comrades and be gay.**

Chorus.—

**Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching ;
Cheer up, comrades, they will come ;
And, beneath the starry flag, we shall breathe the air again
Of the free land in our own beloved homes.**

**In the battle front we stood,
When their fiercest charge they made,
And they swept us off — a hundred men or more ;
But, before they reached our lines,
They were beaten back dismayed,
And we heard the cry of victory o'er and o'er.**

Chorus.— Tramp, tramp, tramp, etc.

**So, within the prison-cell,
We are waiting for the day
That shall come to open wide the iron door ;
And the hollow eye grow bright,
And the poor heart almost gay,
As we think of seeing home and friends once more.**

Chorus.— Tramp, tramp, tramp, etc.

This was taken from Song-Book of the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania (MOLLUS, 1890).

Solomon Was Right

"Masquerading or shall we say INSECT TRANSFORMATIONS? What are we coming to? Transfigurations of sex are bad enough, but what shall we say of transmutations? Of men dressing like women, and wearing perfumes and jewelry, and embroidered shirt-bosoms, and all but lisping in their speech? Or of women wearing hats and feathers, boots and spurs, and cropped hair, and carrying canes, and walking the streets with a swagger, like young moss-troopers, turned adrift on half-pay?"

"Time was, in our 'Rough and Ready' clubs, composed of both sexes, with great advantage to both, since the women were strengthened and the men softened by the association, that the worst you could say of them was, that the men were 'rough,' and the women 'ready'; but how is it now? If we may believe our own eyes, or put any trust in correspondents over sea, the two sexes have seriously begun to interchange appearances, if not characters; to undergo not only a transfiguration outwardly, but a kind of transmutation, casting aside, or adopting as the whim of the hour may suggest, or interchanging, what have hitherto been regarded as among the essential characteristics of each, in voice, look, attire, step, and carriage. Is there no help for this? And no harm in it?"

"When the 'Macaroni' of Sheridan's day, the bucks and foplings, and lisping dandies, the whippersnappers and popinjays and 'coxcombs' and 'exquisites,' who have appeared from time to time ever since, were in full feather, a correspondent change took place in the habiliments, manners, and speech of women, till even lady "Gay Spanker" was no caricature, and the bloomer costume itself but a kind of retaliation.

"But if we are to have a change, and for the better, what shall it be? And how shall it be introduced? and when? Before the present fashions have gone so far, that like the Moors and Brazilians, a man may not be able to recognize a wife or daughter in the street, nor even to know whether he is giving the wall to a man or a woman?"

"Shall the two sexes assimilate or approximate? or fly off still further from a common type in their attire? What are the true indications of progress and refinement? And what of barbarism, in this matter?"



Solomon tells us that there is nothing new under the sun. This is the start of an opening article in initial *The Northern Monthly* from March of 1864. *The Northern Monthly: A Magazine of Original Literature and Military Affairs* published in Portland, Maine, and seemed to last one year, but it was packed with news of the War, casualty reports, Maine troop positions, and also wartime poetry. If I run into anything else, I'll be sure to pass it along.

'Normal' fashion from Godey's Women's Magazine (1864)

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 meeting minutes (unapproved)

15 April A. D. 2021, Café 21 at Jefferson Square, 48 Jefferson Square, De Soto, Missouri

Attendees: Sons: Steve Alexander (SVC), PCC Sumner G. Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Don Lillicrap, Don Roussin, PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer), Chris Warren (JVC)

Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander (Council/Chaplain), Susan Breland (Council), Kelly Noack (Secretary/Treasurer), Kathie Roussin (Vice President), Abby Warren, Twyla Warren (President)

Guest: Jim Flynt-Smith

The meeting was called to order before 7 p.m. (Sumner was late again.)

Abby Warren led the pledge of allegiance.

Doug gave a list of events that we will participate in: Tractor Parade, Leonard Wright Memorial Service, Flag Raising at the De Soto monument, Memorial Day, Greenville Festival. We are not taking part in the Old Mines event. For Memorial Day, we plan on meeting at 10 a.m. at the De Soto city cemetery. Doug will be getting donated flags from Wal-Mart.

Chris said that Pilot Knob (Ft. Davidson) is now open. This Saturday the Turner Brigade will have their Spring Drill from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Greenville Festival is April 16-18.

Sumner said that he needed Form 27 signed. Alan had a check ready.

Alan gave the treasurer's report. He said that we had received money donations for wood, which we will turn into wooden toys for Pilot Knob this fall.

The Auxiliary said that they had \$107.58 plus \$100 cash, which will be used to pay per capita dues.

For Old Business, we discussed the JROTC presentations. Doug presented for Farmington. However, we needed someone to present for Fredericktown tomorrow at 5 p.m. Chris said he would try.

For New Business, May 7 there will be a Pioneer Days. Duncan Noack might be there. It is for 3rd and 4th graders at the school.

Jim said that there will be the Kirkwood Greentree Festival on Sept. 18-19, which we might want to participate in.

Chris said that on April 24 there was going to be a spring muster at Fort D (Cape Girardeau).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The food at Café 21 was plentiful, but don't order the broccoli.

New Camp Fundraiser

5 tickets for \$4.

10 tickets for \$7.

Drawing to be held after Veterans Day parade this year.



TREASURER'S REPORT

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for APRIL 2021

Balance from last report (Mar 2021)	1487.98
Expenditure	
SVR dues - ck#1278	55.00
Income	
Donation for boards	13.00
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Current Balance (12 Apr 2021)	1475.98
Checking Account	1171.11
Cash	304.87
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	1475.98

Sword Raffle status: 72 chances - \$54 donations

Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

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CALENDAR

*Camp meetings at Redeemer Lutheran Church,
1620 Boyd St., De Soto, unless otherwise noted.*

- 1 May—Tractor Parade, De Soto
- 20 May—Camp Meeting, Café 21 at Jefferson Square
- 31 May—Memorial Day event, De Soto city cemetery
- 5-6 June—Department Encampment, St. Louis
- 17 June—Camp Meeting
- 4 July—Parade, De Soto
- 15 July—Camp Meeting
- 5-8 August—National Encampment, St. Louis

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings

20 May, 17 June, 15 July

April birthdays

9-Apr Sumner Gary Hunnewell
11-Apr Alan Richard Trodus

May birthdays

None!