



The Lieutenant Colonel's Report

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

Department of Missouri

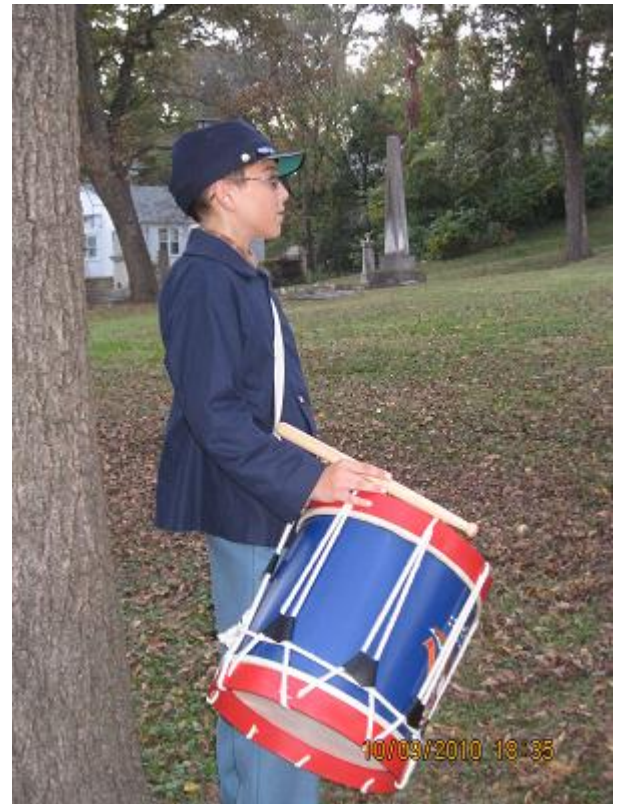
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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On October 9th, in the Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve, the Foundation for Restoration held their annual Spirit Reunion. William Zoughaib and Gary Scheel portrayed two Civil War Veterans that are buried in the cemetery. William portrayed Musician Jacob Zimmer of Company I, 30th Infantry Regiment. He died on December 16, 1862 and is buried in an unmarked grave. The cemetery records have his last name under Jacob Simmer. Gary Scheel portrayed Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James who died on April 8, 1862 during the Battle of Shiloh. Ellie Douglas who is the coordinator for this event every year and Bob Mueller who is President of the Foundation would like for us to portray all four of the Union veterans buried in the cemetery. If you are interested please let Gary Scheel know. A lot of thanks go to Donna at the Felix Valle House who helped William with the research on a Civil War Drummer Boy.



Next Meeting is:

November 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Topic of discussion is: Controversial General Custer

Speaker is Father Vincent A. Heier a nationally known Custer Expert and Collector.

Our Camp Website:

<http://suvcw326.org>

Our Camp Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Ste-Genevieve-SUVCW/444029475061?ref=ts>

Our Camp Blog:

<http://www.suvcwstegen.blogspot.com/>

(Photo of approximate grave site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James taken 31 May 2010 courtesy of Ruth Kasten)

CAMP ACTIVITIES

We have been involved in many activities. Our major activity involves three members participating in the Rural Heritage Days on October 16. They were Commander Paul Cameron, Senior Vice Commander Tom Farlow and Junior Vice Commander Tom Greminger. They had a tent fly put up as well as a display about the Civil War. Tom Farlow used the wooden rifles and taught children some Civil War drills. It was reported that the amount of visitors through our area was a disappointment since we were so far away from the main attractions.

We received permission from the Landmark Commission on the wording of the plaque on October 18th and the plaque is now being worked on and is supposed to be done in time for our scheduled unveiling on December 4th at 12 noon on the corner of Merchant and Main Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, Father Vincent Heier will present, "Controversial General Custer." 7 p.m.
At the Orris Theater on Merchant Street.

November 11, Veterans Day Celebration at American Legion Hall at 11 a.m.

November 13, Veterans Day Celebration at Hopewell Baptist Church near Potosi 11 a.m.

December 4, Christmas Parade and unveiling of Civil War Plaque. Parade starts at 11 a.m.
and the unveiling of the plaque at 12 noon.

December 11, 5th Missouri Cavalry Regimental Dinner at 7 p.m. at the Creole House. We
Have been invited.

December 14, Camp Meeting at the Orris Theater.

IN THE NEWS

Taken from the May 7, 1887 Ste. Genevieve Herald

The list of veterans enrolled in the G.A.R. post of this city is now completed, and Capt. St. Gem went to St. Louis last Sunday to see the Adjutant General about the initiation of the post, which will be composed of the following as charter members. Wm. H. Bantz, L.D. Thurman, Fred Schafer, Leon Herzog, Augustin Siebert, Jacob Yealy, George Beckerman, Leon Laburyere, William V. Skewes, John Schmahle, Eli D. Carder, Frank Beauchamp, and Albert Lalamendiere. T. B. Rodger, assistant Adjutant General of the G.A.R. has written to Judge Bantz, stating that ex-Governor Fletcher will be here next Monday night and organize the Post on Tuesday, May 19th, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Court House. The Post will be named after the late Col. J. Felix St. James, who was the first volunteer in the Union Army from Ste. Genevieve county, we might almost say from South-east Missouri, and whose memory is still green in the hearts of the citizens of his old native town. After the mustering in ceremonies, which will necessarily be private, Gov. Fletcher will deliver an address in the court room. All citizens, and especially the ladies are urgently invited to attend.