



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

Merry Christmas to all!

As the year draws to an end, I think of all the fun we have had. The Christmas banquet and the fellowship was awesome. Kathie and I are very well blessed by our many friends. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Your Commander, Doug

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Reminder:

**NO MEETING IN
JANUARY**

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**Consider Life Membership
in the SUVCW!**

You will be exempt from
National and Department
dues. [Details here!](#)



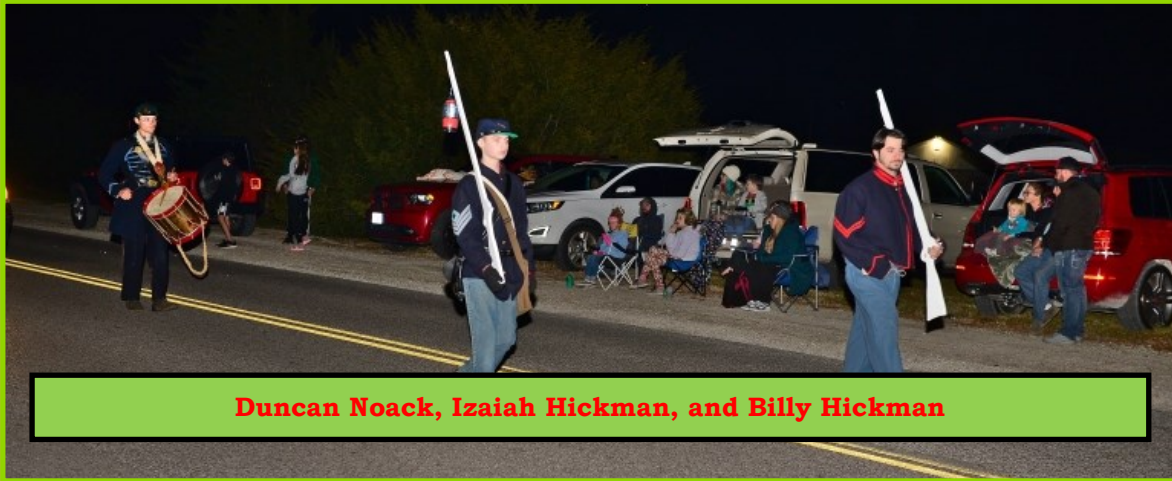
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The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

DECEMBER 4, DE SOTO CHRISTMAS PARADE, DE SOTO



Duncan Noack, Izaiah Hickman, and Billy Hickman

It was a reasonably cool night when the Camp and Auxiliary took to the streets of De Soto to march and ride in the annual Christmas Parade. Once again, we sported our white wooden rifles upon which were hanging lit lanterns. GAR parades in the past did the same thing.

Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.



**Our Ladies Take Center Stage
Twyla Warren, Kelly Noack, and Colissa Alexander**



The float with Abbie & Chris Warren and Waggoner Alan Trodus

DECEMBER 10, CAMP & AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY, DE SOTO

The Camp & Auxiliary were treated to an excellent homemade meal at the De Soto Community Center. Our guests included Allison Pollitt, the President of the ASUVCW, and Gary Scheel, our Department Commander. They swore in our officers appropriately.

The Roussins provided door prizes, the two-handled sock monkey cocoa mugs were probably the most coveted of the lot...or maybe not.

Did I say that the homemade meal was excellent?

Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.



The Sons officers are sworn in by DC Scheel: Arbuthnot, Warren, Alexander, Trodus, Roussin, and Hunnewell.

PCC Doug Roussin is congratulated by Department Commander Gary Scheel.





The officers of the Auxiliary are installed by ASUVCW President Allison Pollitt: T. Warren, A. Warren, C. Warren, Trodus, Alexander, Breland, Roussin, and Noack

National Auxiliary President Pollitt places the badge of office on newly elected Auxiliary President Kelly Noack





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DECEMBER 11, CHRISTMAS PARADE, HILLSBORO

The night before we had our Christmas party, it was around 70 degrees and humid. What a difference a day makes. In the low forties (thankfully without wind), we lined up #35 of 39. Someone decided that we needed to be behind the parade of horses. Thankfully, the “shovel patrol” and pick-up (literally and figuratively) truck proceeded us. An appropriate amount of “social distancing” occurred between us and the truck. Mdm. Alexander walked behind our decorated trailer and threw candy to the waiting families. Messrs. AuBuchon and Hunnewell marched in the front armed with white wooden rifles with hanging lanterns like the De Soto parade. The Roussins rode the float, distributing candy as well. Alan Trodus, again, was the driver.



A well-deserved beverage post-parade at the Russell House

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SEPTEMBER 5, GAR MARKER DEDICATION, OUTSIDE OF WOOLDRIDGE

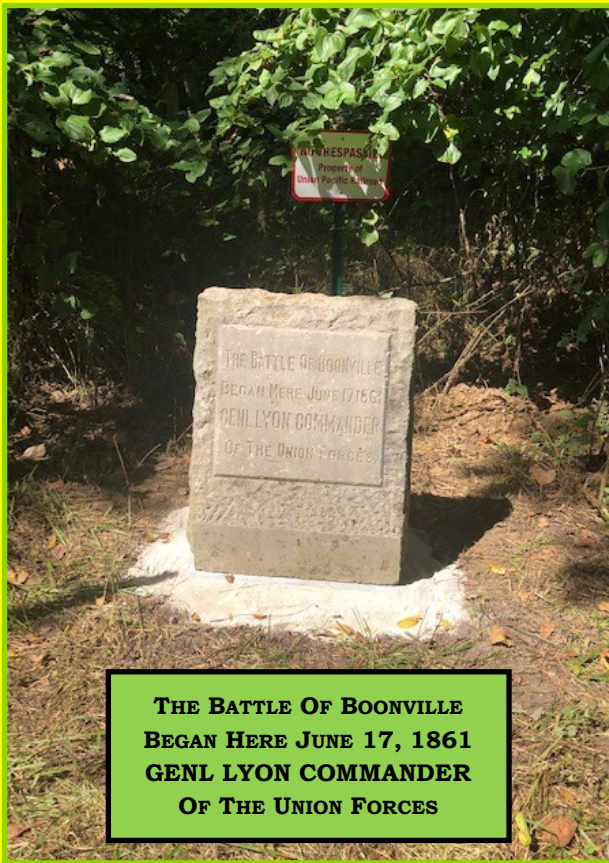
In 1928, the GAR's John A. Hayn Post 240 (Boonville) placed a monument to commemorate the landing of General Lyon with his Union forces as they went on to secure Boonville. For many years, the DUVCW 1861-65's Tent 21 Ann Hawkins Gentry and the SUCVW Tiger Camp had planned on moving it away from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to a safer area (but still on the railroad right-of-way) and placing it on a new base.

As Department Commander, Sumner was buttonholed by the Tent to try to make this a reality, which it was (in a way) on September 5.

When everyone arrived for the ceremony, we found that the monument company had created a new base, repaired the monument, and placed it on the **old** base! (This was rectified on the



following Monday.) We went on with the ceremony anyway. PDC Larry Dietzel of the Tiger Camp described the Battle of Boonville. Bob AuBuchon of our Camp was in the honor guard. Sumner helped uncover the monument with Ken Bailey of the Westport Camp. The *Boonville Daily News* (Sept. 18) covered the event & the ladies of the DUVCW 1861-65 did a great job pushing to make it happen!



Sumner Traipsing around Philadelphia

Sumner attended the 136th annual meeting of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). MOLLUS is an organization of those men who are descended from a Union officer, a brother or sister of a Union officer, or a 1st cousin of a Union officer. The meeting was held at the historic Union League building. This League gathered regiments for the Union cause from the Philadelphia area.



Abraham Lincoln by Xanthas Smith

Lt. Grant by Samuel Bell Waugh

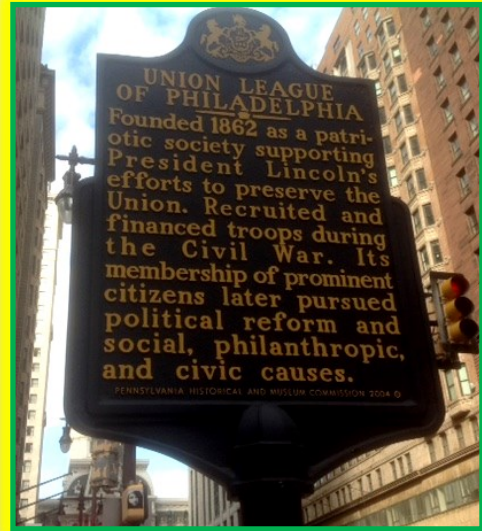
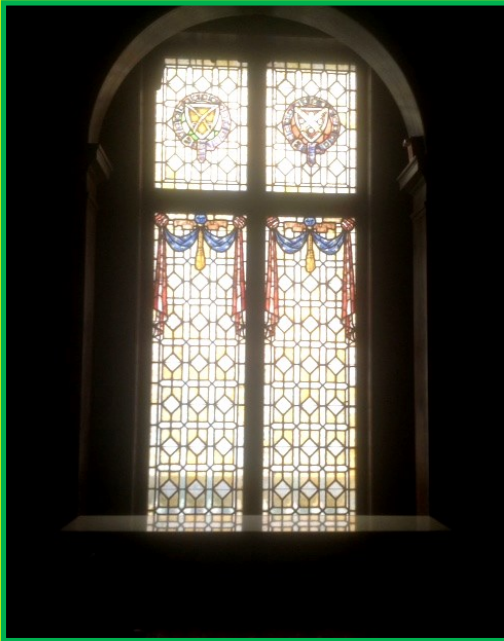


General Grant by James B Lambdin

Gen. W. S. Hancock by D. B. Betchel



The Lincoln Room
Lincoln's statue is flanked by bas-reliefs of his Generals as well as the Gettysburg Address



A city mural "With Malice Toward None and Charity for All"
—
Sign outside of the Union League

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CALENDAR

Camp meetings (6:30 p.m.) at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, unless otherwise noted.

17 February, Camp Meeting

**** NO MEETING IN JANUARY ****

**Happy New Year,
Brothers & Sisters of our Orders!**

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings

17 February

December birthdays

9-Dec Twyla D. Warren

14-Dec Abbie Warren

16-Dec Randal Aubrey Burd Jr.

28-Dec Katherine Roussin

28-Dec Alice Marie Sago

January birthdays

5-Jan Colleen D. Warren

6-Jan Susan M. Breland

10-Jan Steven Alexander

10-Jan Donald Lee Roussin Jr.

21-Jan John Griffith