



# 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.

What a successful weekend we just had at Kirkwood. Thank you Alan for all your hard work.

Looking forward to our next meeting and Bonfire.



**Dues are going up \$10 / year!**



**Consider Life Membership in the SUVCW!**

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

**All the rage in the gaming world!**

Cannon	Bruce Frai	Kimmewick	Ollie	Banquet
Ste. Gen	Perry V. Fletcher	Potosi	Parade	Leonard
Gen. Grant	1861	FREE	Steamboat	Auxiliary
Yankee	Encampment	Bellefontain	1865	Reb
Pilot Knob	Cannon Ball	Mineral Point	Ghost Walk	Mooney's Bridge

**Fletcher Bingo!**

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

**AUGUST 13-14, NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

The Camp was well-represented at the National Encampment at Grand Rapids. Those attending were CC [Grant] Bob AuBuchon, PDC Randal Burd, Jr., PDC Sumner Hunnewell, and Secretary Alan Trodus. The news that affects all brothers was the dues increase (\$10/year), which was a motion from the floor. Also of interest was the Kit Carson



**Our delegates hard at work**

monument in Sante Fe, Arizona, which was erected by the GAR and whose ownership passed to the SUVCW. The local authorities and federal government want it taken down. The monument is fragile and was toppled in 2020 by miscreants. The resolution was to give a quit claim deed to the federal authorities, which would allow them to do with it as they wish.

PDC Dale Crandall of the Phelps and Westport Camps ran for National Secretary but was defeated. Come to the Department meeting in October and you might hear more about that.

The new C-in-C, Bruce Frail, is a Red Sox fan, which works in everyone's favor. Sumner was appointed Assistant Webmaster.

The Department of Michigan put on a fine encampment—not as nice as St. Louis's, but a pleasure!

**SEPTEMBER 10, CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARR GRAVESTONE DEDICATION, ST. LOUIS**

Camp member and Grant Camp Commander Bob AuBuchon organized a Captain William Barr gravestone dedication. Barr was of Merrill's Horse (2nd Missouri Cavalry). He



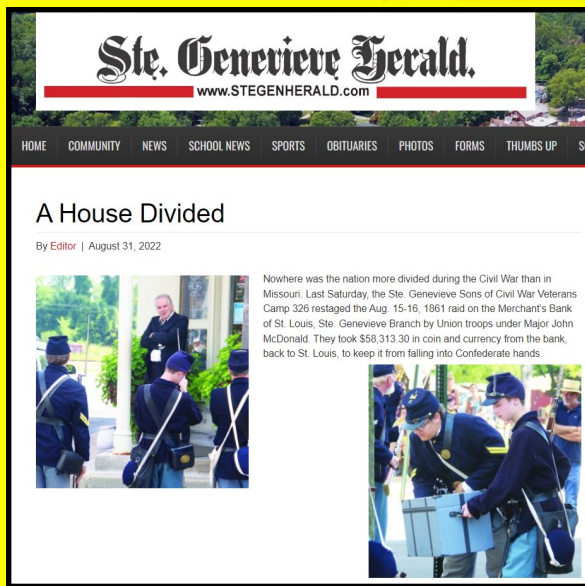
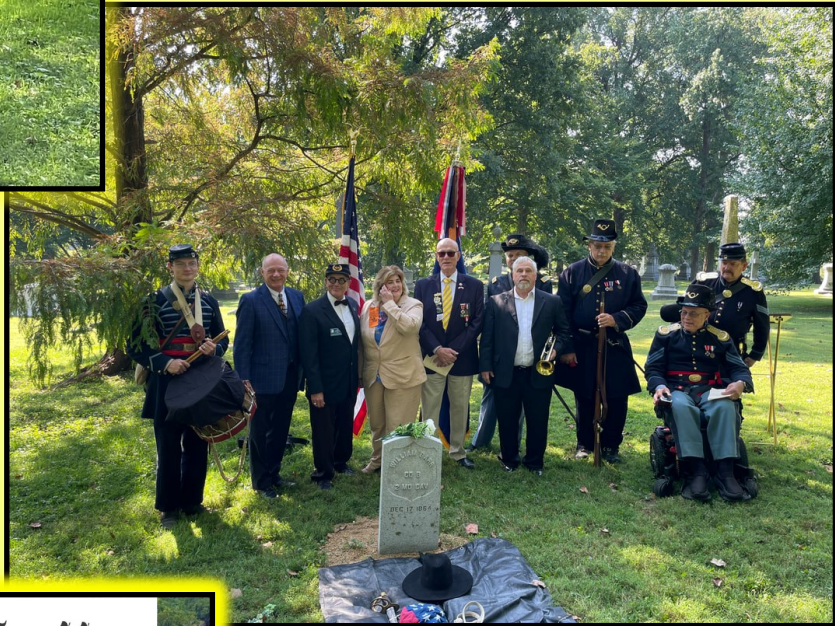




was a 10-year military man and during the Civil War was a Captain of Subsistence and Commissary. While in Denver, he died of dysentery (December 17, 1864). His body was sent to St. Louis for burial but he never had a tombstone placed.

Members of the Grant, Fletcher, and Wilhelmi Camps participated at the Bellefontaine Cemetery. Other than Bob AuBuchon, camp member Duncan Noack provided drumming services. About 15-20 people were present for the ceremony.

**Duncan Noack was a part of the honor guard, playing a draped and muffled drum during the ceremony**



**AUGUST 27, BANK RAID, STE. GENEVIEVE**

The St. James Camp annual bank raid was temporarily interrupted due to the recent unpleasantness, but you can't keep a good thing down.

Brothers Bob AuBuchon, Izaiah Hickman, and Don Roussin, as well as Sister Susan Breland took part.

It was covered by the *St. Genevieve Herald* both in-print and on-line (August 31).



**SEPTEMBER 17, GREENTREE FESTIVAL, KIRKWOOD**



Members were busy again this year promoting the Camp and Auxiliary at the Greentree Festival. It is also a terrific fundraising opportunity. PAP Kelly Noack sold homemade dolls while Secretary Allen Trodus sold various wooden weaponry, giving away flags and SUVCW wooden nickels to anyone making a purchase.



### REPORT ON THE LOUISA E. VOLKER MONUMENT COMMITTEE

The Set-up Committee met at Kelly's lake house on Friday evening to start the planning of our adventure to organize a tribute to our namesake Louisa Volker.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Roussin on September 9th to discuss the ins and outs of pulling this off. The meeting was attended by Doug, Kathy, Chris, Twyla, Abby, Kelly as well as myself. Chris and Twyla had prepared the history on Louisa and discussed the research they had done. We then discussed possible places to place this Monument within Washington County followed by what type to erect. This was tabled pending research. Doug asked Chris to write three biographies of Louisa providing different scenarios of her history to be used for deciding the pricing of the options for the Monument. Before closing Doug appointed me Secretary. Next meeting is to be held at Caledonia Festival Encampment Saturday, October 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Breland

### GRAVE REGISTRATIONS

Sumner registered these graves this year:

**MAJ Joseph K. Lemen** (ca. 1818—March 20 , 1895) 63rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Co. F. Buried at Lemen Cemetery, O'Fallon, St. Clair Co., Ill.

**CPL William T. Osborn** (February 10, 1836—December 14, 1917) 80th Enrolled Missouri Militia, Co. E. Buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Lemay, St. Louis Co., Mo.

Registering graves is not difficult. Check the [national database](#) first.

### EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES

If you know of anyone who has passed their Court of Honor, our Department supplies certificates and coins/patches at no cost. We are encouraged to present these in-person. Use this [Application](#), save it to your PC, and fill it out.

**Questions on either of these items, contact Sumner ([HildifonsTook@prodigy.net](mailto:HildifonsTook@prodigy.net)).**



## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

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

18 August A. D. 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, Missouri

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

**Auxiliary:** Colissa Alexander (Council), Susan Breland (Council), Nancy Howell, Patti McClelland (PI), PAP Kelly Noack (President), Kathie Roussin (VP), PAP Twyla Warren (Secretary/Treasurer), Abbie Warren (Guide)

**Guest:** Jennifer Hickman

Commander Roussin called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. and led the opening pledge.

Mark Arbuthnot thanked everyone for their condolences on the death of his aunt. Ted and Nancy also thanked everyone with their prayers while they were going through a rough health patch. Doug thanked the Hickmans for inviting him and his wife to their lake home for a visit. He didn't have anything else for his Commander's report.

Secretary Hunnewell reminded everyone to write for the newsletter.

Treasurer Trodus gave his report. There were no questions.

Secretary/Treasurer Warren gave the Auxiliary report. They have \$862.34 in the bank. They are looking for a portfolio to protect the charter. An easel was purchased for the charter. The Camp asked that they purchase one for their charter.

### OLD BUSINESS

AuBuchon, Hunnewell, and Trodus gave their report on the National Encampment (see elsewhere in the issue).

Commander Roussin said that the Perry V. Fletcher granite stone is ready to be carved. We will do a dedication in a couple of months. The City Cemetery will pay for the stone.

The organizers of the October 8 event at Caledonia are happy that we are coming. We will have four tents and two canopies. Details will follow.

The Fletcher House Ghost Walk has been canceled. The reason is shrouded in mystery.

### NEW BUSINESS

Arnold will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of incorporation this summer. They have a parade on September 18, but there is too much interest in the Kirkwood festival.

Walt Busch suggested that we created a marker for Louisa Volker. We are unsure where we would put it. Mineral Point? Potosi? We can receive money from Wal-Mart, Caseys, the SUVCW, and perhaps the ASUVCW and DUVCW. We would invite the family. Volker's great-niece is in the

area and her husband is the mayor of Potosi. We formed a committee: the Roussins, Hunnewell, Kelly Noack, and the Warrens. Sumner said he would contact the DUVCW. There is a Potosi Historical Society, Washington County Historical Society that we will inform. We agreed that we need a write-up on Volker.

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

Secretary Hunnewell brought a bag of items from the 2021 National Encampment to be raffled, auctioned, sold, whathaveyou. He suggested that we decide what to do with them at the next meeting and left them in possession of the Commander.

We were reminded that the Ste. Genevieve bank robbery (St. James Camp) will be on August 27. They want to know who will participate so they can have a lunch headcount.

The Grant Camp will be having a new headstone memorial event for Capt. William Barr on September 10 at Bellefontaine Cemetery. At 11 a.m. on October 21, there will be a remembrance of the 56th USCT at Jefferson Barracks.

There will be a Fall muster on Labor Day weekend at Cape Girardeau.

We agreed to keep the password on Ted Howell's website.

The Commander closed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Secretary Hunnewell provided two pecan pies and vanilla ice cream.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Balance from last report (July 2022)	1995.06
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Purchase of 60 Wooden Swords to resell (# 1301)	248.35
Blank membership cards from National Quartermaster (cash)	9.50
100 Wooden nickels from National Quartermaster (cash)	14.50
<u>Income</u>	
Sale of donated books	8.00
Donation Bob Aubuchon	4.00
<u>Current Balance (16 August 2022)</u>	1734.71
Checking Account	1380.61
Cash	307.05
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
Gift cards	47.05
<u>End Balance</u>	1734.71
Sword Raffle status: 164 chances (est) - \$142.00 donations	

- Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

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

17 September A. D. 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, Missouri

**Attendees: Sons:** Steve Alexander (SVC), Bob AuBuchon (CC), Billy Hickman, Izaiah Hickman, PCC Sumner Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Don Roussin, Alan Trodus (Treasurer)

**Auxiliary:** Colissa Alexander (Council), Susan Breland (Council), PAP Kelly Noack (President), Kathie Roussin (VP)

**Guest:** Jennifer Hickman

Commander Roussin called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and led the opening pledge. He then launched into his Commander's report. He noted that our C-in-C Frail sent out a communique to inform brothers about the dues increase (\$10/year). (Sumner again explained the benefits of Life Memberships.) The Auxiliary received a thank you note for food donated to a local food pantry. Commander AuBuchon was thanked for purchasing the new stand for our charter.

Secretary Hunnewell noted that this would be a double issue and the Department Meeting would be on October 29.

Treasurer Trodus gave his report. There was no activity to our accounts.

President Noack gave the Auxiliary report. She said they had no activity in their accounts.

Susan Breland gave a report on the Committee to create a monument for Louisa Volker (see elsewhere in this issue). Commander Roussin passed along the Warren's write-up on Louisa E. Volker and her husband, Thomas Hanlon Macklind. Sumner asked if the DUV was contacted about the effort. The Committee felt they should have something to present to the DUV. Sumner suggested to get buy-in from the DUV, especially if we want to seek funding from them. They also might have useful contacts that we could use to our advantage. Sumner will let the President of the Missouri DUV know that the next Committee meeting will be at the Caledonia Pumpkin Festival on October 8.

### OLD BUSINESS

Commander Roussin said there is no news on the Perry V. Fletcher granite stone nor on when it will be installed/dedicated.

We will be participating at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival again this weekend. We have a good contingent from camp and auxiliary. Alan will give away flags and SUV CW wooden nickels and will be setting up on Saturday morning.

Many camp and auxiliary will participate in the Caledonia Pumpkin Festival again this year. Set up will be October 7 in the afternoon. This will be a one-day (October 8) event.

Bob AuBuchon, Susan Breland, Izaiah Hickman, and Don Roussin participated in St. James Camp's annual Ste. Genevieve bank robbery. Don passed around a copy of the *Ste. Genevieve*



*Herald* (August 31, 2022) which gave the event almost a full-page of coverage. Jennifer Hickman said that it can [viewed on YouTube](#).

Bob AuBuchon gave the report of the Grant Camp's gravestone dedication for Capt. William Barr which happened on September 10 at Bellefontaine Cemetery. He also mentioned that the Grant Camp's annual 56th USCT event will take place on October 21 at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Barracks (Bundy Dr.).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

We will hold this year's cook-out / bonfire at the Roussins on October 21. We will have a short meeting. The bonfire starts at 5:45 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your spouse (not particularly in that order).

Commander Roussin reminded people that elections will take place soon. He is willing to step down if someone else would like the position.

Steve Alexander was charged with contacting the De Soto Community Center for our December Christmas party / swearing in of officers. We are looking at December 9 and we would invite other Camps to join us.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. We then played "Fletcher Bingo." Using terms common to the Fletcher Camp and our Order's history, we played two games to dole out some of the 2021 National Encampment items received at the last Department Encampment. Sisters Alexander and Breland won.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Balance from last report (August 2022)	1734.71
<u>Expenditure</u>	
None	
<u>Income</u>	
None	
<u>Current Balance (11 September 2022)</u>	1734.71
Checking Account	1380.61
Cash	307.05
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
Gift cards	47.05
<u>End Balance</u>	1734.71

Sword Raffle status: 170 chances (est) - \$147.00 donations

- Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

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Abbie Warren

## CALENDAR

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

30 September—1 October, Central Region Association,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

8 October, Caledonia Pumpkin Festival

21 October, 11 a.m., 56th USCT Remembrance (Grant  
Camp), Jefferson Barracks **\*NEW DATE\***

21 October, 5:45 p.m., Camp Meeting, Bonfire at the  
Roussin's **\*NEW DATE\***

29 October, Department Meeting, Jefferson City

17 November, Fletcher Camp Meeting **ELECTIONS**

9 December (*tentative*), Fletcher Camp Meeting /  
Christmas Party

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

21 October

17 November

9 December (*tentative*)

**September birthdays**

**22nd Donald Steven Lillicrap Jr.**

**30th Colissa Alexander**

**October birthdays**

**2nd Bernard Thomas Laiben**

**21st Billy Hickman**