

The Lieutenant Colonel's Report

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326

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Photo of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Grave Site. His Father and Mothers Grave Marker. Photo from 2016 Camp Newsletter.

Brothers,

Greetings,

Welcome our new member, Ryan Martin, who has recently joined our Camp. He is a descendant of Sergeant Alfred Childers who served in Company D, 4th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (USA). He has sent in his application and he will be welcomed as a new member at the next meeting he attends.

We are in the final stages of planning our Bank Raid in Ste. Genevieve slated for August 24th. We are looking for a few good men in order to participate. If you would like to participate and borrow some of our camp uniforms and equipment please let Gary Scheel know. You can contact him at <u>somewhere1@sbcglobal.net</u> or call or text him at 573-702-4584. We have everything you will need.

Commander Ed Millinger displaying the 2024 Eads Award received by our Camp at the Department Encampment on June 1st. The Eads Award is given to Camps in the Department of Missouri with Arkansas who have met requirements to be awarded the award. There were three camps in our Department that received the award this year.



A special Thank You to our Secretary Robert Mueller for keeping records of our activities and recording them on the application form and submitting it.

← At our Department meeting on June 1st, Brother Robert AuBuchon was elected as Department Commander of the Department of Missouri with Arkansas. He is an active member of the U. S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis, MO having served as Camp Commander. He also participates in many activities of other Camps thru out the Department.



Check out our facebook page for future activities. <u>https://www.facebook.com/SUVCWPOST326</u> Check out our website on the SUVCWMO web page <u>https://www.suvcwmo.org/lt-col-j-felix-st-james-camp-326</u>

CAMP ACTIVITIES



On May 9th members of our Camp met with Adelyn Weiler at Valle School in Ste Genevieve.

Adelyn received our first scholarship of \$250.00.

She is a graduate of Valle Catholic High School and is a Co-Valedictorians of 2024 Senior Class.

She plans on attending Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO and receiving a degree in Engineering Management.

She is a descendant of Major Joseph Hogenmueller from Ste. Genevieve County who was member of the 78th Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia

← L to R: Paul Kist, Adelyn Weiler, Commander Ed Millinger and Gary Scheel.

L to R: Commander Ed Millinger, Truman Tucker and Gary Scheel

On May 14th Truman Tucker and his parents attended our Camp

meeting where he was presented with our second scholarship of \$250.00. Truman is a graduate of Valle Catholic High School and is the other Co-Valedictorain of the 2024 Senior Class.

He plans on attending Truman University in Kirksville, MO and has declared a Major of Chemistry.

He is a descendant of Private Henry Roseman who served in the 30th Illinois Infantry Regiment. Henry Roseman was a member of the J. Felix St. James Post #326 of the Grand Army of the Republic located in Ste. Genevieve.



Truman recently received the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and Challenge coin presented to him at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor by our Eagle Scout Coordinator Tom Greminger, who received his Eagle Scout Badge many years ago.



On May 10th Mike Schaaf and Gary Scheel traveled to St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Apple Creek, Perry County, Missouri. A GPS number for his grave site needed to be sent in order to have him registered as the Last Soldier in Perry County for the Last Soldier Project.

Evidently he does not qualify because even though he is the last person who served in the Civil War to die in Perry County the standard is that he did not qualify because of only being in the Enrolled Missouri Militia.

← Mike Schaaf looking for other Civil War Veteran markers in the cemetery

May 14th at our Camp meeting Chris Warren gave a presentation on the Missouri Engineers that served under General Sherman. It was very interesting and he brought along some items that the engineers would have used to help us understand what they used and wore.



May 27th three members of our camp attended the Memorial Day service at the VFW Hall in Ste. Genevieve Bob Mueller presented a flower arrangement in honor of the Veterans who have died.

Members attending were Bob Mueller, Paul Kist and Gary Scheel.

At the end of the ceremony Bob Mueller presented to the VFW Hall a SUVCW Flag certificate to commemorate the special flag display the VFW always have on Memorial Day. Thirty-years ago the VFW asked family members permission to fly the flags that were used to drape the casket of the veteran. Ever since family members have loaned the flag of their veteran to the VFW for this one day.





The first year there were twenty-nine flags that were flown to honor those who had served. This year a total of two

hundred and thirty-one flags were flown to represent those who had served and were no longer with us.

Bob Mueller presented the Flag Certificate to the VFW Post Commander Dennis Grass. \rightarrow

What the flag display looks like. This is just a small portion of the display.



Each flag pole displays the Veterans name, rank, and what war he served in. The information on this pole was for PFC Andrew W. Maynard who served in World War Two in the European Theater.

May 30th, Decoration Day was celebrated by members and guests of our camp. We assembled at the Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve where we placed flags in honor of those who had served in the Civil War. We read their names, units and when they died.

- Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Felix St. James, 13th Missouri Infantry Regiment Mortally wounded 6 April 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh, TN, Died 8 April 1862
- Musician Jacob Zimmer, Company I, 30th Missouri Infantry Regiment, Died of disease in the post hospital in Ste. Genevieve, 15 December 1862
- Corporal Amos Culver, Company K, 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment Died 4 November 1866
- Private Louis Gonzage Labruyere, Company C, 21st Missouri Infantry Regiment Died 21 June 1870
- Private Bernard Doll, Company G, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia Died 1 December 1875
- Corporal Xavier Geiler, Company G, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia Died 16 August 1878
- Sergeant Augustus Schweiss, Company K, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia Died 13 January 1880

We also placed flags in honor of the two Confederate veterans buried in Memorial Cemetery.



Private William Robert Manning, Missouri State Guard, Killed at Battle of Big River Bridge 15 October 1861

Private Augustin Thomure Company D, 6th Missouri Infantry Regiment Died 17 July 1869

L to R: Gary Scheel, Martin Aubuchon, Michael Schaaf, Commander Ed Millinger, Bob Mueller and Mark Marberry a guest. On May 18th Members of our Camp participated with the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 at the DeSoto Cemetery for the Dedication of the Monument for Perry Fletcher who was the first casualty of Jefferson County during the Civil War.

Camp Commander Ed Millinger and Bob Mueller \rightarrow



← At our meeting on June 11th we were privileged to have Ryan Martin and Erin Martin provided us with music for the Civil War. Ryan is an excellent drummer and Erin is an excellent fifer. They played seven songs and we enjoyed it very much.



The Origins of Flag Day

That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.

This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design. Both President Wilson, in 1916, and President Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.



J. Felix St. James Grand Army of the Republic Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve, MO Post Commander Project



Francis John Florian "Frank" Huck

Born March 25, 1847 in Zell, Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri Death 1 October 1922 in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri At the age of 17 he enlisted in as a Private in Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia in Ste. Genevieve. He enlisted on 16 October 1864 and was relieved from duty on 25 November 1864 serving 41 days of actual service. This service was during Confederate Major-General Sterling Price campaign into Missouri. He served as Commander of Post #326 1906 thru 1915 and 1922 On 28 November 1904 He was appointed as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department of Missouri Commander Jeremiah T. Dew

For many years Post #326 Headquarters was located in his residence located on Lahaye Street in Ste. Genevieve.