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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,

It is that time of year again where we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ. Yes it is Christmas time. We had a great meeting on 13 December 2022. We have elected the same officers that served us so well last year. The installation of officers will occur at our next meeting on 10 January 2023.

Before our meeting we as a Camp made two Flag Certificate Presentations. One to Sassafras Creek Originals in Ste. Genevieve and the second one to American Custard Company in Ste. Genevieve. If you think Patriotism is lacking then go visit these places and you will see it is not. See more about these two businesses further down in the newsletter.

At the last National Encampment in Michigan this past August they decided to raise our dues by \$10.00. We as a camp decided in November to set our dues from \$29.00 to \$40.00. Our dues go to the following places.

National Organization	\$33.00
Department of Missouri	6.00
Camp	<u>1.00</u>
Total	\$40.00

We had a great meeting especially the end. We swapped cookies again this year and I must say that we had a fine collection of cookies were to be had.

Commander Michael Schaaf gave us a summary of the past year and said that he was disappointed that we received locally no new members despite our efforts. He said that we have had several activities in Ste. Genevieve with an effort to educate the community about the Civil War.

We have been blessed that we have had other SUVCW camp participate in our activity from the surrounding area. We especially are grateful to the Major Wilhelmi Camp #17, US Grant Camp #68 and the many members of General Fletcher Camp #47 who have faithfully answered our call.

Our new member who joined our camp this year is a descendent of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James. His name is Ian Jones and lives in Louisiana. We had the privilege of meeting him at the Shiloh Remembrance Day in April. He later became a member.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 10th 2023 is our next meeting at 6 PM. Installation of Officers

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

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

CAMP ACTIVITIES



On October 29th four members of our camp went to the Perryville Learning Center and had a display on the 2nd floor where the Perryville Military Museum is located. This museum has an extensive collection of Grand Army of the Republic items and Sons of Union Veteran items on display that will impress you.

Brothers Tom Greminger, Commander Michael Schaaf, Ed Millinger and Reuel Smith were in attendance answering questions and describing the items that were on display

There was a good crowd and even some historic items that were brought in by those attending for our members to describe.

On October 29th the Department of Missouri SUVCW held one of their two annual meetings in Jefferson City. Brother Gary Scheel attended the meeting. There were about thirteen members present.

On October 30th at Lafayette Square in St. Louis, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States sponsored the 125th Anniversary of the dedication of

Revolutionary War Cannons at Lafayette Park. The Missouri Commandery purchased these and installed them in 1897. The ceremony of 1897 was recreated with representatives from twelve different organizations which include the Commander in Chief of MOLLUS, the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution,, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, the St Charles Drum and Fife Corps and the Minister of the 2nd Presbyterian Church of St Louis whose Pastor in 1897. Gary Scheel participated in this activity.

November 5th Pecanpalooza in Ste. Genevieve

Brother Tom Greminger and Commander Michael Schaaf participated in the Military Time Line sponsored by the French Colonial America. It was a windy day with wind gusts up to 35 miles an hour and a chance of rain. Tom had part of his display on the porch of the Lemuellier House in case it did rain. Some people came by and looked at the display which featured the names of Ste Genevieve soldiers who had served in the Civil War. Most of those who stopped by were from out of town and the names did not interest them very much.

Tom Greminger on the porch of Lemuellier House on Main Street →

Photo courtesy of Michael Schaaf



SUVCW FLAG CERTIFICATE 3 Certificate Presentations

Mueller Tire & Auto Service, LLC

On November 3rd the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 of Ste. Genevieve presented to the family of the Mueller Tire and Auto Service the SUVCW Flag Certificate.

The criteria to be awarded this Certificate are as follows.

SUVCW Flag Certificate Program – This certificate program was established to recognize exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America. Certificates may be awarded by Camps or Departments to individuals, companies or agencies, which proudly, conspicuously, and properly fly or display the US Flag. Businesses which fly flags as advertising should not be considered for this award. Recommendations and nominations for this certificate are made to the Camp, Department, or National Patriotic Instructors who will make the final determination for presenting the certificate. Any Brother may nominate candidates to a Patriotic Instructor for Recognition.



Photo shows business. Even the cars lined up waiting to be repaired on the next Monday are red, white and blue. (Photo by Gary Scheel)
 The Mueller Tire and Auto Service, not only met the requirements but their business buildings speak volumes of their patriotism and love for our Country.

Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presented the Certificate on behalf of St. James Camp #326 SUVCW on November 3rd. As Camp Commander expressed it, "Our Camp is proud to present this certificate because of your display of Patriotism."

Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presenting the SUVCW Flag Certificate to Dennis Mueller the owner of Mueller Tire & Auto Service, LLC →



← Mueller Family and Camp Commander Schaaf. It is a family business with several of the family making this business a success. When asked why the display of patriotism?

He said that our country needs to be reminded of how great our country is and it is a way of showing appreciation for what our Veterans have done to preserve our country.

His business is across the street of the American Legion Hall. Members present from our camp were Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Chaplain Paul Kist (Photos are courtesy of Brother Paul), Reuel Smith, and Senior Vice Commander Ed Millinger.



← Window on the left of the main building.

Window on the right of main building →

This business was recommended for the SUVCW Flag Certificate by Gary Scheel



December 13th Two Flag Certificate Presentations by our Camp

At our November meeting we discussed handing out two more Flag Certificates like presented to Mueller Tire and Auto Service L.L.C.

Brother Reuel Smith suggested that we present one to the Sassafras Creek Originals. He stated that he always saw a US Flag flying on their buildings and he thought that they deserved it. Commander Schaaf had suggested the sAAmerican Custard Company because of their great display of Patriotism by the huge flag they have flying and how their building is decorated.



Smith who recommended Sassafras Creek Originals for this honor (Photo courtesy of Bob Mueller)

Kandye and her husband Dale standing in front of the B&B located next to their store. (Photo courtesy of Gary Scheel)

We were invited to go inside her bed and breakfast to see it. It has several patriotic themes in it. When you walk up the stairs to the upstairs you will see a 48 Star Flag on the wall at the top of the stairway. Over the beds upstairs you will see copies of two Civil War Veterans photo, one over each bed, in their uniforms. One is Dale's Great-Great and the other is Kandye's Great-Great Grandfather.



Thomas Reuben Stucker
Company E
93rd Indiana Infantry
Kandye's Ancestor



Lunsford Mahurin
Company B
9th Missouri Cavalry
Dale's Ancestor

SASSFRAS CREEK ORIGINALS

4 pm on December 13th we met at Sassafras Creek Originals on Old St. Mary Road in Ste. Genevieve and was greeted by the owner Kandye Manhurin who was gracious enough to invite all six of us in to her shop. Not only are there flags on the exterior of her shop and bed and breakfast, there are patriotic items for sale inside her store, Sassafras Creek Originals, and on the inside of her store there are patriotic plaques and other items that promote her patriotic feelings. Commander Schaaf presented the SUVCW Flag Certificate to Kandye and expressed the gratitude of our camp for the display of the American Flag on her businesses

When she received the plaque she stated that she was happy to receive it and that she was almost ready to cry.

← LtoR: Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Kandye Manhurin owner of Sassafras Creek Originals, Reuel



They are proud of their ancestors and their photos are displayed with pride and are appropriate for the décor of the 1840 log corn crib turned into a cabin. This corn crib was previously on a farm in Perry County, Missouri.

LtoR: Martin Aubuchon, Bob Mueller, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Kandy Mahuin, Reuel Smith and Michael Schaaf. Photo is courtesy of Carol Kist.



Flag at the top of the stairs leading to the bedroom upstairs.
Photo courtesy of Gary Scheel

AMERICAN CUSTARD COMPANY



Photo courtesy of Paul Kist.

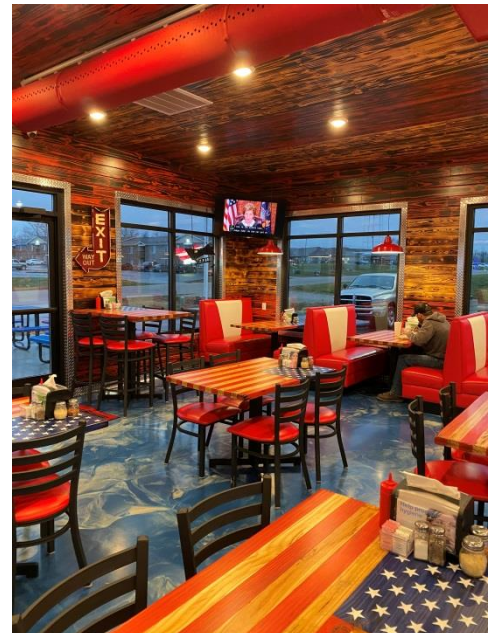
of a flag. Ryan stated the ceiling and the wall are painted with large stripes. He said that there were thirteen red and white stripes in the center of the room up starting from the floor up the wall and across the ceiling and to the floor on the opposite side of the room.

When asked why a business that started in May 2022 would have such a patriotic theme. Ryan responded, "Our Country needs more America." He went on to explain that there seems to be less of a love for the United States and more

At 4:15 p.m. a convoy of six vehicles arrived at the American Custard Company located at 1055 Progress Parkway in Ste. Genevieve. It is a family business owned and operated by Ryan and Jessica Huck. Oh yeah, there are other family members employed. Ryan said his mother-in-law was there that evening working as well as their two children.

←They have a very large flag that flies twenty-four hours, seven days a week. The flag is huge is 15 feet by 25 feet on a 70 foot flag pole. It was a windy day as you can tell by the way the flag is flying and the pole is leaning.

As we are usually attracted the flag on the outside, the interior of the building is patriotic as well. The tables are a facsimile



of a focus on ourselves. He designed the building and stated that he had what he *Photo courtesy of Paul Kist* wanted it to look like in his head. He did most of the work himself with help from his family and friends. He told us that the building looked exactly like he envisioned.



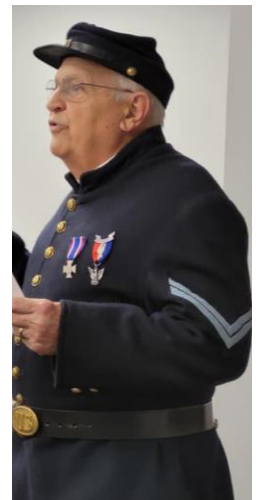
Commander Michael Schaaf presented the SUVCW Flag Certificate to the Huck Family and explained that he was proud to present them on behalf of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 this certificate because of their display of the U.S. Flag as well as the flag decorations and design inside the building.

←LtoR: Jessica and Ryan Huck and Michael Schaaf (back row)
Allymay and Austin Huck (front row)
Photo courtesy of Bob Mueller

This was our fourth SUVCW Flag Certificate that St. James Camp #326 has presented this year. One of the rewards of presenting the certificates is hearing the gratitude and expressions of how they appreciate that we noticed their patriotism.

STE. GENEVIEVE CIVIL WAR PRESENTATION

Wednesday evening, November 30th Brother Tom Greminger gave a presentation on the Civil War in Ste. Genevieve County at the Ste. Genevieve Museum Learning Center. He spoke on events that occurred during the Civil War in Ste. Genevieve, family stories during the Civil War, and many items of his personal display as well as the list of names of nearly one-thousand men from Ste. Genevieve County who served during the Civil War. At our meeting in December, Tom stated that he thought there were thirty or more present for his presentation.



WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA



On December 17th at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Arnold a Wreath's Across America ceremony was sponsored by the church and the General Thomas Fletcher Camp #47 SUVCW. Members of the church, veterans representing the various military branches, different scout organization and members of the community. Brother Sumner Hunnewell acted as Master of Ceremonies who is a member of the church, General Fletcher Camp and an all-around great guy. Members of the SUVCW provided the color guard.

Also present was Brother Walter Busch of the US Grant Camp #68 was also present and Daniel Jackson of the US Grant Camp #68 was the bugler who played taps during the ceremony.

Color Guard retiring colors. LtoR. Gary Scheel, Alan Trodus, Donald Roussin, and Robert AuBuchon.

Please remember in your prayers, Past Department Commander Sumner Hunnewell. On December 24th his Mother left this earth for a better place.