



# 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 Don Lillicrap**

## From Commander Lillicrap

It was nice seeing everyone again. I know everyone is a little bummed out with the lack of activities, but I have a feeling next year will be on the upswing with them. Folks will be clambering for things to do and places to go.

I will also take a moment to pass along some news about myself if you didn't attend the meeting to hear it in person. I will not be accepting any nominations for Commander next year. I've decided to step back and maybe after a few years I will be happy to give it a few more terms.

Also be sure to mark down that our next meeting will be at Doug's house. Please bring a dish and a chair. Start time will be 6 p.m., instead of the usual 6:30.

Requiescat in pace.  
At the residence of George W. Haverstick, Esq.,  
in Jefferson county, Mo., on the 30th day of March,  
1862, JAMES SPEED FOXTON, private, company  
B, Thirty-third Regiment Illinois Volunteers, aged  
23 years and 6 months.  
Louisville Journal please copy.

**Next Camp meeting:  
Potluck  
at the Roussins  
on October 15  
at 6 p.m.  
Bring a lawn chair and  
something to share**

**Pvt. James Speed Foxton**  
  
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**Pvt. James Speed Foxton**  
**Co. B., 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry**



Tim Ogle, self-proclaimed cemetery hunter and antiquarian, identified a toppled, local Civil War soldier's tombstone. He will be working to build a new base for the tombstone, which is so large, it will have to be created on-site.

The family must have been well-to-do because of the tombstone is huge and contains more than the necessary amount of carving and engraving. The father, William Foxton, was born in Washington, D. C. In St. Louis, he purchased 160 acres of land in Jefferson County in 1854, but he was living here with his family in 1850.

The soldier was Pvt. James Speed Foxton from "Platine" (Plattin), Missouri, who was a recruit into Company B, 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Andrew Degear was another man from Platine, re-enlisting as a veteran. Foxton died at Victoria Station, Missouri, on March 30, 1862, at the home of George W. Haverstick, Esq. He was 23 years, six months old.<sup>1</sup>

The 33rd Illinois was organized at Camp Butler (Springfield), Illinois. The regiment moved to Ironton, Missouri, on September 20, 1861, and were attached to the Department of Missouri, March, 1862.<sup>2</sup> Pvt. Foxton died before any military action took place.

He was unmarried as his estate was settled by his father and there are no references to a family of his own. The sureties were his father, William Foxton, Tho. C. Fletcher, G. W. D. Haverstick, and J. T. McMullen.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://civilwar.illinoisgenweb.org/r050/033-b-in.html>. *Saint Louis Missouri Republican* (April 6, 1862).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm?battleUnitCode=UIL0033RI>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/192044360/james-s.-foxton>

**Participation as Honor Guard**  
**September 18, 2020, Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis**

Bob Aubuchon (Grant Camp), Randy Baehr (Hecker Camp, Dept. of Illinois), and Sumner Hunnewell (Fletcher Camp) participated with members of the reënacting group, Turner Brigade. The funeral was for James Andres, who was a reënactor before the creation of the Turner Brigade. He had set up an engineering company within that nascent organization. The family of Andres was appreciative of the efforts of the eight men who took part.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

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

17 September A. D. 2020, First Methodist Church, Festus, Missouri

**Attendees: Sons:** John Griffith (Council), PCC Sumner G. Hunnewell (Secretary), PCC Don Lillicrap (Commander), Don Roussin, PCC Doug Roussin (Council), Alan Trodus (Secretary)

**Auxiliary:** PP Kelly Noack (Secretary, Treasurer)

**Guests:** Bob Aubuchon, Joy Griffith

The meeting was called to order by Commander Don at 7:00 p.m.

The Camp and Auxiliary were led in the pledge of allegiance by Don Roussin.

Commander Don did not have much to discuss.

Sumner discussed the upcoming Central Region Association move to Vincennes, Indiana, the Department Meeting in Jefferson City at the Cole County Historical Society (in its Civil War room), and the National Encampment, which will be on-line.

Alan presented the treasurer's report. There were no changes to the balance. He showed us the flag carrier purchased by the camp. Doug asked about whether the sword would be raffled this year. We haven't made what we have paid on it, so we all agreed to have the drawing next year.

Kelly reported on the Auxiliary. There was no income or expenditures. They haven't gone anywhere.

Commander Don said that the Festus Public Library schedules a month for their display cabinets in the library lobby. He thought that Doug might have some Civil War items to display. Don Roussin was interested as well. The contact email is [esteffen@cityoffestus.org](mailto:esteffen@cityoffestus.org), if you are interested.

Sumner explained the reason for the singing of the Mayflower Compact 400 years ago and invited everyone to the Mayflower Society's Mayflower Compact luncheon on November 21. Many hereditary societies have been invited.

Tim Ogle contacted Sumner about a downed gravestone of James Foxtan, who was a private in the 33rd Illinois Voluntary Infantry. He is buried in Victoria Crossing. Tim would like the Camp to participate in a ceremony to reset the stone. No date has been set.

Sumner reminded everyone of the upcoming department meeting (October 10) and national encampment (October 24). The Grant Camp will be hosting Sherman Day at Calvary Cemetery (October 25). We will assemble at 12:30 p.m. and proceed to the gravesite. Marty Aubuchon is organizing it. He also explained the events around the D. A. R.'s Veterans Day celebration on November 8. Members of the Grant Camp will be giving presentations at by various Generals

buried at Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. The event will be handled outside, rather than the chapel as in earlier years.

We discussed our Camp meeting location. The feeling was that we did not have enough members to make the decision at this meeting. Grace Lutheran is open for our use. Face masks are optional. Sumner and Don like the current table configuration. A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Don Roussin to have the vote at Doug and Kathie's fall party next month.

The Veterans Day parade information is still unknown. Chris usually checks with Farmington. We are unsure about Herculaneum or De Soto.

Doug reported the Fredericktown ROTC living history encampment is still in the air.

The upcoming elections were brought up. Commander Don said that he wants to step down. We will discuss next month.

The Camp's Christmas Party has been tentatively set for December 12. The general consensus was that where we went last year was excellent. Don will contact Steve and ask him to set it up. Doug suggested the community center in De Soto. He will check that out.

Chris relayed that the *Stars and Stripes* Museum in Bloomfield (S. E. Missouri) are still looking for more people to participate in a Civil War living history encampment during the first weekend of October.

We discussed wooden weaponry. John reported that we have 11 rifles, six shotguns, and ten or more pistols, which need routing. We will set a date later to create more or do finish work.

The next Camp meeting will be at the Roussins on October 15 at 6 p.m. We will have a bonfire, so bring folding chairs. If the weather is bad, we can go under the carport. **If it's storming, we will cancel.** It will be a potluck. Don Roussin will bring beer! Sumner was asked to invite the Grant and St. James Camps.

For the good of the order, Doug mentioned that Wilmington, Delaware, took down the Caesar Rodney statue. Rodney was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Bob Aubuchon asked if anyone is available tomorrow, there is a request that people in uniform attend the funeral of James Andres, who was in the Turner Brigade. We are to meet between 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

That being said, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. Messrs. Aubuchon, Hunnewell, Roussin the younger, and Trodus repaired to Mill & Main Brewery to partake in a libation.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for SEPTEMBER 2020

Balance from last report (August 2020)	824.99
Expenditures	0.00
Income	0.00
Current Balance (14 Sep 2020)	824.99
Checking Account	786.11
Cash	38.88
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	824.99

Sword Raffle status: 57 chances - \$43 donations

—Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

### **New Camp Fundraiser**

5 tickets for \$4.

10 tickets for \$7.

Drawing to be held after Veterans  
Day parade NEXT YEAR.





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## CALENDAR

2-3 October - Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. (Vincennes, Illinois)

10 October - Department Business Meeting (Jefferson City)

24 October - National Encampment (on-line)

25 October - Sherman Day, Calvary Cemetery (St. Louis)

8 November - DAR Veterans Day event, Bellefontaine Cemetery (St. Louis)

5 December - De Soto Christmas Parade (tentative)

Who knows what 2021 will bring!?

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

15 October  
19 November  
12 December

**September birthdays**

**22nd Donald Steven Lillicrap Jr.**  
**30th Colissa Alexander**

**October birthday**

**2nd Bernard Thomas Laiben**