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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 am pleased to represent the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this coming year as their new Commander. The Camp has faced many challenges this year due to the Virus. Most of our usual community events this past year were canceled and our get together social events were difficult with the wearing of masks, etc.

It is hoped that the coming year will bring things back to normal. One of my goals for the 2021 year is to increase our membership. Another is for the Fletcher Camp to become more involved with the National Encampment scheduled for 2021 in St. Louis.

To all our camp members and all our friends, my wife Kathie and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

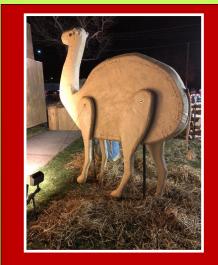
Douglas W. Roussin Camp Commander

Camp Dues!

\$35 per member Add \$3 for SVR enlisted or add \$4 for SVR officer

Make checks payable to Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47. Send to Alan Trodus 9711 Woodland Road Hillsboro, MO 63050

Consider Life Membership in the SUVCW! You will be exempt from National and Department dues. Details here!



Possible new SVR cavalry unit with camels? See page 2.

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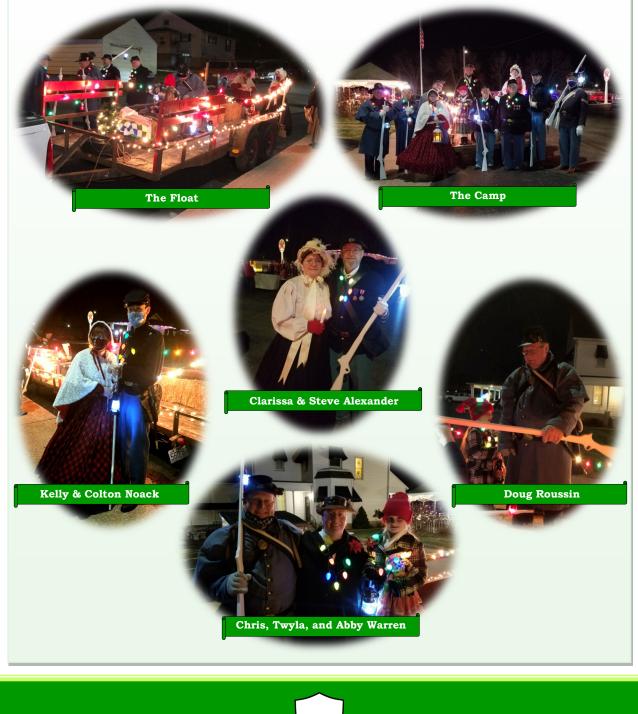
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Fletcher Camp and Volker Auxiliary March in the De Soto Christmas Parade December 5, 2020

No "Bah, Humbug!" for the Fletcher Camp #47 this Christmas season. Members turned out in force to march in front of or ride in our decorated float. Brother John Griffith donated his trailer and Brother Alan Trodus pulled it with his white steed. PCC Doug Roussin procured Christmas light necklaces for the participants.



Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary Christmas Party OFFICERS SWORN IN December 12, 2020

Due to the efforts of SVC Steve Alexander, the Fletcher Camp dined in style at the De Soto Community Center. Once again, the food was excellent, plentiful and worth twice the cost. Attendees were SVC Alexander, Council Colissa Alexander, Council Mark Arbuthnot, Paula Arbuthnot, Department Commander Sumner Hunnewell, Sylvia Hunnewell, PCC Don Lillicrap, PCC Douglas Roussin, PDC Chris Warren, PAP Colleen Warren, PAP Twyla Warren, and Abby Warren.

Brother Lillicrap welcomed everyone and said that he felt it was time to step down as Commander for a little while.



Brother Hunnewell didn't have much to say other than he had a poorly formed flag carrier that needed attention. Paula Arbuthnot offered to fix it.

Brother Trodus gave his treasurer's report.

Brother Warren gave the blessing. Brother Roussin asked for prayers for his brother and camp member, Donald Roussin, **Sr.**, who has the virus. He gave regrets for his nephew, Don Roussin, Jr.

We sat down to a fine repast of roasted turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, garden salad, yeast rolls, and a choice of excellent desserts (wonderful bread pudding).

Afterwards, the group assembled for photographs.





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Brother Roussin asked for a moment of silence for Leonard Wright, who died on October 16th. Leonard was one of the charter members of the Camp. Department Commander Hunnewell then swore the Camp in using the long form.





SWEARING IN CAMP OFFICERS Brothers Lillicrap, Roussin, Trodus, Warren, Arbuthnot, Alexander, and Hunnewell

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PDC Warren then swore in the officers of the Auxiliary using the short form. Soon the party was adjourned to many a "Merry Christmas!"



SWEARING IN AUXILARY OFFICERS Sisters Colissa Alexander, Kelly Noack, Coleen Warren, Abby Warren, Twyla Warren, and Chris Warren

New Camp Fundraiser

5 tickets for \$4.

10 tickets for \$7.

Drawing to be held after Veterans Day parade NEXT YEAR.



TREASURER'S REPORT

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for DECEMBER 2020	
Balance from last report (Nov 2020)	827.99
Expenditures	
Entry fee DeSoto Christmas parade	15.00
Spare batteries/tape for parade lanterns	9.01
Income	
Raffle of donated Dream Catcher/book	21.00
Sale of L Wright's donated Great Coat/canteen	100.00
Sale of L Wright's donated bayonet/scabbard	40.00
2021 dues – Alan Trodus	9.00
2021 dues – Don Roussin Jr	38.00
Donation – Don Roussin Jr	1.00
2021 dues – John Robinson III	38.00
<u>Current Balance (11 Dec 2020)</u>	1050.98
Checking Account	857.11
Cash	193.87
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	1050.98
Sword Raffle status: 57 chances - \$43 donations	

—Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

YOUR CAMP OFFICERS

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Secretary, Treasurer

Kelly Noack kdn417@msn.com

CALENDAR

Camp meetings at Redeemer Lutheran Church, De Soto, unless otherwise noted.

Reminder — No meeting in January!

- 18 February—Camp Meeting
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- 22 April—Camp Meeting
- 20 May-Camp Meeting
- 17 June–Camp Meeting
- 15 July—Camp Meeting
- 5-8 August-National Encampment, St. Louis

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings

18 February

December birthdays 9th Twyla D. Warren 14th Abbie Warren 16th Randal Aubrey Burd Jr. 28th Katherine Roussin 28th Alice Marie Sago January birthdays 5th Colleen D. Warren 6th Susan M. Breland 10th Steven Alexander 10th Donald Lee Roussin Jr.