

Deo adjuvanti non timindin ~ With God's help, we must not fear

THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



THE VOICE OF THE
LT. GEORGE E. DIXON
CAMP # 1962
Sons of the
Confederate Veterans

January 2014

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Lee ~ Jackson Ball

JANUARY 25, 2014



The Annual Lee – Jackson Ball is just around the corner with only less than four weeks to go.

The ball will take place at the Belle Court Manor (The Masonic Lodge) at North Church and “A” Streets in Belleville. The doors will open at 6 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. There are many people who have indicated they are planning to be with us, but only a few have actually sent their reservation request and money.

If you have not yet sent in your reservations and money, please do so right away. Please use the reservation request at the bottom of the ball flyer in the newsletter.

Come and enjoy a gala evening of good food, good music and period dancing. Bring your friends and neighbors.



Lee ~ Jackson Ball



News from Around the Camp

We have just learned that Compatriot Ron Doran has been in the hospital for about two weeks with severely respiratory distress and pneumonia. He is not doing especially well. Please pray for his comfort and recovery.

Compatriot Bill Beasley was hospitalized for a few days just ahead of Christmas with difficulties in breathing. Fortunately, he was released and able to go home for Christmas.

Compatriot Michael Pierpoint has been making good progress in his recuperation from all that ails him. He has managed to stay out of the hospital this past month and is planning on being with us for our meeting on the 2nd of January.

Compatriots Sam Booth and Dennis DeSelms of the Flora Squad East are both making very good recoveries from their respective ills and were able to attend the Christmas dinner in Flora on the 16th of December.

Compatriot Jim Arrington has finally been notified that he has been made a full-time regular employee at the St. Louis Arch Park. He is still

trying to sell his home in Canton, IL so he can move his family to the greater St. Louis area and be able to attend on a more regular basis.

Compatriot Roger Heinrich and his wife Carole have been home for a few weeks of Christmas break to be with family. They will be heading back to Aberdeen, Washington very shortly. It's always good to have them around, even for a too-short visit.

If you have news about any of our camp members, please be sure to contact Gale Red so we can share it with everyone

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Matt Reeson – 4 Jan
Dave Runells – 9 Jan
Bobby Samuel – 18 Jan

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

Johnny and Chris Kicklighter will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary on Jan. 28th



**NEXT MEETING,
JANUARY 2, 2014**

**PRESENTATION BY
WALTER HALL**



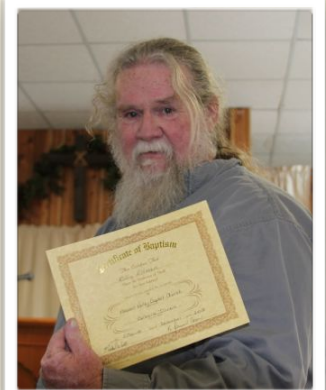
The Kicklighter, Beasley and Starek families with Billy and Helen Altman



Billy and Pastor Michael Webb

ANOTHER PLEASANT VALLY SUNDAY

On Sunday, December 15, 2013, Billy's friends and family were there to share in his joy. Billy Altman was Baptized at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Belleville, Illinois.



“Baptism separates the tire kickers from the car buyers.”

~
Max Lucado

Wreathes Across America 2013

DECEMBER 16, 2013



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Potentially dangerous wintry weather kept us from being able to place our wreaths at the North Alton Confederate Cemetery and at the Small Pox Island Monument as scheduled on December 14th.

However, Gale and Sharon Red were able to represent the camp in placing Christmas wreaths at the Alton Confederate Cemetery on Monday, December 16th as the weather and road conditions improved.

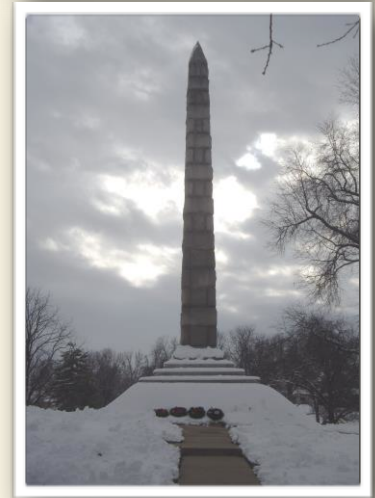
Unfortunately, the bridge connecting to the Small Pox

Island Monument has been washed out, and the Army Corps of Engineers and the Missouri Department of transportation have not agreed as to who or how the repairs will be made.

So, we were unable to place any wreaths there. Instead, Gale and Sharon went to the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville where they placed wreaths on the Union Army Monument and several Union soldier graves as well as the graves of the three Confederate veteran graves there. They also placed a Christmas wreath on Compatriot Kevin Duffy's grave as well as two other US Army veterans the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

This was part of our annual participation in the Wreaths Across America program.

Gale Red



Minutes of Squad East

DECEMBER 16, 2013

MINUTES OF SQUAD EAST

The monthly meeting of Squad East was called order at 6:30 PM by squad leader Sgt. Marcus Pat Booth at the Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora, Illinois.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Sam Booth. Sgt. Booth let the attendees in the pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Confederate Flag.

Roll was taken with the following members and guests present:

Adj. Gale Red
Sharon Red guest
Sam Booth
Clara Booth guest
Dr. Vernon DeSelms
Cindy DeSelms guest
John Winterfeld guest
Marilyn Winterfeld guest
Dr. Robert Marley
Pat Marley guest
Sgt. Marcus P. Booth
Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve by

Adj. Red and 2nd. by Sam Booth, Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

Jackson – Lee Ball January 25, 2014 to be held at Bellecourt Manor 225 E “A: Street Belleville, IL. Call 618-979-7853 if you wish to attend. Attendance is encouraged.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan.20th 2014 program on “Missouri Regulars during Civil War” presentation by Dennis Headlee

Following a Christmas meal members and guests were entertained by Adj. Gale Red giving a presentation on “Christmas during the Civil War” Gale showed numerous pictures of paintings by Mort Kunsler depicting winter scenes of Confederate soldiers and discussing the conditions of the soldiers and the trials and tribulations of their families during each Christmas of the war. Images of winter war

scenes from the Harpers Weekly were also shown depicting both Union and Confederate situations during the war. As the war wore on each Christmas became more and more difficult for the Confederate soldiers and their families back home. Christian revivals were held by both sides with many conversions to Christianity.

Christmas trees tradition started in the 1840's and were in vogue by both sides during the Civil War.

Toys given to children in the Confederacy during the waning years of the war was often made from scraps of cloth, wood and nuts.

Chaplain Sam Booth gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 830 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sgt. Marcus P. Booth



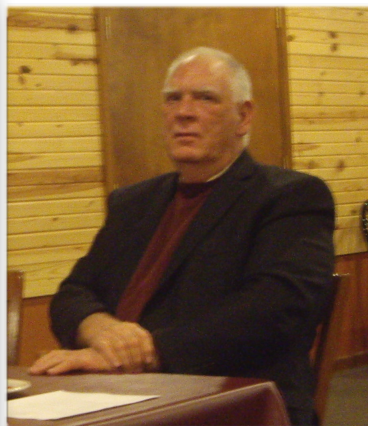
Squad East: Pat Booth, Gale Red, John & Marilyn Winterfeld, Bob & Pat Marley, Sam & Clare Booth



Gale and Sharon Red



Gale & Sharon, Marilyn Winterfeld, and Vernon DeSelms



Pat Booth

Squad East's
Christmas Party
December 16, 2013



Vernon DeSelms, Sam & Clare Booth



Pat & Bob Marley



Sam & Clare Booth, and Pat & Bob Marley

Commander's Dispatch

COMMANDER MARK MORGAN ~ JANUARY 2014

Compatriots, our next meeting is particularly important and I strongly solicit a large turnout. Prior to Compatriot Walter Hall's presentation, we will hold elections for Adjutant, 1st Lieutenant Commander and Commander. The election results will determine the direction the Lt George E. Dixon Camp takes over the next two years.

I've enjoyed my last five years as 1st LCDR and commander; through the stalwart efforts of many of its officers and members, this camp has come a long way and has firmly established itself as the lead Sons of Confederate Veterans organization in the state of Illinois. Let's keep it rolling through the nomination and election of a strong leadership slate. Your vote counts; please make a point of attending and in the meantime, as always,

Hold high the flag!

Respectfully,
Mark L. Morgan
Commander

It is very cold, all nature is robed in ice...God grant successful may be the termination of 1864...After you, my God then I live for my country. God bless our leaders in Dixie.

Belle Edmondson
Shelby County, Tennessee
1 January 1864

"Old Sixty Three" is gone at last, and this day, young "Sixty Four" steps forward to run his course. In bidding farewell to the departed year, we cannot repress a mental retrospect of the direful events which have reddened the pages of history since we last penned a New Year's paragraph. Blood, precious blood, has been shed profusely, and we may well be

excused for indulging the oft-used simile that the incessant raindrops yesterday were tears over the sorrows which the passing year had brought on the helpless victims of this war. But we will not dwell upon the past. Hope bids us look to the future.

Editorial,
The Richmond Whig
1 January 1864

New Year's 1864 arrived in the middle of one of the worst winter storms in years. Wayne County, Indiana, for example, recorded a high of 60 degrees on New Years Eve...and hit 28 below the following morning. Intense cold – sub-zero south of Tennessee – and snow ranged throughout the continent and things just flat-out ground to a halt as the governments, militaries and citizens of the two opposing nations concentrated on food, heat and survival.

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As such, the month passed relatively quietly, at least until things warmed up a bit. Much of the activity revolved around politics, with the United States working towards consolidating its hold on portions of the Confederacy.

On 11 January 1864, Senator John Brooks Henderson (R-Missouri) submitted a proposed 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to the Senate Judiciary Committee, calling for the complete abolition of slavery within the United States. The measure made it to the full US Senate in mid-February after Henderson incorporated material contributed by Representatives James M. Ashley (R-Ohio), James F. Wilson (R-Iowa) and Charles Sumner (R-Massachusetts).

On 20 January, following the submission of an anti-slavery

Constitution by the Union government of Arkansas, President Lincoln directed VII Corps Commander Maj Gen Frederick Steele to

authorize elections in the northern-controlled parts of the state. Two days later, Issac Murphy was selected as provisional governor of Arkansas, in advance of elections scheduled for the spring (notably, in 1861 Murphy had cast the only vote against secession during the state's Secession Convention). The previously elected governor (and former commander of the 2nd Arkansas Mounted Rifles), Harris Flanigan, continued to attempt to run a government in



exile from Washington, Arkansas.

Command changes also took place during the month. On 22 January, Maj Gen Williams S. Rosecrans, previously Commander of the Army of the Cumberland in Chattanooga, received orders to St Louis to assume command of the Department of Missouri. He relieved Maj Gen John Schofield, who moved east to assume command of the Department of the Ohio and the Army of the Ohio. To the

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south, in Shreveport on 25 January, Brig Gen Henry W. Allen was elected the 17th governor of the State of Louisiana. He concentrated on protecting the citizens and businesses of the portion of the state not under Yankee control.

Combat? Save for the usual skirmishes and dust-ups, only three "major" battles took place during January (although obviously, for the participants any combat was considered major). On 25 January Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry brigade collided with Union cavalry under Brig Gen William Sooy Smith near Meridian and pushed the northerners back. The two would continue operations against each other well into February. The following day the 1st Alabama Cavalry under Lt Col Moses Hannon were repulsed when they attacked the 9th Illinois

Mounted Infantry (Capt Emil Adams) at Athens, Georgia.

The two armies would resume more active maneuvering in February. In fact, as the month of January ended, two field forces were already in motion, looking for a fight. Outside of northern-held New Bern, North Carolina, a reinforced division under Maj Gen George Pickett, augmented by Confederate Marines and sailors, set up for an attempt to retake the important Atlantic coast port city. Finally, mid-month Maj Gen William T. Sherman dispatched two corps (XVII, Maj Gen James B. McPherson and XVI, Maj Gen Stephen Hurlbut) towards Meridian to assist with rooting out Southern resistance while destroying railroads. Otherwise, Sherman pointed the remainder of his Army to the southeast and prepared for a run to the Atlantic coast.

**LEE - JACKSON BALL
JANUARY 25, 2014**

**PLEASE RSVP BY
JANUARY 14, 2014**



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



SCV ANNUAL GRAND BALL

Honoring General Robert E. Lee and
General Stonewall Jackson

on

Saturday, January 25, 2014

at the

Bellecourt Manor
225 East "A" Street
Belleville IL

**The Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962 (Sons of Confederate Veterans)
cordially invites you to attend their 12th Annual Grand Ball for a night
of fun, food, family, friends, and fellowship, plus open/period dancing,
including the Grand March and the Virginia Reel.**

6:00 P.M. Doors Open

6:30 P.M. Delicious Buffet Dinner

- * Outstanding Period Music by The Chris Talley Trio
- * Professional Photographer, Bill Freeman
- * Silent Auction
- * 50/50 Drawing
- * Pay-As-You-Go Bar

SUGGESTED ATTIRE: Period attire encouraged, but not required.

COST (per person): \$35.00 (check payable to Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962)

POC: Adjutant Gale Red, 5 Hunters Pt, O'Fallon IL 62269-3133, Cell 618-622-8949 or 618-979-7853

Reservation/Payment Due: January 10, 2014

(NOTE: No extensions or refunds after this date)



Reservation Form for SCV Lee/Jackson Grand Ball, January 25, 2014

Make check payable to: Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962

Due: January 10, 2014 (no extensions or refunds after this date)

Name (please print): _____

Name (please print): _____ **Dress color:** _____

Address (please print): _____

Cell/Phone Number: _____

Number Attending: _____ **@ \$35.00/person. Payment for \$** _____ **enclosed.**

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OUR NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 2, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday evening January 2, 2014. The meeting will be held at the SWIC Senior Citizen Center on the corner of East B and North Church Streets, in Belleville. Parking is available immediately across the street from the building. The building is located at 201 North Church, just three blocks east of North Illinois on East B. To get to the auditorium where we will have the meeting, ask the gentleman at the desk what room we are in. If you have any questions, call Gale Red for directions at 618-622-8949.

NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 2, 2014: A PRESENTATION BY WALTER HALL
