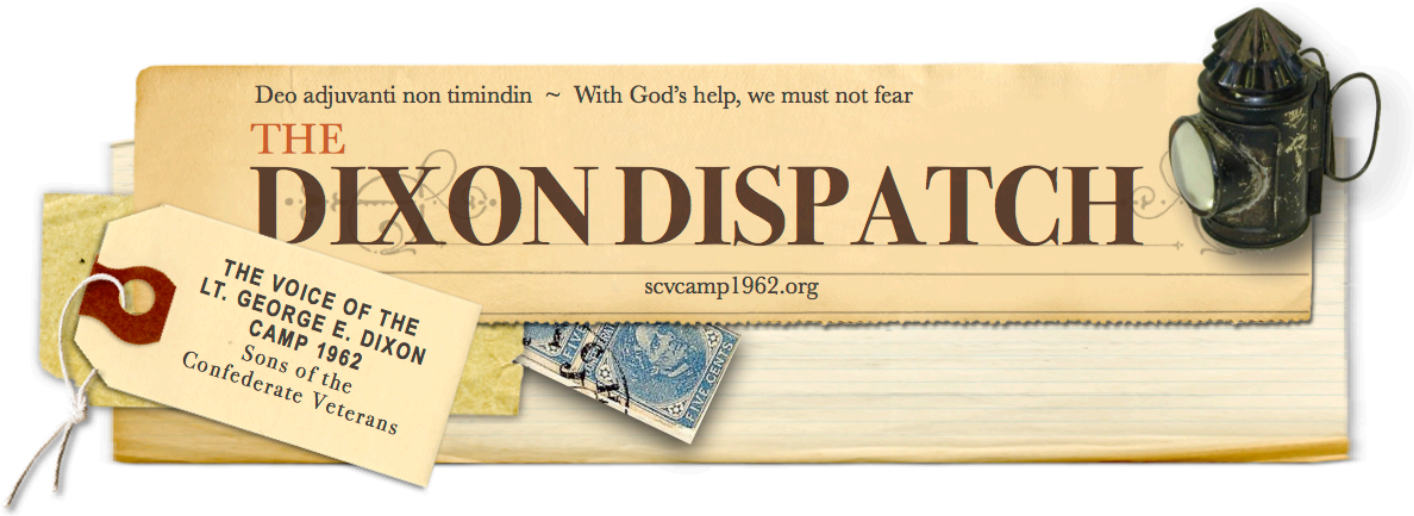

April 2012 to April 2013 Camp Report
LT. GEORGE E. DIXON CAMP 1962
COMMANDER Mark Lee Morgan

The year's mission has been much the same as last year's; firstly to maintain the momentum of recruiting and retention that the camp has enjoyed over the past years. Secondly, to give the Brotherhood maximum exposure to the people of the surrounding communities and civic organization, allowing people a first hand opportunity to see what this noble and honorable institution stands for. Taking our message to the grass roots level to allowed parents and children to rediscover their Southern Heritage so they can once again feel pride that comes with having Confederate Ancestors. We have worked hard within the community through presentations and participation in local events to gain a more positive image of our organization and of our Southern heritage. By showing our pride and conviction to others; we hope to instill courage and conviction in them, to be proud and not ashamed of their Southern heritage.
An accomplishment of particular note for our camp is that we have begun video and audio taping some of our meeting programs to be put on the camp website to be seen by camp members not able to attend the meetings or others interested in what we are doing.

<u>List of activities: (beginning April 15, 2012 through 20 April 2013)</u>
- Participated as main players in presentations and displays for South West Illinois College Civil War Days program end of April 2012.
- Presented SCV award ribbon to HS students at Mascoutah HS and O'Fallon Township HS end of April
- Alton Confederate Memorial – May 2012
- Jefferson Barracks Memorial – May 2012
- Smithton Memorial Day Program – May 2012
- Mound City Memorial - May 2012

- Homecomings and Parades:
    Smithton – August 2012
    Mascoutah – July 2012
    Freeburg – August 2012

Special Events:

- Jerseyville Victorian Days Fulkerson Mansion – Labor Day weekend 2012
- Took part in a funeral with Military Honors for deceased member Jim Benedict Oct. 2012
- Homestead Harvest Days Highland- Sep 2012
- Participated in John A. Logan College's Civil War days activities and presentations for area grade school and junior high school students Oct. 2012
- Performed Confederate Memorial Ceremony for William Wilson, Pvt., Co. C, 4th MO Inf., CSA, in Fayette Co,, IL on 20 Oct. 2012.
- Six two-day County Gun Show recruiting tables at the Belle Clair Fairgrounds in Belleville
- General Lee and Jackson Ball with 112 members and guests in attendance – Jan 2013
- Participated in joint US/CS Civil War Ball in Vandalia – Feb. 8, 2013
- Numerous presentations by members of our camp to local interest groups and Civil War Round Tables.

- We also participate with our Squad East group in Flora, IL for their camp meeting each month and went on our annual trip in Clay County to mark the 15 Confederate Graves in Clay Co., IL for Confederate Memorial Day.
- We participated in Wreaths Across America in laying wreaths at the Alton Confederate Cemetery and the Alton Confederate Smallpox Island Monument on Veterans Day, 11 Nov. 2012.
- In M arch we had three members act as honor guards to stand watch over casket of SCV Compatriot Gene Beal of Granite City. Gene was the former camp commander of the Gen. Bushrod Johnson camp disbanded in 2001. Our men paid honors to the former compatriot at his funeral.

As far as actual numbers, our camp has added 23 new members, 1 deceased member, 2 transfers, and 6 drops.
We currently have 80 SCV members, eleven of whom live out of state (an increase of 17 over all members or about 24 % since the last division convention), and 24 associate members (Knights and Ladies of the Golden Circle) representing an increase of 7 new K&L of GC or 41% increase since the last Division convention . Our goal is to have 100 SCV members in our camp by the next division convention.

We have six life members. We also had nine members receive the SCV War service medal. We have several others who are eligible.

We also have two camp members serving on National Staff positions:
Gale Red, Genealogist-in-Chief
Gene Smith, Chairman SCV Medal of Honor Committee

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