



## 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 Fletcher Camp.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. We are looking forward to a great new year with no Covid. If you have any activity you think would be of interest to the Camp, please let Alan, Sumner or myself know. We will be working on Camp activities shortly. Your input is needed.

Your Commander, Doug



### Reminder:

**Next Meeting on  
St. Patrick's Day**

(you will be pinched if you  
do not wear green)



**Consider Life Membership  
in the SUVCW!**

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

**BROTHERS!  
TWO ARMS!  
TWO ARMS!**

**Take your two arms and  
two hands and send in  
your dues to Alan Trodus,  
9711 Woodland Road,  
Hillsboro, MO 63050.**

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**My Civil War Ancestor: Franz Friedrich Wilhelm “Henry” Schlottmann****ALAN TRODUS**

My great-great-grandfather, Franz Friedrich Wilhelm “Henry” Schlottmann was born 24 November 1826 in the village of Grossendorf (now Rahden), Westphalia, Prussia. At the age of 30, he married Mette Catharine Monsees, on 2 January 1856 at St. Johannes Evangelical Church in Grossendorf.

In the autumn of 1856, Franz, Mette, and their infant son, Carl, left Bremen, Germany, on the sailing ship, *Johann Smidt*. They sailed to New Orleans, Louisiana, in the United States. They arrived in New Orleans on 4 December 1856. They traveled by steamboat up the Mississippi river to St Louis, Missouri, and settled in North St Louis.



Franz Henry was a tailor by trade. On 8 May 1861, he enlisted for 100 days into the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Missouri Infantry Volunteers. He mustered out in St Louis on 20 August 1861. Twenty days later on 9 September 1861, Franz Henry reenlisted for three years with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of the Missouri Infantry Reserve Corps. On 18 October 1861 he was reassigned to Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, based In Jefferson City, Missouri. The Regiment then marched to Sedalia, Missouri. On 15 January 1862, Franz Henry became ill after serving on guard duty with inadequate clothing. He was hospitalized in Sedalia, Missouri, and later Hermann, Missouri, was placed on disability leave on 21 February 1862, and sent home to recover. He never recovered sufficiently to rejoin his regiment. He was honorably discharged on 1 February 1863 at Benton Barracks in St Louis. He was never able to fully resume his tailoring trade because of his chronic illness. Franz Henry became a naturalized citizen 24 October 1886.

On 14 April 1886 Franz Henry applied for and received a veteran invalid pension of \$8.00 per month. Later in 1891 he applied for a supplemental pension and it was eventually approved raising his pension to \$12 per month. Franz Henry died 25 October 1898 at the age of 71.

My great-grandfather, August John Schlottmann, was born in St Louis, Missouri, on 18 February 1860. He was the second son of Franz Henry and Mette. He married Louisa Albrecht and they had five children. The fourth of these five children was my grandmother, Flora Britannia Schlottmann. She married Christian Finkenkeller and they had three children. My mother, Florine Louise Finkenkeller was the youngest of the three children.

**Commander's Report—24 February 2022****DOUGLAS ROUSSIN**

Dear Fletcher Camp Members,

Well, the weather has not cooperated again. You know what they say about Missouri weather! It must be true. Our next regular meeting will be March 24. There are a few things of importance that I would like to relate.

1. The IRS has confirmed and accepted our Camp status report for the year 2021.
2. April 2 is the Missouri Remembrance Day at Shiloh, Tennessee. You should have received a form in the email. If you are planning on going and don't have this form, contact Sumner or me for the application. There is also a form for the Hampton Inn in Corinth where most are staying. This is a wonderful event and I hope you can attend.
3. We have received a request for a AFJROTC award for Kail R. Dixon at Farmington High School. The Camp will present the award April 6, 2022.
4. The Daughters of the Civil War are looking for a Color Guard at their convention June 11. Anyone who would like to participate Contact Marty Aubuchon at [deb.martyaubuchon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deb.martyaubuchon@sbcglobal.net).
5. You should have received the Treasurer's Report for February. The Camp is in great shape. With the consent of the Council, Alan and I have made an order from Americana to purchase supplies for the Camp to sell at events this coming year. These include Kepis and wooden swords. After the weather breaks, we will start making wooden items for the Camp to sell.
6. Remember that Camp dues must be paid by the March meeting. If you want, you can mail these directly to Alan Trodus at this address, 9711 Woodland Road, Hillsboro, Mo. 63050.
7. The Department of Missouri business meeting is March 5 in Jefferson City. I will not be able to attend, so if anyone would like to represent the Camp, contact Sumner for more information.
8. The Swap Meet is scheduled for March 12. The location of the meet is The Pavilion at Lemay, 305 Gregg Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63125. Hope to see you there for some great bargains.
9. If anyone is interested in Civil War Shows, the Mid South Civil War show is March 4 & 5 in Memphis. If you would like to go and need more information, contact me.
10. The Ohio Civil War Show is April 30 & May 1, in Mansfield. This is one of the largest Civil War shows in the country.
11. The Greentree Festival in Kirkwood is September 16-18. More info on this later.
12. Bother Sumner has requested that members send Civil War family histories for a future Camp Newsletter.
13. Finally, With the tensions going on with Russia, let us with God's help have peace in the world. Stay safe with this weather. Your Commander, Doug Roussin





#### *About Missouri House Bill 2565 ...*

Missouri State Representative Louis Riggs (House District 5) has introduced a bill to establish a system of State Heritage Areas, and to designate the first of its kind: **The U. S. Grant Heritage Area**. Interested parties should go to their search engine and type "Missouri HB 2565" to view the text of the Bill. When at the Missouri House page, click the link in upper right corner of the page, below the words "Bill Text."

This year we commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant. We applaud the Missouri legislature for taking up this important legislation, which is a suitable way for Missouri to honor one of its favorite sons. Missouri is one of four states with the strongest ties to the former General and Eighteenth President and his family, the others being Ohio, Illinois and New York. Grant's Bicentennial provides an opportunity for Missouri to establish itself as the state that *most* impacted Grant's life experience. Three of four children he and Julia were born here; His first experiences as a battlefield commander occurred here when the Civil War began.

The provisions of Missouri House Bill 2565 can be summarized as follows:

- ♦ Establishes the boundaries of the proposed Heritage area, consisting of 25 non-urban Missouri

counties, from Marion County in the north to New Madrid County in the south

- ♦ Designates the City and County of St. Louis and St. Charles County as Tier two counties
- ♦ Provides that the Missouri Humanities Council shall undertake a study of the Heritage Area, and provides that it present a Management Plan to the Missouri Division of Tourism
- ♦ Mandates creation of an Advisory Committee for the Heritage Area, including a citizens' component
- ♦ Provides that state agencies including State Parks, Missouri Archives and the Department of Conservation cooperate in the planning and implementation process
- ♦ Requires that the Management Plan shall include means and methods to "protect, enhance and interpret" cultural, historical, archaeological, natural and recreational resources of the entire Heritage Area

The scope of the required study is not limited to Ulysses Grant-specific sites, nor to Civil War era sites. All of the cultural and historical assets of the impacted counties will be explored and considered as part of the required Management Plan.

The language of HB 2565 is an adaptation of the enabling legislation for Maryland's Heritage Preservation and Tourism Areas Program, which was established in 1996. The program acts as a catalyst for local development and private investment in heritage tourism. According to the most recent report of the thirteen Heritage Areas in Maryland, the economic impact includes nearly \$250 Million and 3500 jobs, plus over \$32 Million in state and local tax revenue. **The National U. S. Grant Trail Association urges that all Missourians educate themselves on the importance of preserving and promoting Missouri's cultural and historic resources.**

Joseph W. "Whit" McCoskrie, Lt. Col. USA (ret.)  
Chairman

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General Order #14  
Series 2020-2021  
13 April 2020



### Lobbying

1. **Introduction.** GO #35, Series 2019-2020, dated 14 August 2020, was a prudent measure to keep the SUVCW from any inadvertent violations while the 501(c)3 status of subordinate organizations was still under review by the IRS. The IRS has since granted that status, and the Order has had sufficient time to investigate and understand the rules for lobbying to develop long term guidance for Departments, Camps and SVR Units.
2. **Revocation of GO #35.** Therefore, the aforesaid GO #35 is hereby revoked and replaced with the following guidance regarding lobbying.
3. **Status of the SUVCW.** The National Organization, subordinate Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units are now considered 501(c)(3) entities.
4. **General Rules on Lobbying and Definitions.** In general, a 501(c)(3) organization can do a limited amount of lobbying (attempting to influence legislation), but too much could jeopardize its tax-exempt status (i.e., it cannot be a substantial part of its activities).
  - a. Legislation includes action by Congress, any state legislature, any local council, or similar governing body, with respect to acts, bills, resolutions, public referendum, ballot initiative, constitutional amendment, or similar procedure.
  - b. Legislation does not include actions by executive, judicial, or administrative bodies.
  - c. An organization will be regarded as attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.
5. **Scope of Permitted Lobbying.** The National Organization, subordinate Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units are permitted to undertake a limited amount of lobbying as long as the subject of the lobbying is directly related to one of the six purposes stated in the SUVCW's Congressional Charter (36 USC, Chapter 2003, §200302), and in particular to the following:
  - To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865.
  - To assist in every practical way in preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members.



- To cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country in any war.
- a. The following limited lobbying activities are allowable activities for Departments, Camps, and SVR subordinate units once the CinC has granted his written permission (see paragraph 7, below):
  - 1) The encouragement of members and non-members to write letters;
  - 2) Conduct educational meetings to inform the public about planned projects and events. Education sessions for current legislative leaders and potential candidates for elected office may be conducted as long as the information is offered to all parties and candidates without partisanship;
  - 3) prepare, and distribute educational materials or otherwise consider public policy issues in an educational manner that does not jeopardize our tax-exempt status;
  - 4) Testify at public hearings;
  - 5) Provide research, analysis, and commentary;
  - 6) Join amicus curiae briefs (additional permission is required on a case-by-case basis).
- 6. **Restrictions and Prohibitions.** Lobbying shall remain nonpartisan. It is prohibited to conduct or engage in political campaign activities to intervene in elections to public office. The Johnson Amendment to the 1954 Tax Code applies to all 501(c)(3) organizations, not just religious 501(c)(3) organizations. This includes, but is not limited to the following restrictions:
  - a. At no time will any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, contribute or otherwise donate funds to any political campaign;
  - b. At no time will any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit raise funds for candidates in any manner;
  - c. At no time will any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit publicly support or oppose any candidates;
  - d. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps, or SVR subordinate units post partisan political messages on any social media platform (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Reddit, Imgur, Gab, etc.) or on organizational websites;
  - e. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps or SVR subordinate units engage in ad hominem criticism of public officials, or give the appearance thereof (including but not limited to attacks on one's personal characteristics or one's status or qualifications);
  - f. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps or SVR subordinate units connect, compare, or assess the organization's position on an issue(s) with voting recommendations for or against candidates for office in any election(s). This prohibition includes but is not limited to making and/or distributing voter guides for or against candidates;
  - g. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps, or SVR subordinate units, during an election, compare the organization's issue position with that of a candidate.
- 7. **Permission to Lobby.** Prior permission of the Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans must be obtained before any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit conduct any lobbying efforts whatsoever.
  - a. Requests for permission must be made in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, a duplicate copy to be filed with the National Executive Director, National Treasurer, and National Counselor in



writing or by electronic means. No lobbying activities will take place prior to receiving the Commander-in-Chief's written permission under penalty of suspension. Copies of the aforesaid written requests and permissions will be maintained on file by the Executive Director and National Treasurer.

- b. Once the lobbying activity has been completed, the Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit which was engaged in a lobbying effort shall report to the Commander-in-Chief as follows:
  - 1) Who was contacted and on what date(s);
  - 2) What was discussed, and any other relevant information concerning the lobbying activities, including how many hours were spent;
  - 3) The report shall include copies of any written communications to and from the party(s) which were lobbied;
  - 4) For in-person (face to face) meetings, a synopsis of the conversation(s) shall be attached.
8. **Rights of Brothers as Private Citizens.** Brothers are free to communicate as private citizens with their local, state, or national representatives on any legislation; however, in this case, they must refrain from mentioning or otherwise implying they are representing the SUVCW, nor may they use letterhead of the SUVCW National Organization, Department, Camp, or SVR Military District or Unit.
9. **Penalties for Non-Compliance.** As the failure of a Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit to comply with this order may jeopardize our 501(c)3 tax exempt status, the National Organization must practice prudence and take action for the good of the Order against any subordinate body which fails to follow this General Order, namely suspension as well as any other actions as necessary to ensure the Order retains its 501(c)3 tax exempt status.

Ordered this 14th Day of April, 2021

*Brian C. Pierson*

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Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
*Jonathan C. Davis*  
Jonathan C. Davis  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Brothers, here is  
our Order's policy  
on lobbying.**

**See item #8 above,  
especially.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance from last report (November 2021)	2156.75
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#### Expenditure

DeSoto Christmas parade fee (#1288)	15.00
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#### Income

Book raffle at business meeting	20.00
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New Member application and 2022 dues (Ted Howell)	43.00
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2022 dues- A Trodus	9.00
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<u>Current Balance (7 December 2021)</u>	2213.75
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Checking Account	2009.66
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Cash	149.53
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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>	2213.75
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- Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance from last report (December 2021)	2213.75
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#### Expenditure

Christmas banquet supplies (#1290) to Doug	70.00
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Payment to DeSoto Comm Center (Banquet) (#1291)	325.00
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Appl fee to Dept of MO for new member Ted Howell (#1292)	34.00
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#### Income

Banquet fee - Ted & Nancy	20.00
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Banquet fee - Alan & Kathy	20.00
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Banquet fee - Mark & Paula	20.00
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Banquet fee - Bob Aubuchon	10.00
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Banquet fee - Susan & Jim	20.00
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Banquet fee – Steve & Colissa	20.00
Banquet fee – Doug & Kathie	20.00
Banquet fee – Chris, Twyla, Abbie & Mom	40.00
Banquet fee – Don Lillicrap	10.00
Banquet fee – Allison (from Aux#1076)	10.00
Banquet fee – Billy, Izaiah & Jennifer	30.00
Banquet fee – Sumner & Sylvia	20.00
Banquet fee – Kelly & Gary	20.00
2022 SVR dues – Bob Aubuchon	3.00
2022 SVR dues – Chris Warren (Bob Aubuchon)	3.00
2022 SVR dues – Sumner (Bob Aubuchon)	3.00
2022 SUVCW/SVR dues – Don Lillicrap	38.00
2022 SUVCW/SVR dues – Doug Roussin	39.00
Sale of SVR badge to Bob Aubuchon	14.25
Sale of Dept Officer badge to Bob Aubuchon	22.00
Sale of Member badge to Gary Scheel	25.00
Donation unknown	10.75
2022 SUVCW/SVR dues – Bernard Laiben	38.00
2022 SUVCW/SVR dues – Donald L Roussin	38.00
2022 SUVCW/SVR dues – Randal Burd	9.00
<u>Current Balance (13 February 2022)</u>	2287.75
Checking Account	2014.96
Cash	171.23
Checks (not yet deposited)	47.00
Gift cards	54.56
<u>End Balance</u>	2287.75

- 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.*

- 5 March, Department Meeting 10 a.m. Jefferson City
- 13 March, Gen. Sherman Remembrance Day - 1 p.m.  
Calvary Cemetery [Grant Camp]
- 17 March, Camp Meeting
- 16 April, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony 9 a.m., Springfield IL
- 30 April, Gen. Grant's 200th Birthday Celebration, Point Pleasant, OH
- 21 April, Camp Meeting
- 14 May, Grave Markings/Lunch, 11 a.m., Ste. Genevieve [St. James Camp]
- 19 May, Camp Meeting
- 30 May, Memorial Day, Jefferson Barracks [Grant Camp]
- 4 June, Department Encampment, Columbia

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

17 March  
21 April  
19 May  
16 June

**February birthdays**

**24th Duncan Eugene Noack**

**March birthdays**

**3rd Douglas Wayne Roussin**

**6th Mark Elmo Arbuthnot**

**25th Jeffrey A. Asberry**