



## 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 Fletcher camp members.

The National Encampment is now only a memory. It is time to take a deep breath and relax. But, don't relax to much as the Pilot Knob reenactment is just around the corner.

I want to welcome Isaiah to the camp as our first junior member. Many thanks to the members who welcomed the riverboat in Kimmswick. That was a blast. I want to also thank the other members for the many activities they worked at this past month.

Good Job to all.

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**BLB.  
Be Like Bob.  
Bring Canned  
Food to the Next  
Meeting!**

**As a thank you—a gift for  
the church's food pantry.**

**Consider Life Membership  
in the SUVCW!**

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

### Gone but not forgotten



**Ollie Pechmann  
1947-2018**

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

#### JULY 28, THE GOVERNOR'S BICENTENNIAL VISIT, KIMMSWICK



No time to waste.  
Sumner working on  
someone's application.



Commander Roussin

The Camp and Auxiliary had the opportunity to parboil themselves in their outfits waiting for the Governor and First Lady of Missouri. We were in the riverside town of Kimmswick, a tourist destination, at the behest of Kathie Roussin's cousin, owner of the LaChance Winery. The Governor and his entourage were traveling around the state during its bicentennial year.

We weren't on the itinerary, but the Governor and First Lady came over to our Civil War display, which was set up. Members who participated were Randal Burd, Sumner Hunnewell, Doug and Kathie Roussin, and Alan Trodus. Marty Aubuchon of the Grant Camp also made an appearance. We had an excellent time, but were worn out by the end of the day. It was HOT!

Photos courtesy of Ted Howells.



Waiting on the Governor at the LaChance Winery:  
Hunnewell, the Roussins, Burd, Trodus, and  
Aubuchon





The Assembled Crowd Listening to the Governor



The Governor  
and First Lady



Mike and Teresa  
Parson





**AUGUST 4-8, NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS**

After two-plus years of planning, our Camp and Auxiliary made quite a showing at this year's National Encampment. Our camp delegates were PCC Bob AuBuchon, PDC Randal Burd, Jr., PDC Sumner G. Hunnewell, PCC Doug Roussin, Alan Trodus, and PDC Chris Warren. Our Auxiliary members who attended were Susan Breland, Kathie Roussin, and PP Twyla Warren. Sylvia Hunnewell volunteered also.

We participated in a variety of ways as honor guards, tour guide, and sutlers.

The Camp received its 2019-20 Marshall Hope Award for best Camp newsletter. Chris Warren won a new ASUVCW award, the Major Augustus P. Davis Award, for his work on an activity award for their order.



**Honor Guard at the Ready**



**Your Tour Guide**

**Montelle Winery**







**The Boone Home  
&  
At the Campfire**

**AUGUST 20, MEETING  
THE RIVERBOAT,  
KIMMSWICK**

The Kimmswick Chamber of Commerce requested members of the Camp and Auxiliary to dress out when a Mississippi riverboat docked at their port

On another very hot August day, Doug and Kathie Roussin, Bob AuBuchon and Alan Trodus were good enough to volunteer to meet the boat.

**On the Landing: Trodus, AuBuchon & the Roussins**





### AUGUST 26, SEARCHING OUT CEMETERIES JEFFERSON COUNTY

Tim Ogle, whose family is firmly entrenched in Jefferson County, took Doug Roussin and Sumner Hunnewell on a tour of three rural cemeteries. Two of these cemeteries are in the middle of the woods. The other is a black cemetery in Festus. We also visited the De Soto city cemetery.

The Robertson (a.k.a. McKinstry) Cemetery is very close to Doug's house. When a survey was done in 1984, the cemetery was looking good but 25 years later, many tombstones were missing. Those Union soldiers known to be buried there are **1st Lt. / Chaplain William Hendrickson** (Missouri Home Guards, De Soto / 31st Missouri Infantry), **Pvt. J. Thomas Kyle** (Co. B, 26th Missouri Infantry), **Pvt. James N. Whitehead** (8th Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry?), and **Pvt. John W. Richardson** (Co. B, 57th Illinois Infantry). The Kyle and Richardson tombstones are missing. The Hendrickson and Whitehead stones are damaged. The cemetery has been vandalized.

The **Pvt. James Speed Foxton** (Co. B, 33rd Illinois Volunteers) gravesite is in the Skeel Cemetery (nearby was a school and church there called Pleasant Valley). It is between Hwy CC & US 67 off of Victoria Road. The land is owned by Dan Ziegelmeyer (2721 Hwy CC). Tim introduced us to the owner, who was happy to visit. Pvt. Foxton's tombstone is broken in multiple places.

The **Pvt. Perry V. Fletcher** tombstone was cleaned by Tim at the De Soto city cemetery. We were able to read "A Soldier for / the Union / Killed by / Accident / June 30, 1861 / in the 2..." The stone has been eaten away by the soil at its base so it is illegible.

We traveled to the Black Cemetery of Mount Zion. We know of at least one of Civil War soldier buried there **Cook Benjamin F. Marshall** (11th Missouri Cavalry). The cemetery is a project for the Festus middle school, where they are learning about each of the people buried there.

Tim plans on order replacement VA tombstones for those at the Skeel and Robertson (a.k.a. McKinstry) Cemeteries. At a later date, he will fix the broken tombstones.





## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

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

19 August 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 Foxton 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.

¶ **105 Youth Protection Training.** Any of the following courses meet the youth protection policy training requirement and provide a post-course certificate of completion:

- Boy Scouts of America, Youth Protection Training, available online at no cost.
- Darkness to Light, Stewards of Children, available online with a registration fee.

Members with frequent contact with youth are encouraged to provide a no cost background check conducted by the Missouri Department of Social Services and Missouri State Highway Patrol

- Request for Child Abuse or Neglect/Criminal Record (SHP-159J)



## 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 AUGUST 2021

<u>Balance from last report (July 2021)</u>	1000.51
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#### Expenditure

Blank membership cards from National Quartermaster (cash)	19.00
100 Wooden nickels from National Quartermaster (cash)	14.50
2 boards for weaponry (cash)	16.00

#### Income

Dual member Robert Aubuchon pro-rated camp dues	3.00
Donation from Bob Aubuchon	60.00
Weaponry sales – Train Days	684.00

<u>Current Balance (16 August 2021)</u>	1698.01
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Checking Account	1515.11
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Cash	128.34
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Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
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Gift cards	54.56
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<u>End Balance</u>	1698.01
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Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

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

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## CALENDAR

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

5 September—GAR monument rededication, Overton Bottoms outside of Boonville—**SVR**

16 September—Camp Meeting (food: Kelly/Kathie)

18 September—De Soto Fall Festival

21 October—Camp Meeting (*chez Roussin*; potluck)

18 November—Camp Meeting

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

16 September, 21 October,  
18 November

**August birthdays**

**7-Aug John M. Robinson III**

**30-Aug Dwain E. Asberry**

**September birthdays**

**22-Sep Donald Lillicrap Jr.**

**30-Sep Colissa Alexander**