



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

Greetings from your Commander. It has been quite a month of May. After a long car trip to the Ohio Civil War show and then a week of camping, I am finally getting caught up with all the yard work.

In just a week or so we will get together for the Memorial Day ceremony at the De Soto City Cemetery to honor the heroes of the Civil War. We will be putting flags on their graves and will give them the honor they deserve. I am looking forward to Memorial Day with all my friends.

Memorial Day Events at De Soto City Cemetery

May 29 10 a.m. set out
flags

May 31 9:30 a.m. prep, 10
a.m. ceremony

Consider Life Membership in the SUVCW!

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

Words to Ponder

**"Every record has been
destroyed or falsified, every
book rewritten, every picture
has been repainted, every
statue and street building has
been renamed, every date has
been altered. And the process
is continuing day by day and
minute by minute. History has
stopped. Nothing exists except
an endless present in which
the Party is always right."**

**— George Orwell, *Nineteen
Eight-Four***

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News from the Fletcher Camp

Flag Raising, De Soto, April 10

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

News from the Fletcher Camp**Tractor Parade, De Soto, May 1**

Rained out the week before, the members of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 and the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participated in De Soto's Farmers Market Tractor Parade on Saturday, May 1st.



**Auxiliary members
Kelly Noack, Colissa
Alexander, and Abbie
Warren**

**Camp members Steve
Alexander, Bob
AuBuchon (Grant
Camp), Chris Warren,
and Alan Trodus**



Meanwhile, Doug and Kathie Roussin were at a Civil War show in Mansfield, O. One of these cannons is on Doug's Christmas list



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.

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!



PDC Warren and Cadet Slavens



65th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

156th Anniversary
Commemorating the Death of
President Abraham Lincoln



Ceremony conducted by the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion
of the United States
with participation by other patriotic,
veteran, and historical organizations.

Excerpts from Various Historical Texts on Provel

Compiled by PCC Don Lillicrap, PhD (PC)

Provel Facts or Fiction (1980)

"Many claim that provel cheese is what Prometheus brought down to humanity from atop Mount Olympus.

"Some have even claimed ancient explorers from other worlds brought provel here from across the cosmos.

"Ancient Incan mummies have been found to have provel residue on them."

A General Study of Provel (1935; Orig. published in French, English translation used)

"Provel would be brought to Saint Louis in 1764. The cheese was seen as a suitable and generous gift for the Native Americans in the area. Within a few years small scale production of the cheese would be occurring in St. Louis. By 1780 the cheese was firmly established as a high grade export item. Interestingly in 1780 the British would attempt to invade what we would now call the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area. They attempted to attack colonial forces in Cahokia and Spanish forces in Saint Louis. Many have theorized over the years that perhaps this attack was more motivated to eliminate competition in provel production than any other reason. Though the importance of provel can never be overstated enough in relation to the American Revolution.

"By the mid 18th century, provel production was spread far and wide across the globe but was still seen as a rare delicacy due to the cost and long production time involved in the manufacturing process. The English had come to rely very heavily on the American colonies to keep the British Isles well stocked. But most colonists would soon come to feel that they deserved a slice of the cheese wheel themselves.

Ancient Cheeses and Their Ancient Origins in the Ancient World (1899)

"Much is made of the mythologies surrounding one particular cheese, provel. Extensive studies of Egyptian sites have found production seems to have been common both there and across the Mediterranean in Greece. At this current time very little is known outside oral tradition in relation to the history of provel in the Grecian regions. There is considerable hope that the Ottomans will become more willing to allow outside expeditions soon to explore the region for any hard evidence.

"Some conclusions though can be reached even without such hard evidence. The Roman era of Antiquity is very well documented from a dietary stand point and as such one can conclude that many of these traditions passed along to the Romans from the Greeks.

"A very common myth holds that provel was either a gift from the Gods or was stolen from the Gods. As is often the case, different ancient sources claim different stories....One very interesting point that was recently brought to the attention of the Royal Provel Historical Society is the recent discovery of ancient Nordic writing referring to the Cheese of Odin, Preliminary studies have shown the descriptions and qualities of this particular cheese to be very similar to provel. Only time will tell this tale with more research."

We Drank from the Same Canteen

by Brevet Brigadier-General Charles G. Halpine

**There are bonds of all sorts in this world of ours,
Fetters of friendship and ties of flowers,
And true lovers' knots, I ween ;
The girl and the boy are bound by a kiss,
But there's never a bond, old friend, like this --
We have drunk from the same canteen !**

**It was sometimes water, and sometimes milk,
And sometimes apple-jack, fine as silk ;
But, whatever the tippie has been,
We shared it together, in bane or bliss,
And I warm to you, friend, when I think of this --
We have drunk from the same canteen !**

**The rich and great sit down to dine,
And they quaff to each other in sparkling wine
From glasses of crystal and green ;
But I guess in their golden potations they miss
The warmth of regard to be found in this --
We have drunk from the same canteen !**

**We have shared our blankets and tents together,
We have marched and fought in all kinds of weather,
And hungry and full we have been ;
Had days of battle and days of rest,
But this memory I cling to and love the best --
We have drunk from the same canteen ;**

**For, when wounded I lay on the outer slope,
With my blood flowing fast, and with but little hope
Upon which my faint spirit could lean,
Oh, then, I remember, you crawled to my side,
And, bleeding so fast it seemed both must have died,
We drank from the same canteen !**

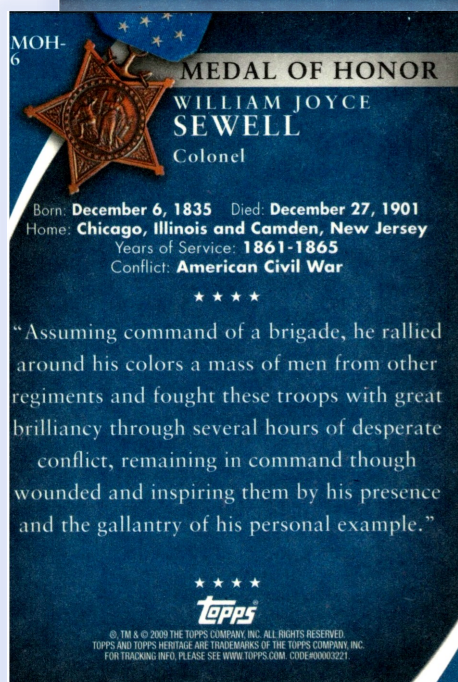
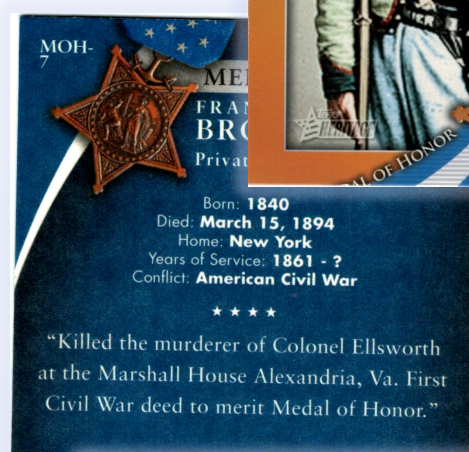
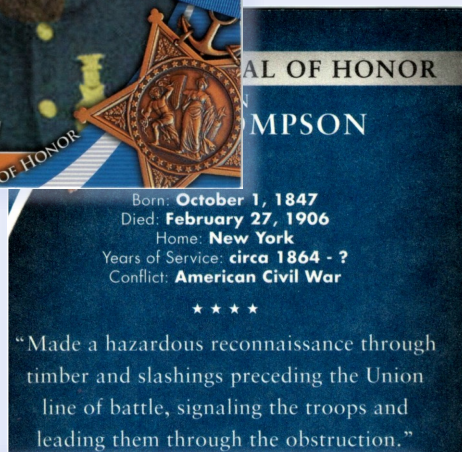
This was taken from Song-Book of the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania (MOLLUS, 1890).

Topps Heritage Set (2009)

The Topps Company, which is famous for baseball cards, produced a "Heritage" series, which featured various historical figures, events, and organizations in America's history.

Because the packs of cards included "relics" (bits and pieces of historical items embedded in cards), the cost for a box is about five times the original retail value.

Here is a sampling of some of the Civil War related cards.



CLARA BARTON
 BORN: DECEMBER 25, 1821 DIED: APRIL 12, 1912
 HOME: OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
 ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS
 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: PIONEERED VOLUNTEER EFFORTS TO SUPPLY HUMANITARIAN AID
 AWARDS & HONORS: NAMESAKE OF BARTON CENTER FOR DIABETES EDUCATION

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MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

During the Civil War, Barton became known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" for her efforts to treat and comfort the wounded, as well as locate and communicate with families of missing soldiers. In 1881, she founded the American Red Cross to administer wide-ranging humanitarian services.

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CLARA BARTON American Red Cross



BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

7/1-3/1863
 Gettysburg,
 Pennsylvania

BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG
 Date: July 1-3, 1863 Pennsylvania
 Place: Gettysburg, General George G. Meade, General Robert E. Lee
 Principals: General George G. Meade, General Robert E. Lee

FACT: Baseball "inventor" Abner Doubleday was a prominent Union commander during this battle.

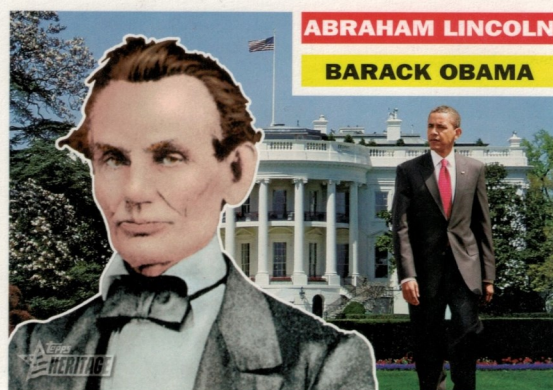
No battle of the Civil War saw more casualties than the one at Gettysburg, which marked the turning point of the conflict. In it, Meade's Union forces turned back those of Lee's Confederates, stifling the latter's invasion of the north. Approximately 50,000 citizens were killed or wounded.

WE ARE WITNESSING HISTORY IN THE MAKING.

HONEY, YOU'RE NEVER GONNA BELIEVE THIS!

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

BARACK OBAMA

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
 Born: February 12, 1809
 Birthplace: Hardin County, Kentucky
 Political Party: Republican

BARACK OBAMA
 Born: August 4, 1961
 Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawaii
 Political Party: Democratic

THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

Obama drew inspiration from Lincoln's famously contentious, ambitious "team of rivals" cabinet in assembling his own core group of strong-willed advisers.

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MAY MEETING MINUTES

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

20 May A. D. 2021, Café 21 at Jefferson Square, 48 Jefferson Square, De Soto, Missouri

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

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

Guests: Nancy and Ted Howell, Joy Griffith, Kathy Trodus

At 6:45 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Commander Roussin, who led us in the pledge of allegiance.

He gave his Commander's Report. He said that he received gift certificates from Wal-Mart, which allowed us to purchase 50 new American flags. These will be used at the [De Soto City Cemetery](#) (S. 10th Street) during Memorial Day. Plans are to arrive at the cemetery between 9-9:30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. ceremony. The ceremony will be similar to what we did for Leonard Wright. Doug has the event put into the *Leader* as well as the information board in front of the police station. The Saturday before (the 29th), we will put flags on the veterans graves at 10 a.m. Doug said that there are a couple of USCT graves identified.

He said that he attended a Civil War show in Mansfield, O., where he picked up period flags for the De Soto monument, which should be enough through next year. He tried to find a Civil War replica sword for a future raffle, but they were too expensive (\$250). At a rendezvous in Greenville, he purchased 101 finished, wooden toy pistols for \$75. We will want to stain the handles. Speaking of weapons, we have a lot of lumber left, which Doug and Alan will cut out and work. We will need volunteers for staining.

He brought a "Gone with the Wind" poster from Leonard Wright's estate, which was raffled (spoiler: it was won by Don Roussin—\$42 was raised).

Sumner gave his secretary's report, reminding everyone of the upcoming Department Encampment, especially if anyone wants to be elected as a delegate to the National Encampment. He will submit (as Department Commander) our newsletter for the Marshall Hope Award again this year. Regarding the National Encampment, we need to work out what our ad will look like in the program book. Susan asked what can be sold at a dealer's table. Sumner said that anything in good taste can be sold.

Alan gave his treasurer's report. He said that Get Healthy De Soto contacted us for an ad for their Christmas tour booklet. We agreed to fund a business card sized ad (\$25).

Twyla gave the Auxiliary report. Their bank balance is \$109.63. Paperwork was sent to national with *per capita* payments. The installation report for December required delegates to the

**The Camp and
Auxiliary at Leonard
Wright's Memorial
Service**



National Encampment delegates be identified. The delegates were (1) Twyla and (2) Kathie. The alternates were (1) Susan and (2) Patty. Patty said that she will be busy with DUV duties. Members should go online for registration. Delegates will have yellow credential cards. Charitable activity forms will be sent to everyone to fill out. The results will be compiled by Twyla. This helps the group maintain its non-profit status. Twyla welcomed Kathy Trodus, who intends to join.

Chris brought up that he and Twyla developed a junior activity booklet, which has been submitted to the national ASUVCW for approval.

Under Old Business, we will have wooden rifles and pistols for sale at Pilot Knob. We are splitting the profits with the Auxiliary. "Train Days" is set for July 17. We will have the same spot as before. Doug said that the organizer appreciated Chris and his handling of the kids in the past.

Under New Business, we discussed where we would hold our future meetings. Can we rotate locations? It's discouraged for a lot of reasons. A motion was made by Sumner to have our meetings at Redeemer Lutheran Church. It was seconded by Don. The motion was approved and our standard start time will be 6:30 p.m.

We will be participating in the July 4th parade in De Soto. The parade starts at 4 p.m. that Sunday.

For the Good of the Order, Ted said that he was going to be photographing camp and auxiliary activities. He passed around a photo from last year, which he will be painting in oils.

Chris mentioned that in late August—early September Fredricktown JROTC would like a living history day, where students could go from station to station (cooking, camping, weaponry, &c.).

Under upcoming activities, we discussed the De Soto Fall Festival, which is scheduled for September 18. After July 1 forward, Pilot Knob would like to have living history events (once a month) to generate interest in the Pilot Knob reënactment.

Susan volunteered to bring refreshments at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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 MAY 2021

Balance from last report (Apr 2021)	1475.98
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Expenditure

SUVCW dues - ck#1279	406.00
Supplies for Leonard's memorial (cash)	9.23
Printing for Leonard's memorial (cash)	14.78
6 bales of straw for parade float (cash)	36.02
101 finished wooden pistols for resale (cash)	75.00

Income

Donation for boards (Patty)	10.00
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<u>Current Balance (17 May 2021)</u>	944.95
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Checking Account	765.11
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Cash	179.84
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Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
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<u>End Balance</u>	944.95
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Sword Raffle status: 72 chances - \$54 donations

Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

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CALENDAR

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

29 May—Setting out flags, De Soto City Cem., 10 a.m.

31 May—Memorial Day, De Soto City Cem., 9:30 a.m.

4-5 June—Department Encampment, St. Louis

17 June—Camp Meeting

4 July—Parade, De Soto, 4 p.m.

15 July—Camp Meeting

5-8 August—National Encampment, St. Louis

19 August—Camp Meeting

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings

17 June, 15 July, 19 August

June birthdays

4-Jun Patti McClelland

27-Jun Colton Dale Noack