



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.

Greetings,

From Commander Ed Millinger
Camp 326

I want to thank everyone for their contributions this year. We have accomplished quite a bit this year, and everyone helped out. It is good to be busy and active. Having Jon and Ruth Kasten involved kind of put the icing on the cake. The cannon really draws a great deal of interest.

Ryan and Erin with their music added another dimension to our gatherings. Music soothes the soul and they are certainly a welcome addition to our camp.

The good news is that we still have much to do before calling it a year. I want to thank everyone for the work they do behind the scenes to make sure our meetings and events go smoothly. Your contributions do not go unnoticed.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Holiday Christmas Festival Parade.

This is my final newsletter for the year 2024. It is with great hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Past Department Commander Robert Petrovic 1996-1997

When the Reorganization of the Department of Missouri took place in 1996 he became the our first Department Commander

On November 28th 2024 he departed this life at the age of 84. Bob was instrumental in the beginning of the Department of Missouri.

National SUVCW activities, he helped to form and ran the SUVCW Charitable Organization (which donated a significant amount of money for the Civil War Informational plaque our Camp placed on the corner of Merchant and Main Streets in Ste. Genevieve), He was responsible for organizing the annual event at President Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, IL. He served on the as the Chief of Staff, of the Sons of Union Veterans.

He currently was the President of the Logan's Brigade which is an Auxiliary of the Women's Relief Corps.

Our Camp Charter and our badges will be draped in black by order of our National Commander as of December 1st and will continue to be worn until January 1st 2025.

It is that time of year. If you have not already paid your dues please send a check to our Treasurer Gary L. Scheel.

Dues this year are the same as last year, \$40.00. \$33 goes to National SUVCW, \$6.00 goes to the Department of Missouri, and \$1.00 goes to our Camp.

Please send your check made out to St. James Camp #326 for \$40.00 to

Gary L. Scheel

279 Academy Street

Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

Please pay your dues before December 31st. Thank You.

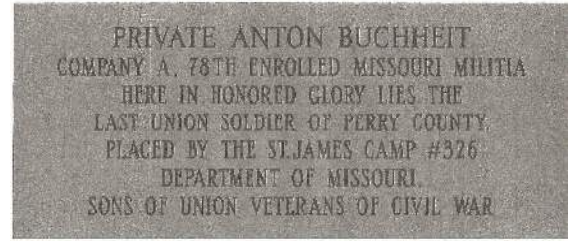
Check out our facebook page for future activities. <https://www.facebook.com/SUVCWPOST326>

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

OUR ACTIVITIES



Private Anton Buchheit
 Company A, 78th Regiment
 Enrolled Missouri Militia
 Enrolled April 30 1864 in Perry
 County, MO.
 Ordered into active service September
 29, 1864 and relieved from duty on
 December 3, 1864. Number days of
 actual service 66



Company A, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia was a mounted company and was ordered into active service during Confederate Major-General Sterling Price's Raid through Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory and Arkansas.

He was born on September 3 1845, and was 94 years old when he died on January 16, 1940. He is buried in the cemetery of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple Creek, Perry County, Missouri.



On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, the St. James Camp #326 presented a Civil War display during St. Joseph of Apple Creek's fall dinner. After the dinner the camp conducted a ceremony to honor Anton Buchheit as the last Union Civil War soldier in Perry County, MO. Assisting the camp at the ceremony were Father Michael Benz of St. Joseph Parish, Department of Missouri SUVCW Commander Bob AuBuchon, members of the Fletcher Camp #47, members of the Louise Volker Auxiliary #215, John Wibbenmeyer who played taps (Descendant of the Buchheit family), and Mary Jane Buchheit. A large crowd of Anton's descendants (four generations) and their extended family relatives attended the ceremony and many expressed their appreciation for our camp recognizing their ancestor

←4 Generations of Private Anton Buchheit Direct Descendants.

Family and friends in attendance during the Ceremony.



L-R; Mike Schaaf, Bill Janis, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Department Commander Robert AuBuchon, Chris Warren,, Bob Mueller, Ryder Griffith, Marty Aubuchon, Camp Commander Ed Millinger.



We received an email from the Department of Missouri Eagle Scout Chairman Sumner Hunnewell asking us if someone from our Camp would be able to attend an upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Cape Girardeau on November 7th. We gladly accepted the opportunity with three members of our camp had the honor of participating in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jonah Stone Patomson. He is one highly motivated Scout reaching Eagle Scout at the age of 16. He was presented an Eagle Scout Certificate and an Eagle Scout patch. In attendance from the St. James Camp #326 were Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Tom Greminger, Paul Kist and Jon Kasten. and guest Ruth Kasten.

Photo: L-R: Paul Kist, Commander Ed Millinger, Jonah Stone Patomson, and Tom Greminger who is also an Eagle Scout.

During the ceremony on November 11th, Brother Bob Mueller presented the SUVCW Flag Certificate to Commander Linda Lewis of American Legion Post 150 in Ste. Genevieve, MO
 Bob recommended Post 150 for the certificate because of their display of the American Flag in front of the post and the extra flags they display during Veterans Day in Ste. Genevieve
 Members present for the ceremony from St. James Camp #326 were Commander Ed Millinger, Bob Mueller, Paul Kist, Mike Teeter and Gary Scheel.
 Thanks to Linda Mueller for the photos.



Members of Camp #326 assembled before the Christmas Holiday Festival Parade on December 7th. It started out cool but by the time we were done it was comfortable. Thanks to all those who participated.



Camp Commander Ed Millinger decorated his truck and we used that for our float. Bob Bach and Gary Scheel rode in the back throwing candy out on the parade route. Bill Janis and Marty Aubuchon carried the camp banner. Paul Kist carried the US Flag Guidon, Ryan and Erin Martin performed music on their fife and drum. Sue Zoughaib followed Ryan and Erin and passed out candy to those in the crowd. Thanks to all of those who took time out in their day to participate in the parade.



→ Christmas songs by Ryan and Erin Martin.

Our Camp Meeting was held on Tuesday night, December 10th. After our business meeting we had our annual installation of officers. We will retain the same officers for 2025 that we currently have.

← Gary Scheel installed the officers. After the meeting was closed we had our annual Christmas Cookie Swap. (notice some of the cookies that were waiting to be swapped and eaten)

We were entertained with a selection of old



← Photo of all our members present for the meeting.

Left to Right;
 First Row; Bob Mueller, Paul Kist, Tom Greninger, Reuel Smith, Mike Schaaf.
 Back Row; Ryan Martin, Marty Aubuchon, Bill Janis, (Seated) Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Bob Bach, and Gary Scheel.



Bill Janis entertained us with a couple of songs Mike and Sheila → Schaaf are enjoying his singing and playing.



December 13, 1830

On this date Auguste and Desile (Leclere) St. Gemme gave birth to a son Joseph Felix. He changed his name to Joseph Felix St. James while he was a lawyer with an office in Ste. Genevieve. By the start of the Civil War he closed his practice and turned his office into a Union Army Recruiting station. He is reputed to have been the first man, in Southeast Missouri to volunteer for the Union Army. He was made the Lieutenant Colonel of the Southeast Missouri Rifle Regiment (referred to in some correspondence as a 3rd Regiment of Missouri Rifles).

He later became the Lieutenant Colonel of the 13th Regiment Missouri Infantry. They arrived in Tennessee at a small landing on the Tennessee River in Tennessee referred to as Pittsburg Landing. They arrived there on March 3, 1862 with 450 men and officers present. On April 6th about 8 a.m. the 13th Missouri Infantry reported to Major General William T. Sherman who sent them toward the enemy. The Rebels charged and the 13th Missouri was forced to fall back to their original position. It was during this fighting around noon Lt. Col. St James was mortally wounded. He was taken to a hospital in Savannah, Tennessee where he died on April 8th.

Cemetery records of the Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church state that he was buried there on April 14th. The notation states,

St James, Felix Age 32 years 2 months 18 days killed at Pittsburg, Tn
 on the 7th inst. Col. of USA Army, husband of Elizabeth Sargeant

The Grand Army of the Republic Post #326 named after Lt Col J. Felix St James and every year on Memorial Day they would march to his grave site and place flowers. His stone was next to his father who died on March 23, 1862.

Susan Elizabeth died on May 3rd, 1911 and is buried in Valle Spring cemetery.

They had two children Annie Isabel born in 8/3/1860 and Icabod Augustus born 2/24/1862 and died the following year on 10/15/1863.

Ian Jones a member of our Camp is a descendant of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James