



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,

Winter is on us as we all know. We have been blessed with some warmer weather lately after the colder weather earlier.

Everyone has sent in their dues and it is greatly appreciated by the treasurer and secretary. This makes our job of getting the required paper work to the Department of Missouri a lot easier.

There is a membership classification called Life Membership for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

To become a Life Member of the SUVCW go to the following link and apply.

<https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/Form-9fi-May-2021-Final.pdf>

The main benefit for becoming a life member is that you no longer have to pay dues. You can also wear a life bar on your badge.

Life membership prices is shown below.

Age

40 and below \$1,000.00

41-50 700.00

51-60 500.00

61-70 325.00

71 and above 225.00

This is just a level of membership that you may have not known before.

Some of our future dates that you may want to put it on your calendar.

March 9th –Department Meeting in Jefferson City's Missouri River Regional Library reserved for 10 am-1 pm

March (to be established) Monument unveiling at St. Philip & St. Joseph Parish Cemetery in River Aux Vases, MO

April 6th Honor Guard at grave site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James in Memorial Cemetery

May 27th Ceremony on Memorial Day in Memorial Cemetery

June 1st Department of Missouri Encampment in Boonville, MO

July 6th The July 4th Ceremony in downtown Ste. Genevieve

August 24th Bank Raid Reenactment

September 28 & 29 – 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Pilot Knob

December 7th –The Annual Holiday Christmas Festival Parade

There will probably be more activities this year but these are all that is known right now. Just keep watching for more information through emails.

Check out our facebook page for future activities. <https://www.facebook.com/SUVCWPOST326>

Check out our website on the SUVCWMO web page <https://www.suvchwmo.org/lt-col-j-felix-st-james-camp-326>

CAMP ACTIVITIES



On February 8th Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Gary Scheel and Reuel Smith visited Marian Cliff Manor Home, located in St. Mary. It has fifty-six residents and forty-eight of them are veterans. All the residents are male and most of the veterans are Vietnam Veterans. Our Camp is considering working with them and supplying some of the needs of the men and the home.

Marian Cliff was built in 1861 by Henry Caldwell of Virginia on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Caldwell was a Southern sympathizer during the Civil War.

On the top of the house he placed what is sometimes referred to as a belvedere on top of the house. From there he would monitor the movement of Union troops land and on the river.

The home was later purchased by John Tlapek. After immediately sold but had been used by various non profit groups. The Sisters of Mercy used this beautiful home for a spiritual quarters. The Sisters of Mercy added a dormitory wing.

The porches were enclosed with glass for sun rooms and dining area. On September 11, 1954, Cardinal Ritter assisted at a dedication ceremony. The home and surrounding area was called Marian Cliff.

Later Monfort Fathers had a seminary at this location. The Montfort Fathers, while residing at Marian Cliff, added a special touch to the local community. They helped teach Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Classes, managed a Teen Center, and provided entertainment for the local celebrations. Marian Cliff Manor was purchased by Harris Care Centers in January of 1986, and it has been home to many since then.

Marian Cliff Manor Home is now owned by McDowell Management Group located in Farmington, MO.



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his death, the home was not profit groups. The Sisters of renovation program for their Chapel, and a chaplain's



On February 11th Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Tom Greminger and Gary Scheel attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Justin Schwent.

Eagle Scout Justin Schwent said his project was to place benches in the Concord Cemetery in Bloomsdale, MO

← Camp Commander addressing those present and explaining who we are.

Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator Tom Greminger → presenting to Justin Schwent the Department of Missouri Challenge Coin. Tom Greminger received his Eagle Scout Award in 1960.



← Camp Commander Ed Millinger handing Justin Schwent the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate.

