



# 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

I hope that members of Fletcher Camp have stayed warm and dry this wet and cool spring. Now that summer is just around the corner, I look forward to our Memorial Day ceremony.

Our next activity will be the 4th of July parade. Also, we have been invited to work with members of the Fletcher House in Hillsboro on the fall ghost walk in October. See our meeting minutes.

Have a great summer.



### The Camp has four Life Members

Robert AuBuchon, Randal Burd, Jr., Sumner Hunnewell, Alan Trodus

**No National or Department dues!**



### Consider Life Membership in the SUVCW!

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

## Engaging the public during Memorial Day



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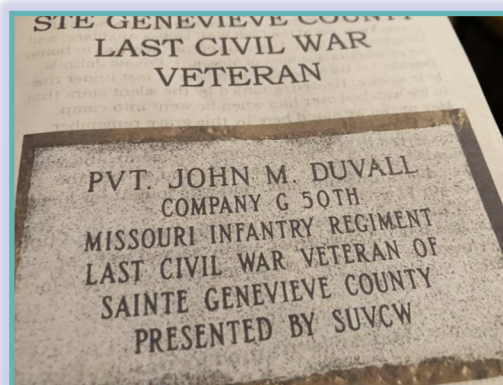
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### The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

#### MAY 14, LAST SOLDIER DEDICATION, ST. MARY

Commander Roussin participated in the St. James Camp's Last Civil War Soldier of Ste. Genevieve County. The St. James Camp placed a marker at St. Mary's Cemetery in St. Mary for Private John M. Duvall, Company G, 50th Missouri Infantry. Family members were present for the ceremony. Our Commander played *Taps* as a part of the event.



#### MAY 30, MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, DE SOTO



Our Camp and Auxiliary fulfilled their filial obligation in remembering our Civil War dead on May 30 at the De Soto City Cemetery. The St. James Camp from Ste. Genevieve came in force as well. Commander Roussin presided over the ceremony. The color guard gave three volleys. We had over a dozen members of the public participate in marking the graves of veterans.

*Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.*



PDC Burl, our  
Chaplain for the  
event



St. James Camp  
PCC Ed Millinger



Sister Colissa Alexander



Sister Patti McClelland





Sisters Howell and Breland



Engaging the public





**Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:  
Brothers at the Ready from the Fletcher and St. James Camps**



## MAY MEETING MINUTES

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

24 May A. D. 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd St., De Soto, Missouri

**Attendees: Sons:** Steve Alexander (SVC), Mark Arbuthnot (PI), Bob AuBuchon (CC), Billy Hickman, Izaiah Hickman, Ted Howell, PCC Don Lillicrap, PCC Doug Roussin (Commander), Alan Trodus (Treasurer)

**Auxiliary:** Colissa Alexander (Council), Patti McClelland (PI), Nancy Howell, PAP Kelly Noack (President), Kathie Roussin (VP)

**Guest:** Dr. Steven Huss, Jennifer Hickman

Commander Roussin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Mark led the opening pledge.

Dr. Steven Huss, Historian of Fletcher House Foundation, was introduced as our guest speaker. Dr. Huss pitched partnership of Fletcher Camp with Foundation for Fletcher House Ghost Walk. He is seeking ideas including making it a two-night event, setting up a couple tents, including one selling things like Civil War era cookies, candy, etc., a campfire, a cooking demonstration, shooting, shadows in woods, musical entertainment, mysterious lights in upper windows Fletcher House, etc. The Ghost Walk takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tentative dates are 27-28 October 2022. The Foundation meeting is the first Monday of June at Hillsboro City Hall, 6:00 p.m. He is also looking for actor of William T. Sherman, a good friend of Thomas C. Fletcher. Contact info for Dr. Steve Huss is cell 314 379-8660; email [sfhuss@gmail.com](mailto:sfhuss@gmail.com).

Commander Roussin reported on two grave marker dedications he participated in St. Genevieve and St. Mary's. He presented a JROTC award was to Cadet Elijah Edgy. Commander Roussin submitted the Department Quartermaster report for Annual Department Encampment.

The Secretary's Report was tabled (not present).

Treasurer Alan gave his report. There were no questions. As adjutant for 47th Missouri Infantry, Co. E, he handed out SVR membership cards to all members. Members not in attendance will receive cards by mail. 432 paper flags were bought. A request for volunteers to stamp flags with Camp stamp was made. After a short discussion on desecrating flags, Patti McClelland volunteered to stamp flags for the De Soto 4th of July parade. Receipts for De Soto sign fee to advertise Memorial Day Ceremony at City Cemetery and entry fee for De Soto 4th of July Parade were presented and paid for by the Camp.

Kelly Noack reported on Auxiliary. She said that she and her son, Duncan, did a Civil War presentation at CF Farm across from Hillsboro Middle School. Susan Breland reported that she attended a Battle of Carthage reënactment. Patti McClelland received an award from Jefferson Barracks for her many years of volunteering. Bob Aubuchon was thanked for his very large donation to the food pantry.

Samples of Civil War era postcards made by Commander Roussin were distributed for viewing. They will be handed out at the Memorial Day ceremony.

The St. James Camp loaned Fletcher Camp some street signs for our Memorial Day ceremony. We expect three members of the St. James camp to help at the ceremony. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30 May. Camp members should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Three rounds are to be fired, flowers laid, and Taps played.

Kimmswick river boats begin arriving in July. The *American Queen* will arrive in September, where we can set up camp and sell things.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bob AuBuchon suggested some other events Camp may want to participate in such as the Last Union Soldier with Major Frances Wilhelmi Camp event at 1:00 p.m. 25 June as well as the Fred Hecker Camp, Worden Illinois Lutheran Cemetery 10:00 a.m. 25 June.

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

Bernard Laiben reported that the Jefferson County Historical Society is moving to Victoria in June.

The Hillsboro Horse show and Caledonia Pumpkin Festival dates are in conflict, 8th October. Will we participate in one or both? We will wait till later to decide.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Balance from last report (April 2022)	2087.75
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Tractor Day Parade Candy (½ with the Aux), #1296	23.00
3 gross paper (3" x 4½") paper flags for 4th July parade, cash	21.33
Two 1" x 12" boards to make small pistols, cash	50.85
Memorial Day ceremony stick flags (70), Walmart gift cards	57.51
<u>Income</u>	
Walmart support-Memorial Day ceremony with \$50 gift card	50.00
<u>Current Balance (16 May 2022)</u>	1985.06
Checking Account	1698.96
Cash	239.05
Checks (not yet deposited)	0
Gift card, balance	47.05
<u>End Balance</u>	1985.06

CSA Sword Raffle results - 102 chances, \$86.00

- 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.*

4 June, Department Encampment, Jefferson City

16 June, Camp Meeting

21 July, Camp Meeting

23 July, U. S. Grant Remembrance, Whitehaven

11-14 August, National Encampment, Grand Rapids, Mich.

18 August, Camp Meeting

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

19 May  
16 June  
21 July  
18 August

**June birthdays**

**4th Patti McClelland**  
**27th Colton Dale Noack**

**July birthday**

**26th Donald Lee Roussin**