



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

Hello again. I am so excited. This coming Wednesday Gov. Parson will be in our area on his Missouri Bicentennial tour. Our Camp has been asked to set up a camp at the LaChance Winery (6035 2nd St.) in Kimmswick to greet the Governor. We will set up a couple of tents 9-10 in the morning. The Governor will arrive at 2 p.m. If you can make it, come and enjoy the day.

I just returned from Gettysburg, Pa. The trip was great, visiting many relic shops. I brought back a few souvenirs. I learned that the people in Pennsylvania do not know what humidity is. So I promised to send them a little bit from Missouri as a gift. Hope they like it!

Train Days in De Soto was a huge success. The people enjoyed the drilling led by Chris Warren. Everyone loved the Auxiliary ladies in their outfits.

**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!](#)



**Why is Susan smiling?
See page 2**

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The Fletcher Camp on the Move!

JULY 4 PARADE, DE SOTO

The Camp and Auxiliary participated in the 4th of July parade in De Soto again this year. Our float was improved with additional decorations. Some of us walked the whole way in the unusual Sunday afternoon parade (and soaked our feet afterwards). Those Camp members participating were Steve Alexander, Mark Arbuthnot, Bob AuBuchon (Grant Camp), Donald Roussin, Doug Roussin, Department Commander Gary Scheel (St. James Camp), and Alan Trodus. Colissa Alexander, Susan Breland, Kelly Noack, Patti McClelland, and Kathy Trodus of the Auxiliary took part as well.

Photos courtesy of Ted Howells.

Brothers AuBuchon, Hunnewell, and Arbuthnot



Doug & Kathie Roussin, Steve Alexander, Kelly Nowak, and Colissa Alexander

Gary Scheel, Doug & Kathie Roussin, Steve Alexander and Kelly Nowak



JULY 17, TRAIN DAYS, DE SOTO

Once again, the Camp and Auxiliary took part in De Soto's Train Days. This celebrates the fact that the Union Pacific Railroad has a huge presence in town. Our members manned and womanned tables of show and tell items, raffle items, and used the time to recruit possible members. We sold \$684.00 in wooden weapons: all 40 of the short rifles/shotguns, 19 of the 20 long rifles, and 72 of the 127 pistols. We also sold \$38 in sword raffle tickets. It was a very successful fund raising day indeed!

Photos courtesy of Ted Howells.



Sisters and Brothers awaiting the crowds



**Doug Roussin explains
artillery.
No free samples.**

**Kathie Roussin does
"show and tell" with
various Civil War
artifacts**



JULY MEETING MINUTES

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

15 July 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), Don Roussin, PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer), PDC Chris Warren (JVC)

Auxiliary: Kelly Noack (Secretary/Treasurer), Kathie Roussin (Vice President), Kathy Trodus, Abbie Warren, Twyla Warren (President)

Guests: Tim Ogle

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Commander Roussin, who also led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance. There was no raffle.

Commander Roussin read communications from the C-in-C and DC. The late ASUVCW PNP Janice Lee Harding signed the Volker Auxiliary charter. The late PCC David Richard Busch was a charter member of the McCormick Camp. Colissa and Chris as chaplains will send sympathy cards to brothers Dan Busch and Walt Busch.

The National Encampment tours are filling up. People who want to volunteer should give the times they think they will be available and email [Bob Petrovic](#).

Doug passed around the June 23rd *Mountain Echo* newspaper (Iron County), which had a page one article on the Warren family.

Sumner gave his Secretary's report, saying that everyone should have received their last camp newsletter. He made the motion that brother Bob AuBuchon should be a dual member of the Camp. It was seconded by Don. Motion passed unanimously.

Alan give his treasurer's report. Sumner's suggestion of a party now that we had reached the \$1000 mark was voted down! He did mention that there will be a need for money for gravestone restoration.

Twyla gave the Auxiliary report. Their combined monetary donations and hours of service were equivalent to \$27,911.09. This was with just four members reporting. The Auxiliary has \$99.63 in their bank account. Kathy Trodus have a quilt to auction off for the Auxiliary. Ragdolls are being constructed for sale at events (Train Days, Pilot Knob, &c).

OLD BUSINESS

The 4th of July parade had a good turnout of members and watchers for the heat, time of day, and day of the week. Doug wasn't happy that we had to pay a \$15 entrance fee.

Train Days is this Saturday. We set up at 8 a.m., cars off the street at 8:30 and start at 9. Enter from Boyd Street. We will be under shade trees. Kelly and Alan will bring pop-up tents. Alan will bring drilling rifles.

Last Sunday, we completed the work on the wooden weaponry. We have 127 pistols @ \$3 each, 29 short rifles @ \$6, 11 shotguns @ \$6, and 19 long rifles @ \$12. Alan will create a sign for sales.

For Train Days, we will have one table for paraphrenalia , one for sale, and one for artillery. Doug will bring his field gun. There will be a sign-up sheet for prospective members. Kelly will bring reaffle tickets. Doug said we need a drummer. Kelly will give an ultimatum. Doug thinks we could ask a high school drummer. Sumner can play as well.

Today is the last day to order polo shirts from Pete Oetting. We don't pay now. They will be about \$25 each. There was a lot of discussion about using the SUVCW Missouri Department logo along with the Volker Auxiliary name.

Ted's website of pictures has added July 4 photos. Sumner passed Doug a stack of CDs of pictures, which Ted will add to his site.

Doug brought up the National Encampment ad and the Christmas Catalog ad, both of which were paid for.

We discussed the Avenue of Flags at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Bob AuBuchon explained that he and the Grant Camp had purchased a flag each. It is a 3' x 5' flag, which is used three times a year. Once purchased, a name & certificate will be available to view at the JB admin building. The cost is \$125. We could do purchase it in honor of Ollie Pechmann. Sumner made the motion. Alan seconded. The motion failed.

In the same vein, Chris brought up an etched paving stone at the Civil War Museum. The cost is \$100. This was tabled. Chris suggested that if our bank account increases significantly, we might consider a small scholarship like St. James Camp.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug said that the broken Perry V. Fletcher tombstone might be replaced. Doug talked to Jake Dietrich at the funeral home. There is a budget for replacements with the cemetery board. We want to get a military headstone but it won't include all of the verbiage on the original tombstone. Fletcher had the local GAR post named after him. He was the first soldier from Jefferson County to die in the war (accidently killed by another Union soldier). Doug said that the Camp/Auxiliary might be recognized on the replacement stone.

Tim Ogle was introduced. He thanked us for our presentation of his ancestor's new tombstone at the Zion Methodist Church. Tim researches old cemeteries and involves the us when he finds Union soldier graves.

He talked about the James Foxton tombstone, which is repairable. This 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.

He then talked about the Robertson (aka McKinstry) Cemetery. It was surveyed and in good shape in 1984 but by 2009 many tombstones were missing. Tim can repair those broken ones. We should order new tombstones from the VA. Doug is ordering one for his great-grandfather at

the Roman Catholic Cemetery and is working with Jake at the funeral home. Tim talked about Union chaplain and captain gravesites. Capt. James Whitehead's tombstone is in five pieces but mendable. Whitehead of very popular. Over 600 attended his funeral. Tim taked to the Whitehead family locally and a direct descendant in Nebraska. Whitehead's sister married an Ogle. A local property owner said that someone might have gone through and tore out tombstones. It is called the Robertson Cemetery because they donated the acre of land. The McKinstry family were the first buried there.

Don Lillicrap was contacted by people at the Battle of Athens event, but it is during our National Encampment (August 6-7).

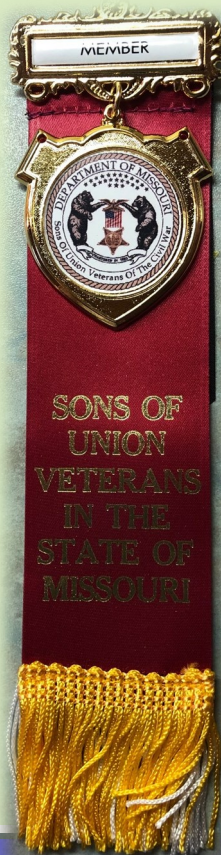
The School of the Piece will occur again in Beaufort at the Lutheran Church. It is sponsored by the Turner Brigade. Cost is \$20, which includes a two year membership to the National Civil War Artillery Association. Food is provided by the church (free will offering). Deadline is August 7. Chris, Doug, and Bob plan on attending.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sumner had Missouri reversable badges available for \$15. The "In Memoriam" side can be used in lieu of a black ribbon across a badge. He also had a stack of Civil War themed US postage stamps that he would give to the Auxiliary to raffle.

Kathy Trodus was sworn into the Auxiliary by President Warren.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

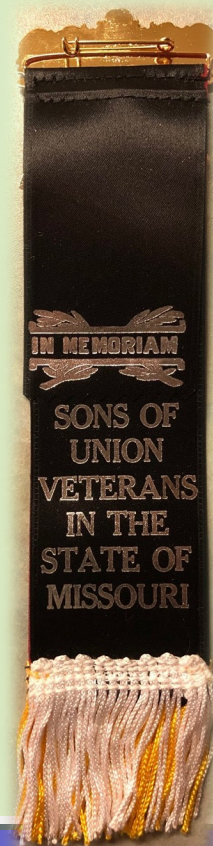


Reversible Department Badges

12 left

At cost: \$15

See Sumner



New 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 JULY 2021

Balance from last report (June 2021)	986.51
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Expenditure

Entry fee for DeSoto July 4th parade (#1281)	15.00
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Full page ad National Encampment book	40.00
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Income

Book raffle	19.00
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Donation from Bob Aubuchon	50.00
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<u>Current Balance (12 July 2021)</u>	1000.51
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Checking Account	735.11
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Cash	210.84
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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>	1000.51
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Sword Raffle status: 89 chances - \$67 (corrected from last report) 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.

5-8 August—National Encampment, St. Louis

Be there! BE THERE! BE THERE!

19 August—Camp Meeting (food: Kathy Trodus)

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

18 September—De Soto Fall Festival

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

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings

19 August, 16 September,
21 October

July birthday

26-Jul Donald Lee Roussin

August birthdays

7-Aug John M. Robinson III

30-Aug Dwain E. Asberry