



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

Camp members,

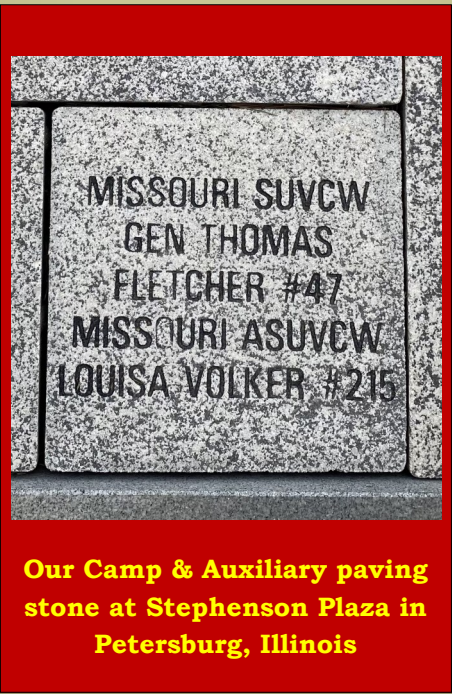
Well it is time to relax after the September we have had. Now that the Pilot Knob reenactment is over, we can take it easy for a while. We started with the Pot Luck supper and Bon Fire this past Friday.

I am ready for some R & R.



Brother Don Roussin is recuperating at home after his motorcycle accident.

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The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

SEPTEMBER 11, GRAVE STONE CEREMONY, SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

PDC Sumner Hunnewell traveled to South Portland, Maine, for a gravestone dedication of his great-great-grandfather, Sumner Freeland Hunnewell, Sr. He was the *first* Sumner in the family tree and served in Company I of the 25th Maine Infantry.



The Maine and Massachusetts SUVCW Departments/SVR, the Maine Department DUVCW 1861-1865, Amvets, the South Portland Historical Society, and Hunnewell family members participated.

Afterwards, a friendly repast of snacks, beer, and soda was provided to the participants at the local Fore River Brewery.

Photos are courtesy of DC Larry Bonney, DC, Department of Maine.



SEPTEMBER 18-19, GREEN TREE FESTIVAL, KIRKWOOD

The Camp & Auxiliary participated in the Kirkwood Green Tree Festival during September 18-19. Sisters Kathie Roussin and Susan Breland did cooking demonstrations, Sister Kelly Noack sold dolls for the Auxiliary, and Brother Doug Roussin sold his wears.

Susan attempts to negotiate a price on a sword, which is met with resistance...



...so it's back to stirring her pot of beans with a spoon instead.



SEPTEMBER 25-26, PILOT KNOB BATTLE REENACTMENT, IRONTON

The big news of the year for local reenactors was that the Pilot Knob battle would be fought after taking a year off due to the pandemic / social climate. Many Camp and Auxiliary members helped in a variety of ways. Families that attended were the Noacks, Roussins, and Warrens. Other members attending included Mark Arbothnot, Susan Breland, and Alan Trodus.

The Camp and Auxiliary provided an opportunity to reach out to the public, explaining what the Allied Orders are and do. They also did well to fill their coffers for upcoming projects by the sale of weaponry and dolls.



VIEWS FROM THE OTHER SIDE, PILOT KNOB BATTLE REENACTMENT, IRONTON



CAMP MEETING & BONFIRE AT THE ROUSSINS, DE SOTO

We had a great time thanks to Kathie & Doug Roussin providing a fine space for our meeting and post-meeting bonfire pot-luck. We had about a dozen & one-half members and guests attend.

Commander Roussin reads as the members listen intently for words of commanderly wisdom.



Nancy Howell, Susan Breland, Kathy Roussin, and Abby Warren

The Warrens and the Burds





**The Warrens, Alexanders,
and McClellands**



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES
(MOLLUS)**

MISSOURI COMMANDERY IS REINVIGORATED

On September 22, national officers of MOLLUS appointed Sumner Hunnewell, Dan Jackson, Dale Crandell, and Gary Scheel to the offices of Commander, SVC, Treasurer, and Recorder, resp.

There are two adult membership categories:

HEREDITARY COMPANIONS. The direct male descendants of the age of 18 years or more of deceased eligible officers or of a brother or sister of any such eligible officer.

ASSOCIATE COMPANIONS. Male persons of the age of 18 years of more who are not known to be eligible for Hereditary membership in the Order; who subscribe to the Preamble, Principles, and Objects of the Order; who have demonstrated a serious interest in the War of Rebellion; and whose membership will advance the objects of the Order.

Similar to the Departments in the SUVCW, a MOLLUS commandery cannot have more than 1/3 Associate Companions as members.

Interested men should contact Sumner.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

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

16 September A. D. 2021, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, Missouri

Attendees: Sons: Steve Alexander (SVC), PCC Bob AuBuchon, John Griffith (Council), PDC Sumner G. Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer)

Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander (Council), Susan Breland (Council), Kelly Noack (Secretary/Treasurer), Kathie Roussin (Vice President), Kathy Trodus

Guests: Joy Griffith, Billy and Isaiah Hickman

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Commander Roussin, who also led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance. There was no raffle.

Doug introduced prospective members, Billy and Isaiah Hickman. Isaiah would be joining as a Junior and his father, Billy, as an Associate for the time being.

Commander Roussin read communications from the C-in-C about using buttonhole decorations in lieu of badges of the order (essentially: don't). He talked about the National Encampment as did Sumner. Sumner said the motions passed included details about holding virtual meetings. He said we have extra goodie bags for sale. The ASUVCW will allow non-U. S. citizens to join. Chris Warren won a new ASUVCW (Major Augustus P. Davis) award for his work creating an activity book for their order. Sumner requested photos of the encampment. During the encampment Doug received the certificate and ribbon for the Marshall Hope Award for last year's best Camp newsletter. Walt Busch received the similar items for the best Department newsletter. Randal Burd will be the new editor of *The Unionist* starting next year. Doug read information from Department Commander Scheel regarding hybrid meetings, insurance when we use black powder weapons, activities in soldier homes, and possibly creating camps there.

Doug made remarks on our Civil War display at Kimmswick, where we met Governor Parson. It was hot but it was fun. We heard later that the Governor liked the visit with our Camp. Doug and Kathy had their picture in *The Leader*, where the event was covered.

Doug thanked everyone who participated in Train Days, where we sold a lot of wooden weaponry. We received a nice thank you note from the organizers.

We heard about the destruction of the GAR bronze statue in a Laclede, Missouri, cemetery. It's unsure if it was vandalism or straight-line winds. We will need to raise money for its repair.

Sumner gave his secretary's report. He asked Doug to invoice Walt Busch for his book, which was given to the C-in-C during the National Encampment campfire. He also mentioned a bicentennial parade in Jefferson City on September 18.

The ASUVCW's reported that we received \$96 on their quilt raffle. They were unsure how much money they made on doll sales during Train Days. They will make more dolls for Pilot Knob, where they will need their own table.

All were invited to Ste. Genevieve for an event on August 28 with the St. James Camp.

OLD BUSINESS

Doug talked about replacing the gravestone of Perry V. Fletcher in the De Soto city cemetery. The GAR post in De Soto was named after him. Doug would like to have a new stone made in the same design.

NEW BUSINESS

We have been asked to be at the Kimmswick landing on August 20 at 12:30 p.m. when the riverboat comes in. The Camp/Auxiliary would be there to greet passengers. We are not sure if we will receive any money for participating. What would we be required to bring? Uniform and weapon. Doug, Alan, John, and Bob would be there. Steve and Colissa might be able to make it.

On October 7, the boat will arrive at 8 a.m. We are asked to set up an encampment on the LaChance Winery grounds. We would be able to sell things.

On October 16, there will be a Jefferson County Horse Show and Fall Heritage Festival in Hillsboro. Gates open at 11 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. They would like us to set up an encampment like we did before. We're unsure if we will read the Ballou letter.

August 28 is the School of the Piece in Beaufort at the Lutheran Church.

There will be a GAR monument rededication at Overton Bottoms near Boonville on September 5. Carpooling will be available near the site.

On September 18, there is an event at Kirkwood (Green Tree Festival), but at the same time there is the De Soto Fall Festival.

On September 25, we will be at Pilot Knob.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sumner brought up that the James Foxtan tombstone still needs to be fixed / replaced.

Alan read the Department rules regarding Juniors. This included watching the film provided by the Boy Scouts about our responsibilities around Juniors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Kathy Trodus provided the post-meeting meal.

Camp Fundraiser

5 tickets for \$4.

10 tickets for \$7.

Drawing to be held after the last Veterans Day parade this year.



TREASURER'S REPORT

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>Balance from last report (August 2021)</u>	1698.01
<u>Expenditure</u>	
2 boards for weaponry (cash)	16.01
2 boards for weapons (cash)	22.84
Share of Train Days sale to Volker #215 Aux, ck#1283	342.00
4 boards for weapons (cash)	35.20
2 boards for weapons (cash)	42.76
Cash for Pilot Knob cash box, ck #1284	300.00
2 boards for weapons, ck#1285	34.20
<u>Income</u>	
Cash to cash box	300.00
Current Balance (13 September 2021)	1205.00
Checking Account	838.91
Cash	311.53
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
Gift cards	54.56
<u>End Balance</u>	1205.00

Sword Raffle status: 140 chances (est.) - \$105.00 donations

Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

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

8 October A. D. 2021, *Chez Roussin*, De Soto, Missouri

Attendees: Sons: Steve Alexander (SVC), PDC Randal Burd, Jr., Billy Hickman, Izaiah Hickman, PDC Sumner Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer). PDC Chris Warren (JVC)

Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander (Council), Susan Breland (Council), Patti McClelland, Kathie Roussin (Vice President), Abby Warren, Twyla Warren (President)

Guests: Mrs. Randal Burd, Jr., Ted and Nancy Howell, David McClelland

Commander Roussin called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Kathie Roussin led the pledge.

Commander Roussin reported on his nephew, Don, who was hit by a driver that overran a stop sign in the city. He suffered a leg broken in many places and a concussion. He is home now. He also said that Commander Gary Scheel begged off from attending tonight as he has had to go to the hospital recently.

Secretary Hunnewell's sole report was that on October 16, the Department will be holding its meeting in Jefferson City.

Treasurer Trodus outlined his treasurer's report, highlighting the sales we made at Pilot Knob.

Twyla gave the Auxiliary's report. She said they had expenses of \$30 for a table + \$50+ for a banner at Pilot Knob. However, between the Green Tree event and Pilot Knob, they deposited \$700 (doll sales and quilt).

OLD BUSINESS

The Camp & Auxiliary participated in the Kirkwood Green Tree Festival during September 18-19. Kelly sold about \$300 in dolls. Kathie and Susan did a cooking demonstration.

We arrived a day early for the Pilot Knob re-enactment, but there was no layout of where we would be. The Boy Scouts put their trailer directly behind us. We were not placed in sutler row or under the trees where we were supposed to be.

Waiting for the steamship in Kimmswick on October 7 was canceled due to the low water table. We are done for 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

We will participate in the Hillsboro Horse Show on October 16. We will set up on Friday and expect to be there all Saturday with a living history exhibit. The Sullivan Ballou letter will be read.

We will march / ride in the Veterans Days Parades in De Soto (Nov. 6, line-up at 9 a.m.) and Herculaneum (Nov. 7, line-up at Senn Thomas middle school at 1 p.m., ceremony at 3 p.m.).

Steve reported on the Christmas party. We will have ours at the De Soto Community Center on December 10. Allison Pollitt, President ASUVCW, will be invited. Cost will be \$10/person.

The Camp agreed to keep the same officers as this term.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sumner let the Camp know that he was appointed the Commander of the Missouri MOLLUS.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed a terrific potluck and great conversation.

TREASURER'S REPORT**General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for OCTOBER 2021**

<u>Balance from last report (September 2021)</u>	1205.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Application fee to Dept of MO, Izaiah #1286	10.00
Application fee & Prorated dues to Dept of MO, Billy #1287	17.25
<u>Income</u>	
Application fee-Izaiah Hickman	10.00
Application fee & pro-rated dues-Billy Hickman Jr	18.75
Donation Billy Hickman Jr	1.25
Raffle-Star Trek poster	16.00
Weapon sales at Pilot Knob re-enactment	399.00
Current Balance (4 October 2021)	1622.75
Checking Account	1431.66
Cash	136.53
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
Gift cards	54.56
<u>End Balance</u>	1622.75

Sword Raffle status: 290 chances (est) - \$221.00 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.

15 October—Hillsboro Horse Show, Fairgrounds (set-up)

16 October—Horse Show, Fairgrounds

6 November—Veterans Day Parade, De Soto

7 November—Veterans Day Parade, Herculaneum

18 November—Camp Meeting (elections)

10 December—Camp Christmas Party (swearing in)

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings

18 November, 10 December

October birthdays

2-Oct Bernard Thomas Laiben

21-Oct Billy Edward Hickman Jr.

November birthdays

14-Nov Kelly Noack

20-Nov Katherine Sago Wortham

26-Nov David Christopher Warren