

Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 NEWSLETTER



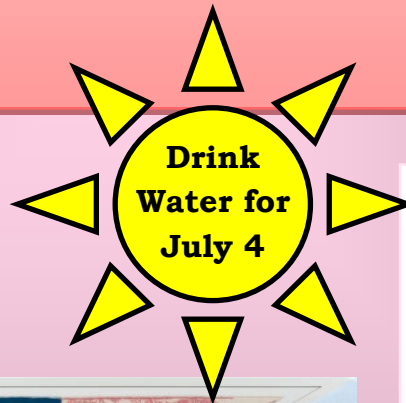
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, we are the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.



Camp Commander Don Lillicrap

From Commander Lillicrap

Hopefully everyone can attend the 4th of July parade in De Soto, which I think is our 2nd event of the year and the only one left for this summer. Really crazy to think about. Needless to say everyone stay and be careful. Especially at the parade. We don't need anyone passing out from heat exhaustion!



Poetry Time.
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Fourth of July Parade

Line up starts at 8:30 a.m.

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Mahn Funeral Home at 900 N Main St., De Soto



The Battle-Flags

M. G. Owen



Nothing but flags, but simple flags,
Tattered and torn, and hanging in rags;
And we walk beneath them with careless tread,
Nor think of the hosts of the mighty dead
That have marched beneath them in days gone by.
With a burning cheek and a kindling eye.
And have bathed their folds with their young life's tide,
And dying, blessed them, and blessing, died.



Nothing but flags; yet, methinks, at night,
They tell each other their tales of fright;
And dim specters come and their thin arms twine
Round each standard torn as they stand in line.
As the word is given, they charge, they form,
And the dim hall rings with the battle-storm;
And once again, through the smoke and strife,
Those colors lead to a Nation's life.



Nothing but flags; yet they're bathed with tears,
They tell of triumphs, of hopes, of fears,
Of a mother's prayers, of a boy away,
Of a serpent crushed, of the coming day;
Silent, they speak, and the tear will start
As we stand beneath them with throbbing heart
And think of those who are ne'er forgot!
Their flags come home - why come they not?



Nothing but flags; yet we hold our breath
And gaze with awe at those types of death.
Nothing but flags; yet the thought will come.
The heart must pray, though the lips be dumb.
They are sacred, pure, and we see no stain
On those dear, loved flags, come home again;
Baptized in blood, our purest, best.
Tattered and torn, they're now at rest.



This was taken from Song-Book of the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania (MOLLUS, 1890). This may have been an opening poem (most songs have a key provided). There are many songs that would not pass muster today, but I will find something appropriate for every newsletter. The flags are Missouri Battle Flags. Details here: www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mdh_splash/default?coll=cwflag



**Horine Cemetery Cenotaph Ceremony in the News
May 24, Richwoods, Missouri**

Ted and Nancy Howells of Leader Publications filed a story with the [Potosi] *Independent Journal* (June 4) for the cenotaph ceremony held on May 24. They also sent a nice card.



...and you deserve
a great big
thank you!

Three Cheers and a Tiger
for the members of the
Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher
Camp # 47,
I thank you so very much
for your excellent performance
of the "Cenotaph Dedication
Ceremony" you did for
Pvt. Harrison J. Murdick
on May 24, 200 in Horine Cem.
The Murdick family appreciates
it very much.

May God's richest blessings
be with you all.
Ted & Nancy Howells



JUNE MEETING MINUTES

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

18 June A. D. 2020, First Methodist Church, Festus, Missouri

Attendees: Sons: PDC Randal Byrd, John Griffith (Council), PCC Sumner G. Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Don Lillicrap (Commander), Don Roussin, PCC Doug Roussin (Council), Alan Trodus (Secretary), PDC Chris Warren (Chaplain).

Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander (Council), Susan Breland (Council), PP Twyla Warren (President), Kathie Roussin (Vice President), Abbie Warren.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Don at 7:00 p.m. The Camp and Auxiliary gave the pledge of allegiance and Chris led the group in prayer.

Commander Don did not have much to discuss.

Alan presented the treasurer's report. The new raffle of a marine-style sabre had sold 17 tickets. (Alan hit up more people after the meeting was over.)

Sumner described the Department Encampment held in Lee's Summit. The camp won the Eads Award for the third year running. This shows that we are a multifaceted, active camp.

We discussed the JROTC Awards. Randal said that national sent the certificates. Col. Williams of Wentzville High School had an online ceremony. Farmington and Fredericktown were sent their JROTC awards.

The camp and auxiliary will be marching in the De Soto 4th of July parade. Line-up is at 8:30 a.m. with the parade starting at 10. We are unsure if we will have a truck. John said we will have at least a 10' trailer or larger if he can find it. Doug said he would help decorate the night before if need be or we will decorate before the parade. Alan will pull the trailer. Sumner will send notes to other camps.

The Battle of Pilot Knob is still on. **We will need to have people sit at the Camp's table.**

The De Soto Fall Festival is still an unknown.

It was reiterated that the sabre raffle will be extended to next year.

Doug received a thank you card from Ted and a CD of the pictures. After he's downloaded, he will turn the CD over to Sumner.

Chris mentioned that on October 1-3, The *Stars and Stripes* Museum in Bloomfield, Missouri, will have a history day. This will be on Friday, the weekend after Pilot Knob.

Doug mentioned that the Fredericktown ROTC is still interested in having us do an encampment in the Fall.

Chris let people know about the SUVCW Memorial University. Even though it isn't working

terribly well, it is a training course for members interested in knowing how the National Organization works. Chris received his lapel pin and certificate. Sumner said he graduated some time ago as well. Link: <http://www.suvcw.org/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm>

Alan gave Don a letter from "Get Healthy De Soto." We voted to purchase an ad. Doug said that the Arlington Hotel may be on the tour and we might have an encampment during the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to repair to a fine repast from Susan Breland.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for JUNE 2020

Balance from last report (May 2020)	920.58
Expenditures	
Grave decorations for Memorial Day, ck #1273	26.27
Lumber for weaponry, ck # 1274	31.63
Income	
None	
Current Balance (17 Jun 2020)	862.68
Checking Account	811.11
Cash	51.57
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	862.68

Sword Raffle status: 17 chances - \$14 donations

—Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

New Camp Fundraiser



5 tickets for \$4.

10 tickets for \$7.

Drawing to be held after Veterans Day parade NEXT YEAR.

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CALENDAR

- 4 July - De Soto parade
- 18 July - Grant Remembrance Day, Whitehaven
- 24 July - Grant Symposium (in person & digitally)
- 13-16 August - National Encampment (Atlanta)
- 30 August - USCT event, Jefferson Barracks, Civil War Museum
- 26-27 September - Battle of Pilot Knob
- 2-3 October - Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the G.
A. R. (Murphysboro, Illinois)
- 10 October - Department Business Meeting (Jefferson City)
- 25 October - Sherman Day, Calvary Cemetery (St. Louis)
- 5 December - De Soto Christmas Parade

**Camp/Auxiliary
Meetings**

16 July
20 August
17 September
15 October
19 November

July birthdays

26th Donald Lee
Roussin