

# 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,

We had several members participate in several different events since the last newsletter.

### U. S. Grant Remembrance Day 27 July

Marty Aubuchon attended the ceremony at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis. He laid a wreath during the ceremony as a representative of our Camp. This ceremony is sponsored by the U. S. Grant Camp #68 and is to commemorate the death of Lieutenant-General Grant.

General Ulysses S. Grant died of throat cancer on July 23, 1885 at the age of 63 at Joseph W. Drexel's Adirondack cottage in Mount McGregor, New York. He is buried in the General Grant National Memorial in Manhattan, New York City, also known as Grant's Tomb



### Grant Symposium in St. Louis of July 26<sup>th</sup>

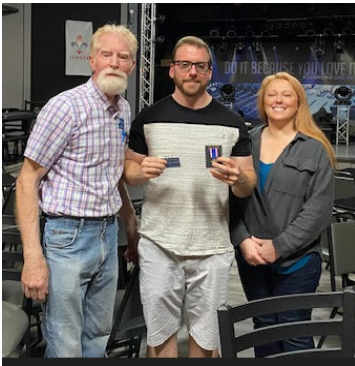
In the photo is Senator Roy Blunt and one of our members is Greg Wolk. (Organizer)→

Bob Mueller and Marty Aubuchon were in attendance.



### Camp Meeting 13 August

← Camp Commander Ed Millinger handed to our newest member Ryan Martin his Membership Badge and Camp Name Plate. Next to Ryan is his wife Erin Martin.



On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Gary Scheel was asked to → speak to the Parkinson Support Group that meets in Ste. Genevieve. He described the different equipment that was used by men who served during the Civil War.



←September 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church and Shrine in Apple Creek, MO Paul Kist, Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel were present to watch the installation of the Perry County Last Soldier marker for Private Anton Buchheit of Company A, 78<sup>th</sup> Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia. A ceremony is being planned for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



# Camp Activities

## Bank Raid Reenactment on August 24<sup>th</sup>

The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp conducted a living history that included a reenactment of Federal troops removing funds from the bank in Ste. Genevieve for "safe keeping" on Aug. 15, 1861. Thanks to the members of the Fletcher Camp #47, Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, and the Turner Brigade who helped to make the day an even better event. Special thanks goes to the Felix Valle House State Historic Site for allowing us to have our living history camp on their grounds. Big Thanks to Linda Mueller for some of the photos.

Thanks also to Department of MO SUVCW Commander, Bob Aubuchon, as well as Bill Naeger, Doug Nickelson, Clarence Warfield, Doug Harding, Mary Scheel, and John Kasten for their help at both the camp and the reenactment. Thank you John, Marcia and Becky who provided an hour of Civil War era music before the reenactment and their continued support of our camp is much appreciated. A medley of Civil War era fife and drum songs was also provided in the afternoon by Ryan and Erin Martin and Duncan Noack. Camp members Tom Greminger, Reuel Smith, and Gary Scheel had Civil War and GAR displays. Thanks again to everyone who stopped by to visit the camp and learn about the history of the Civil War.

← Bill Naeger carrying the money, Marty Aubuchon, giving instructions and Ed Millinger, Gary Scheel and Bill Janis watching the action.



L to R; Marica, John and Becky

Members of the Louisa Volker, Auxiliary participating as concerned citizens. → To their right is Doug Nickelson a Confederate sympathizer



← Union Troops, captives and the money heading to General Fremont and St. Louis.



Tom Greminger discussing his display with those interested in Civil War history in Ste. Genevieve →

← L-R:Duncan Noack, Ryan Martin & Erin Martin



Mike Schaaf visiting Reuel Smith's display → of his two ancestors GAR items

## Oktoberfest in Ste. Genevieve on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> →

Paul Kist and Gary Scheel had an informational booth set up at the Oktoberfest in Ste. Genevieve. We were there from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Paul was there from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. Gary Scheel arrived around noon on Sunday.

They enjoyed discussing with several people on both days about Ste. Genevieve and the Civil War. The booth consisted of a list of men from Ste. Genevieve who served in the Civil War. Many people were interested in the list. The other part of the booth consisted of a display of the equipment an infantryman would have carried. Many people were interested in the display of equipment.



R-L: Paul Kist, Gary Scheel

# October 6<sup>th</sup>, Display and Living History Demonstration

Brother Paul Kist, a member of St. Philip and St. James Catholic Parish in River Aux Vases, Ste. Genevieve County arraigned for our Camp to set up a display and have a small living history. It was a beautiful day and those of us who were there enjoyed it. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words.



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Photo's

1. Display
2. Fifer (Erin Martin) Drummer (Ryan Martin)
3. 10 new recruits learning to march (#10 didn't make the photo)
4. L-R, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Ed Millinger, Ryan Martin, Michael Schaaf and Erin Martin
5. Cannon firing
6. Powder Monkey

Special Thank You to Jon Kasten and Ruth Kasten for bringing their cannon from Cape Girardeau to allow us to use it.  
Special Thank You to St. Philip & St. James Catholic Parish for allowing us to be a part of their day.

## Upcoming Camp Activities

- October 8 (today) Camp Meeting at the Orris Theater starts at 6 p.m.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> (next Tuesday) We will present a SUVCW Flag Certificate to the American Legion Hall in Bloomsdale at 7 p.m.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> (the next Tuesday) We will have a living history at Marian Cliff Manor in St. Mary. Out of the 52 residents there are 47 veterans. (Set up at 11 a.m. the residents eat at 12 noon and will be invited to come out and visit our displays