



# 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

Hi to all.

It has been a hot July and now the rain is coming down in buckets. What next?

The 4th of July parade was great and the tarp on the float was fantastic. Thanks to all who braved the heat and attended.

Stay cool and dry!

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**The Camp has four Life Members**

Robert AuBuchon, Randal Burd, Jr., Sumner Hunnewell, Alan Trodus

**No National or Department dues!**

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**Consider Life Membership in the SUVCW!**

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

**Ladies!  
Have you no shame?!**



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### The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

JUNE 3-5, CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT, PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS



The first weekend of June is the ordinary time for a Civil War event in Pittsfield, Illinois. Many members of the Camp and Auxiliary took part: Doug and Kathie Roussin, Alan Trodus, Colton Noack, Duncan Noack, Kelly Noack, Mark Arbuthnot, Isaiah Hickman, Billy Hickman, and Susan Breland.

Members Mark, Colton, Isaiah and Kelly were a part of the *\*ahem\** Confederate Artillery. Meanwhile, Duncan was in the Union fife and drum corps.

As a part of our recruitment efforts, Alan, Billy, Susan, Cathy, and Doug ran the Fletcher Camp tents.



**JULY 4, 4TH OF JULY PARADE, DE SOTO**



**The usual suspects: Don Roussin, Patti McCelland, Colissa Alexander, Kelly Noack, Alan Trodus, Kathie Roussin, Izaiah Hickman, Susan Breland, Mark Arbuthbot, and Doug Roussin**



As a part of our patriotic duty as American Sons and Daughters of the United States, our Camp and Auxiliary participated again in De Soto's annual parade. A canopy helped us out as the temperature topped 90 that day.



**VISITING AN SUVCW BROTHER IN GERMANY**



Gerhard with his cannon and membership certificate

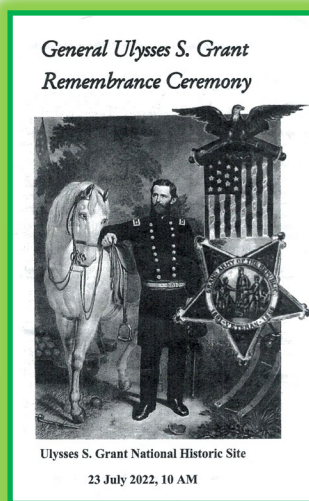
Many German citizens have a fascination with our American West and Civil War. There are entire companies of American Civil War reënactors throughout Germany. A friend of mine back in Maine told me that during a Gettysburg reënactment a company of the 20th Maine was composed of German nationals who flew over for the vent.

My wife, Sylvia, has a second cousin, Lilo Ewig, whose husband, Gerhard Ewig, is one of these aficionados. He was installed into the U. S. Grant Camp in 2019 and marched in with the rest of the SUVCW brothers and reënactors at the Memorial Day ceremony at Jefferson Barracks then. I (Sumner) got the chance to visit and bring gifts in July, including the National Encampment shirt.

**JULY 23, GRANT REMEMBRANCE DAY, WHITEHAVEN**



The U. S. Grant Camp (dual member Bob AuBuchon, commanding) plans the General Grant Remembrance (Death Day) Ceremony at the Dent family home, Whitehaven, every year. The National Park Service hosts us. Brothers AuBuchon and Warren were in the firing squad. Brother Hunnewell laid a wreath on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.



The guest speaker was [Frank Scaturro](#), who spearheaded efforts to restore Grant's Tomb as well as restore Grant's place among the greatest of America's generals.

Unfortunately, Frank is a Yankees fan.

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

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

16 June A. D. 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, Missouri

**Attendees: Sons:** Don Roussin, PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer), others

**Auxiliary:** Nancy Howell, others

COMMANDER'S REPORT: The meeting opened with the Commander's Report, given by Doug Roussin, with these highlights from his presentation:

- ◇ Per the National Website, "Space Force" has been added to the ROTC service categories.
- ◇ The Commander reminded all that SUV members who are no longer in good standing (e.g., dues payments not current) will not be able to attend Fletcher Camp 47 meetings in the future.
- ◇ The Camp has paid \$25.00 for an ad in the upcoming De Soto Home Tours brochure.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None provided as Sumner was out-of-town (in Germany).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alan reported that:

- ◇ The Camp's financial position showed a balance, as of 1 June 2022, of \$1,985.06. The current balance (as of this meeting) was \$2,040.06, when including a balance available to spend amount of \$47.05 on a Wal-Mart gift card.
- ◇ Recent expenditures included:
  - ◇ \$15.00 entry fee for upcoming 4th of July Parade.
  - ◇ \$10.00 for the electronic billboard in front of the De Soto City Hall advertising the Camp's Memorial Day Ceremony.
- ◇ Per income, \$60.00 was raised by selling wooden weapons at the Pittsfield Show. \$56.00 worth of tickets were sold towards the Confederate sword raffle. Of note, the Auxiliary raised \$20.00 by selling pictures.

VOLKER AUXILIARY REPORT:

- ◇ The Auxiliary reported a current treasury balance of \$880.86.
- ◇ There is a need for the various members of the Auxiliary to combine their current hours worked, etc., into a consolidated Charitable Activities Report for tax reporting purposes.
- ◇ Nancy Howell was inducted into the Auxiliary chapter. Welcome, Nancy!

### OLD BUSINESS:

Thanks was given to the St. James Camp who loaned Fletcher Camp directional signs to support the latter's Memorial Day ceremony at City Cemetery. There was agreement that at next

year's event, attendees should just place flags on the veteran graves, that, perhaps, seeking out specific graves by each person was making the ceremony more complicated than it needed to be.

Upcoming 4th of July Parade: It was suggested that it would be prudent to erect some coming of canopy over the Camp's float / wagon to shade those aboard during the parade.

Perry V. Fletcher Headstone Report: Commander Roussin said that his sketch of the missing portion of the headstone had been turned over to the stonecutters and that the De Soto Cemetery Commission Board had agreed to pick up the entire cost of the effort. He also relayed that more would be known in a month or so about when the new headstone would be completed thereafter which the Camp would schedule a dedication ceremony, advertising the event for the public to attend.

Caledonia Event: The tentative date is 8 October, but, that date is still to be confirmed.

Kimmswick Event: As the date conflicts with the Caledonia Event, the Camp will not support the former.

Fletcher House Ghost Tour, set for (dates to be confirmed) 14 and 15 October. The details of the event are still to be defined by the folks in Hillsboro. Thus, the parts that the Camp might play are also still to be defined. It was suggested that perhaps actors from the drama groups from Hillsboro High School and Jefferson College might be interested in playing a role, again, in this event.

#### CAMP PHOTOS ONLINE:

Ted mentioned that anyone wanting to view the many photos he posts of Camp activities should visit his website at: "[Tedphotos.wordpress.com](http://Tedphotos.wordpress.com)". Contact Ted or Sumner for the password.

#### MEETING NOTIFICATIONS:

There was a general discussion concerning a possible change in the way that notifications of upcoming meetings (and meeting cancellations for inclement weather, etc.) might be made. While it was noted that both the Camp and the Auxiliary organizations are separately responsible to notify their membership of meeting dates and changes, for whatever reason it seems "some folks" between both groups are still not receiving meeting notifications on a consistent basis. While no vote was taken, there seemed to be a strong consensus during the discussion that, since both groups are meeting on the same dates, times, and at the same places, that perhaps one "unified" meeting e-mail notification list should be created and utilized for future meeting notifications (and meeting cancellations). Most agreed that sending out one unified email note, covering both groups' membership lists, would be more a more effective method of issuing meeting notifications (and cancellations).

NEXT MEETING: 21 July 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Donald Roussin (for Sumner Hunnewell)

## JULY MEETING MINUTES

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

24 July A. D. 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, Missouri

**Attendees: Sons:** Mark Arbuthnot (PI), Bob AuBuchon (CC), Billy Hickman, Izaiah Hickman, PCC Sumner Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Don Lillicrap, PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer)

**Auxiliary:** Colissa Alexander (Council), Patti McClelland (PI), PAP Kelly Noack (President), Kathie Roussin (VP)

**Guest:** Jennifer Hickman

Commander Roussin called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. and led the opening pledge. He then requested and prayed for those people in our Camp who are going through health issues (Steve and the Howells).

The Commander gave his report. On the Perry V. Fletcher tombstone, he has not heard from the funeral home. He said that the souvenir swords are in. They were about \$4 each and we will sell them for \$7. He had books for sale at \$2 each with proceeds going to the Camp. Finally, he said that he received a receipt from our donation to Get Healthy De Soto.

Secretary Hunnewell asked who kept notes while he was away. He was told that Don Roussin did. So, he will get in touch with him. He presented the Camp with the Eads Award and gave a brief history of the Award. The only other Camps to receive this were Grant & St. James. He gave a short talk about his vacation in Germany. And it was mentioned that Bob AuBuchon is now the Department SVC.

Treasurer Troudus gave his report. There were no questions.

Council Alexander gave the Auxiliary report. She passed out an updated membership list. She is an associate member but has found a qualifying Union soldier (sons of a Confederate soldier), so she will be working on paperwork to become a hereditary member. The Auxiliary is collecting canned/non-perishable food for food pantries (De Soto, Hillsboro, Farmington, and Bonne Terre) and the Sunshine School. The Auxiliary also has a first aid and supply box, which will be brought to our events.

### OLD BUSINESS

There were concerns that members of the Camp and Auxiliary are not receiving the newsletter. The Secretary said he would send it to everyone now that he has an updated Auxiliary list.

Commander Roussin said that the 4th of July parade was a great success, including the tarp that was put over the trailer to keep things cool.

The October 8 event at Caledonia is up in the air. President Noack said that she hasn't heard anything. Brother Trodus said he would attend both days, if needed. Because this coincides with the boat landing at Kimmswick, we will opt for Caledonia. Kimmswick was willing to pay for lunch at the winery.

The Fletcher House Ghost Walk will occur on October 14-15. We get to do what we want to do outside. We will probably participate in the afternoon and evening. We can sell things. The Commander suggests that we make apple butter from scratch and sell jars. He figures he would need three bushels of apples, sugar, spices, and 90 pint jars. President Noack said she would get a SafeServ license and washing station.

Commander Roussin mentioned a July 24 reception at Pilot Knob. We figured that this was the Warrens and their participation with Civil War flags.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Secretary said that the Grant Camp was hosting the Grant Death Day event at Whitehaven. Honor guard and firing salute would need members.

We had questions regarding the bylaws. Do they state that we have to send out meeting notices *n* many days before a meeting? PDC Burd told the Treasurer that our bylaws, re: SVR, state that they highest officer in a Camp Honor Guard is Captain but the bylaws say Colonel. Brother Hunnewell said he would review both items and report back to the Camp.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Nothing was presented.

The Commander closed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

The Hickmans provided a fine repast.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for JUNE 2022**

Balance from last report (May 2022)	1985.06
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Entry fee for 4th of July De Soto parade #1298	15.00
De Soto City sign advertising Memorial Day ceremony	10.00
<u>Income</u>	
Sale of wooden weapons at Pittsfield, IL reenactment	60.00
Sale of picture by the Auxiliary #215	20.00
<u>Current Balance (13 June 2022)</u>	2040.06
Checking Account	1673.96
Cash	319.05
Checks (not yet deposited)	0
Gift card, balance	47.05
<u>End Balance</u>	2040.06

CSA Sword Raffle results - 164 chances, \$142.00



## TREASURER'S REPORT

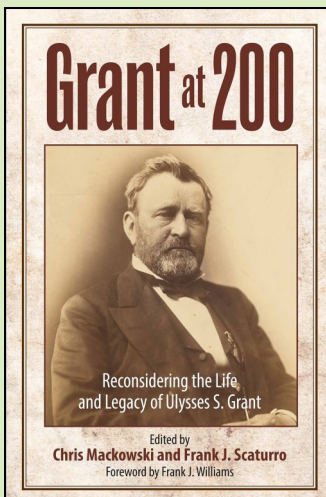
### General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for JULY 2022

Balance from last report (June 2022)	2040.06
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Return funds of Auxilliary Picture Sale	20.00
DeSoto Home Tour Ad	25.00
<u>Income</u>	
None	
<u>Current Balance (19 July 2022)</u>	1995.06
Checking Account	1628.96
Cash	319.05
Checks (not yet deposited)	0
Gift card, balance	47.05
<u>End Balance</u>	1995.06

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- Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

Brother Ted Howell is making his services available for anyone who wants his or her portrait taken in Civil War gear. Contact him for details.



This is a new book of essays to be published this Fall. It is co-edited by Frank Scaturro, who spoke at Whitehaven this month.

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## CALENDAR

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

- 11-14 August, National Encampment, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 18 August, Camp Meeting
- 27 August, Ste. Genevieve Bank Robbery (St. James Camp)
- 15 September, Camp Meeting
- 30 September, 56th USCT Remembrance (Grant Camp)
- 30 September—1 October, Central Region Association, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 14-15 Fletcher House Ghost Walk, Hillsboro
- 20 October, Camp Meeting

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

18 August  
15 September  
20 October

**July birthday**

**26th Donald Lee Roussin**

**August birthday**

**7th John McClure Robinson III**  
**30th Dwain E. Asberry**