



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,

We have started a new year and we are in the third month. 2023 beginning is like most of the early months of the year for our camp, and that is not much is going on except the planning for upcoming activities.



←Department Commander Robert Amsler, Jr. reading instructions to Camp Commander Michael Schaaf during the Installation of Officers Ceremony.

Below are some dates that we would like you to set aside and help our Camp in these activities.

April 11, 2023, Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Orris Theatre located at 291 Merchant Street, Ste Genevieve, MO

Dr. Bill Eddleman, Coordinator of the State Historical Society of Missouri, Cape Research Center, will give a presentation on “The Four Forts of Cape Girardeau”. These four forts were instrumental in protecting Cape Girardeau from land attack and for protection of the city as a staging area for Union troops. Dr. Eddleman will discuss their construction, use during the Civil War, and what happened to them after the War. The Orris Theatre is located at 265 Merchant St. and is handicap accessible. The presentation is free to the public. For additional information, email:

stjamescamp326@gmail.com

Camp meeting will start at 5:30 pm

April 20th (Rain date April 27th) Perry County Military History Museum located at 108 South Progress Drive, Perryville, MO. We will start setting up at 8 am. The Living History will run from 10 am to 3 pm. We are expecting home School and regular school and the public is invited.

Dr. Bill Eddleman, Coordinator of the State Historical Society of Missouri, Cape Research Center, will give a presentation on “The Four Forts of Cape Girardeau”. Starts at 6:3 pm

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CAMP ACTIVITIES

On October 11th, Brother Reuel Smith invited us to hold our meeting at his house in Chester, Illinois. Brother Reuel had two great-Grandfathers that were members of the Swanwick Post #212 in Chester Illinois. Captain James A. Smith and Private Charles D. Boedeker both served as Commanders of the Swanwick Post.



← In 1902 Charles D. Boedeker received this certificate from the Department of Illinois, G.A.R. naming him as an Aide de Camp. Reuel has many artifacts from his ancestors that he has on display in his barn. Our camp really enjoyed a great day where we were blessed with a very good meal and we had a

great meeting. Thank you very much.

Our first meeting of 2023 we had our Installation of Officers. On January 12th, Department of Missouri Commander Robert Amsler came to Ste Genevieve to install our Camp Officers. Our meeting was held at the Orris Theater in Ste Genevieve. Thank you Commander Amsler..

L-R, Reuel Smith, Bob Mueller, Tom Greminger, Department Commander Robert Amsler, Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Gary Scheel, Ed Millinger and Paul Kist.





Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presented to Dick Greminger the owner of the Orris Theater in Ste. Genevieve. He was presented a plaque commemorating allowing us to meet there since 2010.

We have been blessed to be able to use this building for so long and we are hoping that we will continue to enjoy our association.



We have been eating for all of that time in Sirros Restaurant which is attached to the Orris Theater. In case you are wondering the name of the restaurant is Orris spelled backwards.

Thank you to the Gremingers and the staff of Sirros Restaurant for treating us like family. Brother Tom Greminger and Dick are brothers.

We are expecting to receive in the middle of April the grave marker furnished by the Veterans Administration for Private James Bryce Young. He served in Company C, 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. He is buried in the Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Cemetery in Lithium, Perry County, Missouri.

He died on 15 November 1911 and lay in a grave that was only marked by a cross.

Once we have placed the grave marker at his grave we will then schedule a date in order to have a ceremony. Please make time to help us honor him.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR TRIVIA

Army Flag

Did you know that during the Civil War there was standard size for a Garrison Flag? Garrison flags are the flags that fly over military installations.

Present day Garrison Flags are 20 feet by 38 feet displayed for Holidays and special occasions if it has a tall enough flag pole. Post Flags are 8 feet 11 3/8 inches by 17 feet. The Post flag is flown for everyday display over military installations.

Old Glory or the Flag on display at the Smithsonian Institute Museum that flew over Fort McHenry originally measured 30 feet by 42 feet and weighed 50 pounds. It now measures 30 feet by 34 feet with most of the missing part being cut off as souvenirs.



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This is the largest newsletter that I have sent out in a long time. We had a slow first three months of 2023 but we made up for it in April, May and June. It is amazing all the activities we have done as you will see in the pages following this one.

At our meeting on April 11th Bill Eddleman of the State Historical Society of Missouri gave a presentation on the Four Civil War Forts at Cape Girardeau. About 25 people consisting of SUVCW camp members and the public attended the presentation

There were twenty-one members and citizens of the community in attendance.



Bill Eddleman →



At our meeting on May 9th we awarded our Camp \$200.00, Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Scholarship to the recipient Katrina Ahne. Katrina graduated from Ste. Genevieve High School this and she had a grade point average of 3.81 She is planning on attending Missouri State Technical College, Linn, MO working on a Degree in Electrical Automation Her Ancestor was Private James E. McNabb Company E, 12th Indiana Infantry Regiment (Died of disease at Jackson, Mississippi in September 1863). Her Mom told me that Katrina enjoyed learning from her Grandmother about her ancestor who served during the Civil War. We had three applications for the scholarship this year. We normally only receive one and a couple of years we did not receive any. She came to our meeting at the Orris Theater to receive the scholarship Congratulations Katrina and we wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Camp Commander Mike Schaaf presenting the scholarship certificate and check. Photo courtesy of Robert Mueller.

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HONOR GUARD POST AT LT. COLONEL J. FELIX ST. JAMES GRAVE



April 8th five members of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 posted a guard at the grave site of our Camp names sake. We posted the guard on the day that he died from his wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. This is an annual event where a guard is posted at his grave. The day varies. Some years we do it on the day he was mortally wounded (April 6, 1862), the day he died of his wounds (April 8, 1862) or the day he was buried in Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve (April 15, 1862).

It was a cool and extremely windy day with wind gusts getting close to forty miles an hour.

We met at the Court House Square and at 10:45am we marched to Memorial Cemetery arriving there at 11 a.m. We post a rotating guard with each member guarding his grave for approximately fifteen minutes.

←L-R: Marty Aubuchon, Paul Kist, Ed Millinger, Camp Commander Mike Schaaf, and (Not pictured) Bob Mueller.

Bob Mueller, standing Guard Post at the grave site. →

We know where Lt. Col. St. James is buried but his grave marker has been gone for a long time. The marker that you see to the left of Bob Mueller is the grave marker for his Father and Mother, Augustus and Desilee St. Gem.

His father died on March 23, 1862 just two weeks before Lt. Col. St. James was mortally wounded.

We know that he had a grave marker because his brother, Gustavus St. Gem, who was a member of the J. Felix St. James, Grand Army of Republic Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve, stated that on Decoration Day the GAR Post would march to his brother's grave site and lay flowers at his marker. He also stated that Lt. Col. St. James was buried next to his parents.

His grave remains unmarked due to the regulations of the organization in town that is responsible for maintaining the history of Memorial Cemetery.

We have asked permission at different times to place a VA marker but so far it has not happened.



DID YOU KNOW

Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James was second in command of the 13th Missouri Infantry Regiment? Shortly after the Battle of Shiloh the 13th Missouri Infantry Regiment became the 22nd Ohio Infantry Regiment. The flags of the 13th Missouri Infantry Regiment are still in possession of the State of Ohio. In a cemetery if you see a grave marker with 22nd Ohio Infantry under the name, don't wonder why and Ohio veteran moved to Missouri. He was a Missouri Man.

SETTING THE GRAVE MARKER FOR PRIVATE JAMES BRYCE YOUNG

April 18th the grave marker for Private James Bryce Young, Company C, 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment, was set at his grave site. His site had been marked with a wooden cross that simply said Mr. Young on it. He is buried in John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lithium, Perry County, Missouri. He was born in 1827 and died on November 15, 1912.

Service Record

On 20 August 1864, Private Young enlisted into Company C, at the age of thirty-five. He was born in Perry County, Missouri and was a farmer by occupation. He had blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. He was five feet and nine inches tall.

Company C was mustered into Federal Service on 29 August 1864 at Pilot Knob, Missouri.

On the Company Roll for November and December 1864 he was listed as "absent sick in Perry County, Missouri from 12 December 1864." He was mustered out on 29 March 1865 with the Regiment.

L-R. Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Gary Scheel, Reuel Smith and Ed Millinger. →

We would like to thank the Veterans Administration for furnishing the grave marker. After nearly one-hundred and eleven years his grave site is now properly marked.



PERRYVILLE SCHOOL DAY

On April 20th six members of our camp and Brother Bob AuBuchon, of US Grant Camp #68, went to the Perry County Military History Museum in Perryville where we set up different areas to demonstrate to the students what type of equipment a Civil War soldier might have had and how they lived.

There were two local schools and some home school students that attended our activities.

← Bob AuBuchon and Ed Millinger describing how to fire a musket and then demonstrating by firing weapon.

← In the background you can see Camp Commander Mike Schaaf and another group of students were listening to cannon crew furnished by



Frank Robinson who owns the reproduction mountain howitzer.

Marty Aubuchon is describing to a group of students → the many items that he had on display. It went from a Bible to a hand gun to a drinking cup to period surveying equipment.

Perryville School Day (continued)



← Tom Greminger and his Civil War display which includes names of Civil War soldiers from Ste. Genevieve County.



Bob Mueller was in charge of a book raffle drawing. Several members of our camp donated Civil War related books and Bob would take their names and put them in for a drawing before their school went back to their building. They winners were happy. →



← Gary Scheel is talking to some students and explaining the life of a soldier on his first day. They then were given wooden muskets and went through the nine step for firing. He also marched them around for a little bit to get them used to marching practicing turns making sure they swung like a gate as they turned. Camp Commander Mike Schaaf is to the right in the photo making sure Gary does it right.

L-R: Ed Millinger and Paul Kist taking a break after lunch and → waiting for the next school to show up. Many of the photos about these stations are courtesy of Paul Kist. Notice the howitzer in the back ground.

A big Thank You to the staff of Perry County Military History Museum and the staff at St. Mary's Seminary who allowed us to conduct the activity on their property.

If you ever get a chance to go through the museum in the Perryville Higher Education Center, it is worth your time spent. They have an awesome display of the Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic Difani Post in Perryville and also of the Sons of Veterans Camp located in Perryville.



Jr. ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY



May 11th, Gary Scheel presented to Cadet Captain Collier Bristol with the SUVCW Jr. ROTC Medal, Ribbon and Certificate.

He is a member of the Poplar Bluff High School Jr. ROTC Battalion in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

It is with gratitude that we are allowed to give them these articles at no cost to the unit or our Camp. We appreciate our National Organization for furnishing them.

(I didn't figure I would have to point out which one was the Cadet Captain ☺)

GRAVE MARKER CLEAN UP AT THE SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY IN RIVER AUX VASES, MISSOURI

On May 17th three members from our camp and two local interested citizens gathered at the cemetery to clean Civil War Veteran grave markers. We cleaned nine grave markers in the two hours we were there.

Brother Paul Kist and his wife Carol had cleaned several grave markers on their own going there several times before we met.

L-R: Gene Naeger, Camp Commander Mike Schaaf, Ed Naeger and Paul Kist (Gary Scheel not pictured)



L-R: Gene Naeger and Ed Naeger. They are standing by their Great Grandfather William Naeger and Great Grandmother Mary A. Naeger grave marker which we cleaned. It was literally black. They did not know that he had served in the Civil War till Paul Kist told them.

Private William Naeger served in Company I, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment during the Civil War.

Dinner was provided by Paul and Carol Kist. It was great. Thank you very much.

We appreciate the church allowing us to go into the cemetery to clean grave markers.

MAY 29TH, MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE VFW HALL IN STE. GENEVIEVE

Brother Robert Mueller and his wife Linda and Brother Paul Kist and his wife Carol attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the VFW Hall. Brother Robert laid flowers on the altar on behalf of our camp for those who have served and gone on to their eternal reward.

DECORATION DAY, MAY 30TH

Bob Mueller and Gary Scheel met at Memorial Cemetery to place a flag at the Grave of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James our name sake. Before we started placing flags Bob read Order #11 issued by Major General John A. Logan who was Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

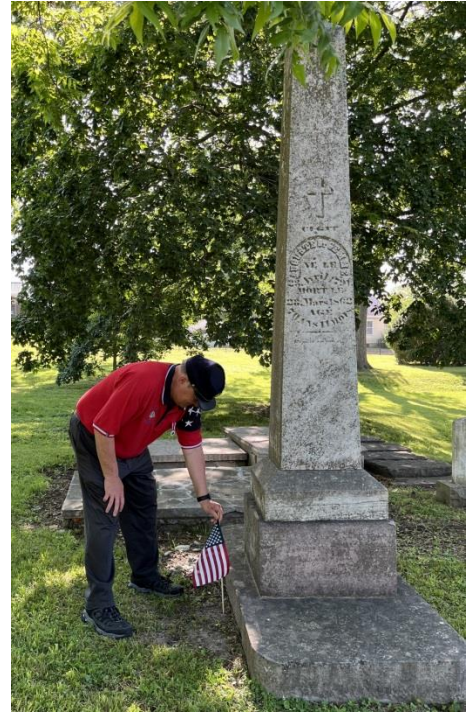


← Bob Mueller reading Order #11 in Memorial Cemetery.

Gary Scheel placing a flag at the grave → site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James



Bob Mueller placing a flag at the grave marker of Private Hiram Berry, 21st Missouri Infantry → Regiment



← This grave marker was laying on the ground and our camp reinstalled it. He was a member of GAR Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve.

CEREMONY AT PRIVATE JAMES BRYCE YOUNG GRAVE SITE

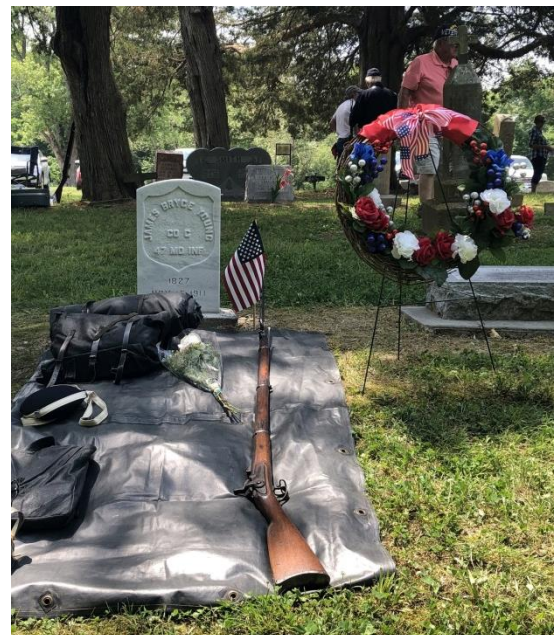
On June 4th, a dedication ceremony was conducted at the grave site of Private James Bryce Young. Private Young is buried in John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lithium, Perry County, Missouri.

Four members of our camp, in April set the grave marker (see article on page 3).

Camp Commander Mike Schaaf was the master of ceremonies and handed out the programs for the ceremony.

Earlier this year he discovered Private Young did not have a grave marker so he contacted the Och family, a father and son team who maintain the cemetery and church, the church is no longer active. He spent several months trying to contact a direct descendent but could not find anyone. He also used facebook pages of Perry County Genealogy and Historical groups to advertise the ceremony in hopes that people would be interested in attending

The day was a warm day but there was plenty of shade for everyone to stand in during the ceremony.



Private Young Ceremony (continued)



We were fortunate to have a Ste. Genevieve band entertain us with music. They are named the Presbyterian String Band. Civil War music could be heard starting about 1:30 pm to entertain those who gathered for the ceremony. They are very good and their music was enjoyed by all.

L-R: John Weakly,
Marcia Schaefer
Becky Millinger.



Camp Commander Mike Schaaf during the ceremony as M. C. →



← Bob Mueller presenting the rose as Honorary Guard Ed Millinger stands guard and looks on.

Chaplain Marty Aubuchon says a prayer during the ceremony. →



← The firing of honors for Private James Bryce Young.

Photographs are courtesy of Linda Mueller.

On the next page is the photograph of all of the people who were present. We initially thought that there was no family members of Private James Bryce Young but we later found out that the man on the extreme left was his great-great Nephew.



DISPLAY AT THE FRENCH HERITAGE DAYS IN STE. GENEVIEVE

Members of our camp participated in French Heritage Days on June 10th.

← Tom Greminger and Camp Commander Mike Schaaf manned Tom Gremingers display in the garden behind the Guibourd House.



Photographs courtesy of Paul Kist



Bob Mueller (out of uniform) met his match playing checkers. He was in charge of games.

← Gary Scheel demonstration on his shaving horse.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

← At our camp meeting on June 13th, we learned the meaning of each fold of the 13 Step folding procedure for folding a flag used during a ceremony. When the flag is folded thirteen times it ends in a perfect triangle with no red showing on the flag and is supposed to represent a cocked hat of General George Washington's Army during the Revolutionary War. The thirteen folds represent the original thirteen colonies.

It is unsure when the thirteen folds and the meaning of each fold were originated. Some people credit an Air Force Chaplain at the Air Force Academy and others believe it originated with the Gold Star Mothers of America.



L-R: Camp Commander Mike Schaaf, Bob Mueller, Tom Greminger, Reuel Smith and Paul Kist. (not pictured is Gary Scheel)



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Brothers

We have had several activities lately participated in by several of our members. See the Camp Activities articles on the next page.

We have been blessed the last couple of months with new members who joined our Camp the latest is Joseph Smith who joined us in October and attended our meeting in October. He is from Farmington, MO and enjoys Civil War history. If you know of anyone who you think may be interested in becoming a member be sure to invite them to one of our meetings and give us an opportunity to get to know them.

At our business meeting on October 10th we voted to purchase a banner to help advertise our Camp in our activities. We were able to receive in time to display it at our activity at the St. Joseph Church Festival in Apple Creek, in Perry County. Main Street Signs in Perryville did an excellent job on the banner. There is a photo of it in the Camp Activities on the next page. We approved a motion to have the funds for the banner to be taken out of the Encampment Fund. One of our goals for the banner is to be able to have it for the Holiday Christmas Festival Parade on December 2nd.

We also voted at our last meeting to approve handing out some flag certificates to businesses or organizations that display the flag. The places voted on were,
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WALL Hall- Their display of flags of veterans on Memorial Day. If you have never seen the display it is amazing. The VFW recommendation was made by Robert Mueller
MIKE McDONALD, for M&L Electric, LLC, for sponsoring the flag at American Custard Company in Ste. Genevieve. recommended by Gary Scheel
BLOOMSDALE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, for the new work of the landscaping at their flag pole. Recommended by Tom Greminger

The SUVCW Flag Certificate is awarded to individuals, businesses or organizations who display the flag in such a way to highlight our Nations Colors. If you know of someone who should receive one please let the Patriotic Instructor know. Patriotic Instructor is Gary Scheel cell 573-702-4584 or email somewhere1@sbcglobal.net

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

December 2 – Holiday Christmas Festival Parade

We are supposed to line up at 10 am in the desert at Valle School

December 12-Camp Meeting and Christmas Cookie Swap

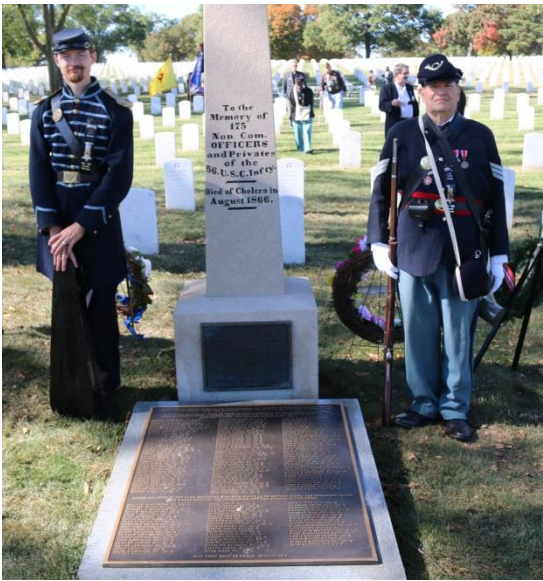
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← Duncan Noack and Gary Scheel standing next to the monument.

The monument is located in section 57 and is listed as grave marker 15009. There were 15 men from Ste. Genevieve who were in the 56th U.S.C.I.

Two of them are listed on the plaque in front of the monument. They are: Private Jerry Kaufman who was a Private in Company C, and died 18 August 1866.

Private Daniel Taylor who was a Private in Company K, and died 16

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If you look right over my right shoulder you will see Greg Wolk who was present for the ceremony. He is one of our Camp members.

← Maggie Grothe, widow of one of our past members, Jack Grothe, was present.

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Gary Scheel is portraying Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James who was mortally wounded on 6 April 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. He is shown located at the grave site of Lt. Col. St. James talking to some of the many people



who came through to hear the story of those who are buried in the cemetery. There were 148 adult visitors and several had their children with them who came by to hear the story of those who are buried in the cemetery.

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It is the end of another year. Christmas is one of my favorite times of year. Think back to the time when you were a kid and Christmas was a time for family.

The celebration of Christmas began with a family.

In a way the SUVCW is a family. We get together once a month and have fellowship and eat and have a meeting where we plan family activities.

If you haven't joined us lately we meet every month on the second Tuesday in Ste. Genevieve at Sirros Restaurant.

We meet before 5 pm to eat and then our meeting begins at 6 pm and is usually over between 6:30 and 6:45.

December 25th, 1776 the Continental Army crossed the Delaware River in boats and on December 26th attacked the British army in a surprise attack upon the Hessian forces stationed in Trenton, New Jersey. A major victory for General George Washington and his army.

December 24th – 27th, 1864 the First Battle of Fort Fisher was a failed attempt by the Union Army to capture this fort on the coast line of North Carolina. The Union troops were under the command of Major-General Benjamin Butler. They were soundly defeated. He was relieved of command on January 8th, 1865 and replaced by Major General Alfred H. Terry who captured Fort Fischer on January 19, 1865.

December 18th – 29th, 1972, Operation Linebacker II in North Vietnam. President Richard Nixon ordered eleven successive days of raids by B-52 Stratofortress Bombers flown from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. The troops were given a 36 hour break to celebrate Christmas. In eleven days 15,000 tons of bombs were dropped on North Vietnam. 15 U.S. B-52s were destroyed, 35 men were killed and nearly Americans became prisoners of war.

December 25th, 1896 the song "Stars and Stripes Forever" was born. This song became the official National march for America in 1897.

May you all Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gary L. Scheel,
Editor

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

January 9-Camp Meeting

We meet for supper at 5 p.m. at Sirro's Restaurant

Bring an idea with you for something to do in the upcoming year.

Please bring your dues to this meeting or send them to me; Gary L. Scheel, 279 Academy Street, Ste Genevieve, MO. 63670 Dues are \$40.00 and the check should be made out to: St. James Camp #326 SUVCW

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2 December members of Camp #326 participated in the annual Holiday Christmas Festival Parade in Ste. Genevieve.

L-R Gary Scheel and Marty Aubuchon carrying → camp banner.

Following them in Ed Millinger pickup were Ed Millinger driving along with Camp Commander Mike Schaaf and Paul Kist who were riding in the back throwing candy to the hundreds of kids along the route.





Ed Millinger driving, Paul Kist and Mike Schaaf in the back of truck

L to R, -> Gary Scheel, Ed Millinger, Paul Kist, Mike Schaaf and Marty Aubuchon.



December 12th Camp Meeting and Installation of Officers
 ← R – L, Installing officer, PDC Marty Aubuchon, Incoming Officers, Camp Commander Ed Millinger, SVC Tom Greminger, JVC Paul Kist, Treasurer Gary Scheel, and Secretary Bob Mueller

Below: Camp Members present. L-R (Back Row) Bob Mueller, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Tom Greminger, Mike Teeter, Ed Millinger, Marty Aubuchon. (Front Row) Joe Smith and Mike Schaaf.



We met at Sirro's Restaurant in Ste. Genevieve and enjoyed a good meal and fellowship. We were happy that two of our newest members were present. After the meeting we had a cookie swap where everyone bought a dozen cookies and we had enough left over that we shared them with the staff of the restaurant.

Also present were Mary Scheel, Carol Kist, Sheila Schaaf and Anthony Teeter, son of Michael Teeter.

At our meeting the following members received the following items.



Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presented to new member Michael Teeter his SUVCW Membership Medal. Welcome to the SUVCW, Brother Michael.



Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presented to Martin Aubuchon his Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Name plate.



Commander Michael Schaaf presented to Joseph Smith his Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Name plate.



The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 has a Camp Guard. We elected Brother Martin Aubuchon, Captain of our Camp Guard.

Captain Martin Aubuchon presented to Private Robert Mueller his promotion papers, promoting him to Color Sergeant of the Camp Guard. When he asked what would be his responsibilities, it was explained to him that he was now the target because during the Civil War, Color Sergeants were some of the first ones to be killed or wounded when marching into battle. Of course that was after they tried to kill the officers.

Captain Martin Aubuchon presented to Corporal Ed Millinger his promotion papers, promoting him to Second Sergeant. When presented he was told that his job was to take the place of the First Sergeant when he dies.



Wreaths Across America, December 16th

The Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, MO had their annual Ceremony and laying of wreaths on the site. Missouri National Veterans Memorial have been sponsoring one of the larger cemeteries in Perryville for the past few years. This year we voted to participate with them in laying over 300 wreaths in this cemetery. On a cold and rainy day, we were given about 60 wreaths in Section 5 of the cemetery and it took us about an hour. Having about six wreaths left over from section we noticed the appearance of Military markers in the next section across the road that was not slated to have wreaths placed on it. When we started looking we found a few Civil War Veterans markers in that section. Since we had been placing wreaths on the graves of WW1 and WWII veterans in section 5 we were glad to honor some of the Civil War veterans in the next section.

One of things that we appreciated about the Missouri National Veterans Memorial was they trained us on how they wanted us to do it. We were to approach the grave marker, place the wreath in an correct spot at the marker and say the name of the veteran we had placed the wreath on and salute him.

Camp Commander Ed Millinger placing a wreath and saluting → Private Constant Turlin, Company B, 30th Missouri Infantry Regiment. Died 28 September 1920



Gary Scheel placing a wreath and → saluting Private Emil August Feltz, Company G, 33rd Missouri Infantry Regiment. Died 17 January 1870

← Mike Schaaf placing a wreath and saluting Sergeant Joseph Difani, Company C, 64th Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia. Died 6 November 1866



After laying our wreaths we returned to the Missouri National Veterans Museum , had our photo taken and looked up a guy who Ed Millinger went to school with that is on the Vietnam Wall on the property.



← East Wall of the Vietnam Memorial at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial site in Perryville, MO
 The Vietnam Memorial Wall in Perryville is an exact copy of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Same dimensions and names on the wall are exactly the same.
 This Memorial is just North of Perryville on AC Road of Highway 61. Or you can get to it from Highway 51. There are directional signs on Highway 51 but if you are traveling South on Highway 61 there is no sign to tell you when to turn. If you reach Brewer, MO you went to far. There is a small sign on Highway 61 if you are traveling South to Perryville.

