



## 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.



Commander & Mrs. Roussin

### From Commander Roussin

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone is recovering from that feast called Thanksgiving. I am almost back to normal but need a few more days. As we bring this year to a close, I see we have a few more things on our list. First the DeSoto Christmas parade, followed by the Christmas banquet, and finally bell ringing for the food pantry. You are a great bunch of people and I'm glad to call you friends. Happy Holidays.

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

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**Consider Life  
Membership in the  
SUVCW!**

You will be exempt from  
National and  
Department dues.  
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### Where is Brother AuBuchon marching to?



**Pretoria? No. See page 2.**

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**The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!****OCTOBER 30, MOLLUS EVENT, LAFAYETTE PARK, ST. LOUIS**

Members of the Camp and Auxiliary participated in the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary reënactment of the placement of three Revolutionary War cannons in Lafayette Park. The cannon were purchased by the Missouri Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and donated to the park in 1897. Although the SUVCW were not in the procession at the original 1897 ceremony, MOLLUS Commander Sumner Hunnewell, invited other nearby Allied Orders and members the SUVCW, ASUVCW, and DUVCW 1861-1865 participated. Overall nine hereditary societies participated including the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, and Children of the American Revolution.



Representing the Fletcher Camp were Commander Roussin, Secretary Trodus, and Bob AuBuchon. Patti McClelland of the Volker Auxiliary attended with her DUVCW Tent. Members of the U. S. Grant and St. James Camps also assisted. ASUVCW National President Allison Pollitt graciously attended as did the MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Col. Robert Pollock.

Turnout of about 65 was good for a rather gloomy day.

**NOVEMBER 5, VETERANS DAY PARADE, DE SOTO**

Our Camp and Auxiliary continue to take part in area parades. We honored our Boys in Blue and other veterans at the annual and very blustery De Soto Veterans Day Parade.



## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

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

17 November A. D. 2022, Redeemer Lutheran Church, De Soto, Missouri

**Attendees: Sons:** Mark Arbuthnot (PI), Bob AuBuchon (CC), Billy Hickman, Izaiah Hickman, Ted Howell, Don Roussin (Council), Alan Trodus (Treasurer), Chris Warren (JVC)

**Auxiliary:** Colissa Alexander (Council), Patti McClellan (PI), Abbie Warren (Guide), PAP Twyla Warren (Secretary/Treasurer)

**Guest:** Jennifer Hickman

Brother Trodus conducted the meeting due the absence of the Commander.

There is no new status on the Perry V. Fletcher grave stone. Doug is to remain lead.

As for the Volker Memorial, Chris Warren will take lead as new Camp Commander.

There are no new candidates for officers. A voice vote was held for existing nominees and officers were elected. Chris Warren - Commander, Sumner Hunnewell - Secretary, Alan Trodus - Treasurer, Doug Roussin - Council of Administration.

The head count of meeting attendees for Christmas Banquet is around 30. The Secretary will send an invitation to Department Commander Amsler and his spouse as our guest ASAP. Also CC Gary Scheel and wife will be vinted. Please wear period dress as Ted Howell will be taking photos. There will be installation of officers. There will be a surprise presentation, door prizes, and an additional a surprise.

Treasurer Trodus made the motion that increase of dues for 2023 only are to be paid from Camp funds. This was seconded by Don Roussin. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

It was noted that Doug, Chris, Izaiah, Alan, Kelly, Twyla, Abbie, and Colissa participated in De Soto Veteran Days Parade. After the parade, the winner of sword raffle was selected from about 400 tickets and winner was Anita Otte, She bought chance at Kirkwood Green Tree festival. She has been contacted and arrangements are in work to get sword to Anita.

The Christmas parade is in De Soto at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. White wooden rifles with lanterns will be provided by camp. A float will be available and will need to be decorated. We will meet next to Mahn Funeral home at 5:30 p.m.

We will be bell ringing for the De Soto Food Pantry on Sunday, December 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the De Soto Walmart. Period dress, warm clothes, and good cheer are required! Please try to attend.

Ted Howell asked to speak and propose more participation with the De Soto Historical Society. Ted will take lead and coordinate with the Historical Society to see what Fletcher camp can do.

There was a short discussion about Ft. Gibson here in De Soto. A closing prayer was offered.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance from last report (October 2022) 2850.71

#### Expenditure

None

#### Income

Sword Raffle 259.00

Donation to Sword Raffle 20.00

Current Balance (15 November 2022) 3129.71

Checking Account 2802.61

Cash 280.05

Checks (not yet deposited) 0.00

Gift cards 47.05

End Balance 3129.71

Sword Raffle status: WINNER!!! Anita Otte, Delivery in works.

- Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

Washington, D.C.

October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

### Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,  
Secretary of State

## YOUR CAMP OFFICERS

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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.*

2 December, De Soto Annual Tree Lighting (optional)

3 December, De Soto Christmas Parade, 5:30 p.m. lineup

9 December, 6 p.m. Fletcher Camp Meeting / Christmas  
Party

11 December, 2 p.m.— 6 p.m. Bell Ringing at De Soto  
Walmart for the De Soto food pantry

NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

9 December

**November birthdays**

**14th Kelly Noack**

**20th Katherine Sago Wortham**

**26th David Christopher Warren**

**December birthdays**

**1st Robert W. AuBuchon**

**9th Twyla D. Warren**

**14th Abbie Warren**

**16th Randal Aubrey Burd Jr.**

**28th Katherine Roussin**

**28th Alice Marie Sago**