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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 As summer comes to an end I would like to express my thanks to all our members for making this such an active year. Of course we are not finished yet. Many opportunities await us before the end of the year arrives.

Saturday September 27th Retreat auto tour, Battle of Pilot Knob 8-4

October 3&4, Liberty Days at Stars and Stripes Museum, Bloomfield, Mo.

October 5, The making of a movie at Pilot Knob, must be able to fire a rifle.

Saturday November 1, Veterans Day parade in Farmington

Friday November 7, the Grant Symposium in Cape Girardeau

Saturday November 8, Veterans Day parade in Desoto

For further details please contact me. I hope you have the opportunity to participate in some of these activities.

To those who were unable to attend our last meeting at which Dan Matin presented his program on political cartoons and Grant. The presentation will be available for viewing at a future date on stegentv.com They will also have a video of our courthouse reenactment. I will send out a notice when these two are ready to be viewed.

Once again thanks to every member of the camp that makes things. I appreciate your contributions.

Ed Millinger CC



At our meeting on September 9th Camp Commander Ed Millinger presented to our newest member, Tony Smee, his SUVCW Camp Membership Badge.

After the presentation Tony gave us a brief history of his interest in the Civil War and his ancestor who had served in the Civil War.

No Camp Meeting on Tuesday evening October 14th

Our meeting will take place on Monday afternoon after the living history at Marian Cliff Manor in St. Mary

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->

OUR ACTIVITIES



Members of the SUVCW present for the Artillery School held at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort, MO. There were twelve of us representing four different camps from Missouri, a couple from Iowa, and the Commander of the 4th Military

District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

On June 28th Jon Kasten and Gary Scheel went to the artillery school in Beaufort. We attended classes the first part of the day and then had an excellent dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. After dinner we went to the line and practiced what we learned. It was interesting to learn some of the proper procedures on firing and how dangerous it is to stand in front of the cannon when it fires.

We each were able to participate in each of the 7 gun crew positions.

Jon Kasten in the #3 position on the gun crew. (Blue Shirt) →



4th of July Living History and Presentations

Our Camp decided we would observe the 4th of July on the 4th of July. It seems that many organizations are more interested in observing the spirit of the 4th of July on the Saturday after. Forgetting the significance of what the date really represents. They seem to be more interested in numbers than to celebrate our Declaration of Independence.

We had displays and speeches held in the yard behind the Felix Valle House State Historic Site.

Our focus was on the Battle of Gettysburg and the Siege of Vicksburg which as we know both were concluded on the 4th of July 1863.

Several members of the Ste. Genevieve Militia were present as they stopped by on their way to Kaskaskia Island for the 4th of July Celebration.

It was a very hot day. Bob Mueller read the Declaration of Independence and some excerpts from past 4th of July celebrations in the history of Ste. Genevieve.



Marty Aubuchon was next and gave a trivia test to all who were present.

All the questions dealt with the 4th of July. Some examples follow.

1. Ste. Genevieve celebrated Independence Day for the first time in 1811. True or False
2. President Calvin Coolidge was born on the 4th of July in what year? A. 1872 B. 1845 C. 1888
3. It was 81 years after the fall of Vicksburg, Mississippi which occurred on the 4th of July 1863 before Vicksburg celebrated Independence Day. True or False



Bob Bach read the Gettysburg Address and discussed President Abraham Lincoln. →



← Paul Kist was in charge of games and in this photo is practicing the game Shut the Door.

Also present from the Camp was Bill Davis Camp Commander Ed Millinger, and Gary Scheel

Deb Cambron had her spinning wheel display and Glen Alsop of the Wilhelmi Camp #17 was present also.

Our favorite photographer, Linda Mueller, took these great photos and we always appreciate her willingness to participate with us.



On Facebook one of the guests who attended wrote, "Thank you all. This was our favorite part of the day!"

140th Anniversary of the Death of General U.S. Grant at U.S. Grant National Historic Site



On July 19th the U. S. Grant Camp #68 held their annual Death Day at the U.S. Grant National Historic Site. There were representatives from several Camps from the Department of Missouri present. It was a very nice event and well conducted.

Present from our Camp were Right to Left, Bill Janis, Marty Aubuchon and Gary Scheel.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Presentation

On August 14th Gary Scheel traveled to Pacific, MO to present to Caden Owen Price the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and Eagle Scout Patch. It was a very hot night and the ceremony. Caden Owen Price was very appreciative of the awards.



Court House Square Martial Law Reenactment



On August 23rd members of our Camp and Fletcher Camp #47 and the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 participated in our bi-annual reenactment of Union troops taking over the town and the declaring of Marital Law in Ste. Genevieve. One of the martial laws enacted was the banning of members of the 78th Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia to partake of spirits found in places where alcohol was being distributed.

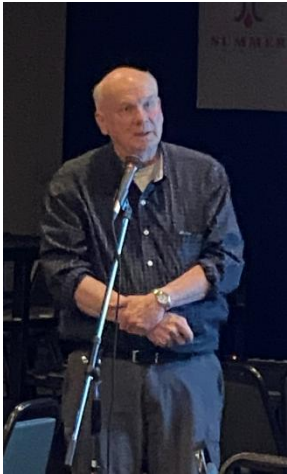
← The drunk (Bill Janis) being escorted gently from behind by a Private (Bob Bach) was drug out of the tavern and taken in front of the Provost Marshal Gustavus St. Gem (Bob Mueller) who was explaining to Captain Henry B. Milks of Company H, 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry commander (Marty Aubuchon) the reason for the arrest of this poor defenseless Private caught in violation of the martial law.

Troops marching in to support the officers to control the situation. ->



Group photo of those who participated. Our Thanks to those who took time out of their life to participate in this activity.

Presentation at Our Camp Meeting on September 9th



Daniel Martin of St. Louis gave a presentation on, "U.S. Grant and Political Cartoons." He is semi-retired from the Post Dispatch newspaper where he has drawn the WeatherBird for 40 years.

His presentation consisted of the history of some of the artists who were responsible for the political cartoons. Most of the cartoons of U. S. Grant deal with his two terms as President.

There were twenty-one people present for his presentation.

It was an excellent presentation and if you would like to see it in person then he will be giving it at the U.S. Grant National Historic Site in Grantwood Village, or across from Grant's Farm.

Another option is to wait for the presentation to become available on stegentv on YouTube.



Next Camp Activity

On Monday October 20th we will do a living history at the Marian Cliff Manor in St. Mary. Our goal is to set up a camp scene, engineering display, Drum and Fife music, and cannon display.

We have adopted Marian Cliff Manor because of the history of the building during the Civil War and over 85% of the residents are veterans.

Our projected schedule.

Arrive at 8:30 a.m to set up

Living history begins at 10:00 am. Residents will walk around at their own leisure.

Living history ends at 12:00 Noon. Break Camp

Lunch at Sirro's followed by a meeting.

You did not need to wear a uniform. I am planning on making cookies, both sugar and sugar free to hand out.

I think it would be nice if we would bring books to give to those who may be interested in them. Civil War books would be preferred but it could deal with any military time frame, mystery books, westerns or anything you have laying around that you would like to give away.

Battle of Pilot Knob to Leasburg Driving Tour on 27 September

Should you be interested in this tour please contact Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site at 573-546-3454 to make reservations. There is no charge. You can ride on the bus or drive your personal vehicle on the tour. You will need to bring a lunch. Please arrive between 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. We will be leaving Pilot Knob at 9 a.m. The tour guide is Gary Scheel