

The Lieutenant Colonel's Report

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

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13th Missouri Infantry Regiment markers at the Battle of Shiloh, TN Position marker #77 approximate location of the mortal wounding of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James. Photo courtesy of Scott Reed

Brothers,

At our first meeting of this decade Past Department Commander Martin Aubuchon installed our new officers They are as follows:

Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Senior Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Junior Vice Commander Tom Greminger Secretary Bob Mueller, Treasurer Gary Scheel, Counsel of Administration Jerry Kasten, Paul Kist, Tom Greminger

At our February meeting we met but because of illness I was unable to attend so I am really unsure what happened. And we all know what happened in our March meeting and every meeting afterwards. Yep the Coronavirus reared its ugly head and we have not had a meeting since.

Are we going to have a meeting in June? That is the call of our Camp Commander Ed Millinger.



On January 14th, 2020 the following men were installed as officers of the camp. From Left to Right Senior Vice Commander Michael Schaaf Treasurer Gary L. Scheel Camp Commander Ed Millinger Installing Officer Martin Aubuchon Secretary Robert Mueller Junior Vice Commander Tom Greminger

Next Meeting: June 9, 2020? Time: 6:30 p.m. Place: To be determined

Photo courtesy of Bob & Linda Mueller.



Harlee Boyd was the recipient of our Camps, Pvt. John E. Smith Scholarship. She was a senior at Ste. Genevieve High School and is planning on majoring in Cyber Security. She is hoping to attend Central Missouri University. She is a descendent of Pvt. John Dallas who was a member of the 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia in Ste. Genevieve during the Civil War. We had several application responses this year even though school closed in March.

Brother Bob Mueller place the photo and a small article about the scholarship in the Ste. Genevieve Herald.

Congratulations to Harlee and our Camp wishes you the best of luck in your future adventures in life.

Photo: Camp Commander Ed Millinger and Harlee Boyd. Ed is shown handing Harlee the scholarship certificate and the check for \$200.

Saturday May 30th, Camp Commander Ed Millinger and Gary Scheel along with members of Company J, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia and their families placed flags at the graves of 56 Civil War veterans in three of the large areas of Valle Springs Cemetery. Afterwards we talked about it and we all agreed it was an enjoyable experience. It took us about an hour and a half. L to R, Gary Scheel, Ed Millinger, Wyatt Hutchings, Jacob Hutchings and Gavin Zerwig. (Gavin's Dad also helped but do not have a photo of him)



Shiloh National Battlefield Park.

As some of the emails that I have sent out expressed that the Department of Missouri is working for the year 2022 to pay honor to those from Missouri who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the battle. We as a camp are also hoping to have a ceremony near the site of his death.

One of our opportunities that we may be looking into is the possibility of donating the monument money in our budget to help repair the Missouri monument at the park. See the photo below. We will need to discuss this at our next meeting our or one of our future meetings. But we do have a couple of years to decide.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

DAVIS C. BRUCE

I am a lawyer working for the Juvenile Office, 24th Missouri Judicial Circuit, been doing that about a year and a half. We moved here from Boston area 2 years ago. But I'm familiar with the area, my dad was from Oklahoma and my mom was from Boston---my sister has lived in Farmington for over 25 years. USMC Morse Code Intercept Operator, top secret clearance 1963-1967, then college and law school, USAF JAG legal officer, Captain 1979-1982, assistant district attorney, Boston courts, defense counsel 1985-2018--retired, but came back out of retirement to take this juvenile office job Sept 11, 2018.

My Union ancestor was a sailor on the USS Wabash and other ships of the United States Navy during the civil war, out of Boston, Mass. I joined SUVCW in 2004 but just joined Ste Gen SUVCW recently.