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

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#### THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962
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**June 2015** 



#### From The Commander



Fathers, Fathers-To-Be, Grandpas, and Great-Grandpas
Among the sweetest memories our hearts keep through the years
Are special things our fatherly images say, said, did, and do
Their tender hugs and words of praise
Their laughter and their loving ways
Are joys that we recall our whole lives through.

May He who understands our needs and hears our every prayer Bless you today with joy and peace and keep you in His care.

#### HAVE A HAPPY DAY ON JUNE 21

Confederately,

Johnny Kicklighten



# Remember ... to attend the June meeting

ON THE 9TH
CAMP DIXON IN BELLEVILLE

6:30 P.M.

ON THE 15TH
SQUAD EAST IN FLORA

ALTON
CONFEDERATE
MEMORIAL
RESCHEDULED
FOR JUNE 13.



Please be in place at Alton 10:30 a.m. for this very important event.

\*\*\* Next Camp Dixon Meeting \*\*\*
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
SWIC Senior Citizen Center
201 North Church Street, Belleville
Location: Corner of East B and North Church Streets
Parking Available Across the Street
PRESENTATION: Confederate Secret Service
By Compatriot Walter Hall
REFRESHMENTS: Compatriot Dwight Moore
Please check with the receptionist about room location.
Questions? Call Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949.

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#### CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ May 12, 2015 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2015 at the SWIC Senior Citizen Center, 201 North Church Street, Belleville IL, this being the 5th Muster of the year for 2015. **CALL TO ORDER** was announced by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Jacob Fortner, and meeting called to order.

**INVOCATION** was given by Adjutant Gale Red.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** was led by 1st Lt Commander Lakin. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and saluted the Confederate flag, which were properly displayed at the meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER & GUEST** was given by Adjutant Gale Red who introduced Chris Ziebold as our newest camp member and will be inducted next month. His ancestor is his great-great grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Payne. Adjutant Red also introduced the guest, John Stanton, a perspective camp member.

#### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**APRIL 14 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion made to accept the minutes by John McKee, seconded by 2d Lt Commander Jake Fortner. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** was read by Adjutant Red – balance is \$5,207.37. Motion made by Mike Mauer to accept, seconded by Don Carnley. Motion carried. Financial report accepted.

ROLL CALL (20). Janice Beasley, Don Carnley, Jake Fortner, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, Walter Hall, Ron Lakin, Doug & Betty Lawrence, Mike Mauer, John and Anita Jane McKee, Kevin Monroe, Gale & Sharon Red, Chris Rutledge, Phil Tate, John Stanton (guest), Steve Wilson, and Chris Ziebold.





#### **COMMUNICATIONS** (Adjutant Red).

- COMMANDER JOHNNY KICKLIGHTER is absent with a family-centered event ... but has provided tonight's refreshments.
- <u>DIV COMMANDER ROB MESTAS</u> is still at the Mayo Clinic ~ having a hard time ~ receiving radiation and chemo ~ will receive a PET scan in six weeks.
- <u>COMPATRIOT ARTHUR TULAK FAMILY MEMORIAL</u>. Arthur flew on a red-eye to Texas and met with a camp there, who had a memorial. Pictures to follow ... in the June newsletter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS (Adjutant Red).**

- <u>ALTON CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CEREMONY, MAY 16, 11:00.</u> If you've never been to the cemetery, please attend. (15 people estimated attending). Driving directions: take the beltway North around Alton (NOT north to Godfrey), but go South to Alton, then turn right on Rozier Street, cemetery located on the left. Planning on a camp-sponsored picnic on the grounds, however, since rain is expected, will call everybody on the status.
- MOUND CITY MEMORIAL CEREMONY, MAY 23, 10:00 (SHOW TIME 9:30).
- <u>UTZ CAMP CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL</u>, FEE CEMETERY IN FLORISSANT MO, MAY 24, 2:00. See me about going.
- JEFFERSON BARRACKS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, MAY 25, 10:00.
- <u>COWBOY SHOOTERS EVENT, SPARTA IL, JUNE 16, 9:00</u>. Request volunteers to be the Color Guard posting colors for opening ceremony. If interested, please let me know.
- <u>LINCOLN FUNERAL COMMEMORATION, SPRINGFIELD IL</u>. John and Jane McKee attended many events during the entire weekend including visits to the Benedictine University, Lincoln Park, funeral train, state house, morning tea, and the Lincoln home. John had a speaking role as a reporter at a mock event.

**REFRESHMENTS** were provided by Commander Johnny Kicklighter.

#### **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 12, 2015 Muster (Continued)**

**FORMAL PRESENTATION.** Compatriot Kevin Monroe briefed about "The Kindness of Strangers" during the Civil War. He said a billion or more stories about another side to the war and the nobility in helping the foe are mentioned in the book. **A few stories of incredible kindness and emotion follow:** 

Battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. A Confederate Sgt Kirkland was concerned about the cries of wounded and suffering Union soldiers, so he gathered 12 canteens of water and risked his life to give water to them. This was a truly inspirational story but probably didn't happen. Gen Kershaw never mentioned this fact as true, and neither side confirmed this story. However, the Park Service said it happened and put up a sculpture honoring the moment. Sgt Kirkland was promoted to Lt and died at Chickamauga on September 20, 1863, at the age of 20.

<u>Trading</u>. Unofficial truces were not uncommon. Union troops usually had a good supply of coffee, and the Confederates had tobacco, so these were traded via boats on the Rappahannock River in the winter of 1862.



Eve of Murfreesboro Battle, December 30, 1862. 83,000 soldiers were preparing for battle. Bands played patriotic tunes ~ literally a "battle of the bands." One band played "Home Sweet Home" – then all joined in to sing heard throughout the woods ~ an estimated 1,000 voices in unison. Their thoughts were the same ~ that they had never been moved to tears than at that time.

<u>Union Advanced Towards Jackson MS, May 14, 1863.</u> Confederates fought to hold on to the capitol of Mississippi but became outflanked. Grant moved in and torched the town. Southern widows who sewed Confederate uniforms for a living at a factory pleaded for the building to be saved. Before torching it, Grant gave the ladies three hours to gather their bolts of fabric and take them home.

<u>Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864</u>. Sherman attacked entrenched Confederates and suffered casualties. Union bodies laying there suffered from shattered bones and fire. Wounded were being burned alive. Together, Union and Confederate soldiers helped move the wounded. The next day, with the fighting stopped under a flag of truce, Union Col Smith said to his foe he had a fusion of kind words and presented a mahogany case of pearl-handled pistols for stopping the fighting and thanked the Confederates for their act of mercy in saving his men. The National Park Service has an interpretation piece of art marking this story.

Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864. Entrenched Union veterans advanced across an open field. Confederates broke through at Cotton Gin led by Missourians. Five Confederate generals were killed there, and 6,000 laid dead on the battlefield. Ordinary citizens had their homes turned into hospitals. The plantation of Carrie Windor MaGavock still has blood stains on the floor. Her children, Hattie (9) and Windor (7) witnessed and assisted the wounded. Two years later, parents of a soldier came to move/exhume their son back home, but saw that his grave was being taken care of, and changed their minds. They did return with home ground and placed it around his grave. The MaGavocks donated two acres of their property for a Confederate cemetery, and it is the largest privately owned cemetery for 1,496 Confederate soldiers. Every state except Virginia is represented in the cemetery. It has been maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy since 1905.

<u>Lee's Last Offensive, Ft. Stedman, Petersburg VA, March 25, 1865</u>. Assault led by Gen John B. Gordon to clear obstruction. Union picket said, "What are you going?" "Nothing, just gathering corn in the field," said the Confederate. Then later, the Confederate's sense of duty said." Look out, we're coming."

Brother Against Brother ~ Grant's Forces Break Through, Petersburg, April 2, 1865. Col Clifton Prentiss' right lung was seriously wounded. He met his younger brother, William, who took a wound to the leg. These two brothers had not seen each other in four years. Clifton said he didn't want to see someone who fought against his flag, but finally they made up before dying from their wounds.

**BENEDICTION.** 1st Lt Commander Lakin provided the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING.** Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m., same location. PRESENTATION: "Confederate Secret Service" by Compatriot Walter Hall. Compatriot Dwight Moore will bring refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red Adjutant

#### **SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 18, 2015 Muster**

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:38 p.m. on May 18, 2015 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in downtown Flora IL. **CALL TO ORDER** by Sqt Robert Marley.

**INVOCATION** was given by Chaplain Sam Booth.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** was led by Sgt Marley. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and saluted the Confederate flag, which were properly displayed.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST.** Larry Weber brought his son, Mike, who is a new graduate in computer science. Mike will intern at the California Stanford University this summer.

**PROMOTION CEREMONY.** Adjutant Red proudly swore in the Squad Leader, Robert Marley, as Squad Lieutenant and presented him with a certificate of office.



#### **PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

APRIL 20 MEETING MINUTES. Motion made to accept the minutes by Pat Booth, seconded by David Ash. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

ROLL CALL (11). David Ash, Pat Booth, Sam Booth, Vernon DeSelms, Walter Hall, Tyler Jacobs, Robert Marley, Gale Red, Larry Weber, Mike Weber (guest), and John Winterfeld.



**Squad East Meeting Group Photo** 

1st Row (L-R): David Ash, Lt Bob Marley, Walter Hall, Sam Booth 2nd Row (L-R): Adjutant Gale Red, Pat Booth, Vernon DeSelms, Tyler Jacobs, John Winterfeld, Larry Weber, Mike Weber

**OLD BUSINESS.** CONFEDERATE FLAG MARKING OF CLAY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. Adjutant Red delivered flags for the Squad. Plans for actual placement of the flags were discussed. Larry Weber took four flags for Old Union, Ingraham, Hoosier Prairie, and Dillman Cemeteries. Vernon DeSelms needed one additional flag to complete his detail to Clay City cemetery. Tyler Jacobs took two for his planned cemeteries.

**NEW BUSINESS.** THE JULY PROGRAM will be on *The Kindness of Strangers* (acts of kindness on the battlefield) by Kevin Monroe.

FORMAL PRESENTATION. Vernon DeSelms discussed his Yankee ancestors' roles in the Civil War.

**BENEDICTION.** Chaplain Sam Booth provided the closing prayer.

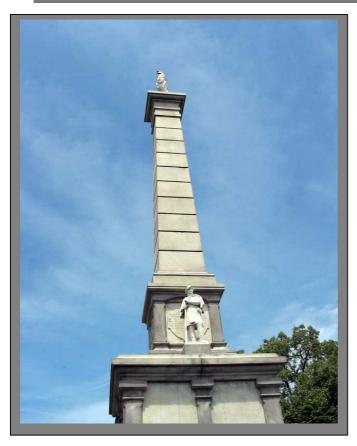
**ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING.** Monday, June 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m., same location. PRESENTATION BY WALTER HALL: *The Confederate Secret Service in Europe.* 

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Marley Lieutenant, Squad East

## Mound City Confederate Service, May 23



(MOUND CITY NATIONAL CEMETERY) Spirits soared as the Mound City memorial began. The main ceremony centered on honoring men and women who served in Vietnam and was dedicated to them and their service to our country. It was a grand ceremony aimed at helping heal the emotional wounds felt by many Vietnam vets who faced a far different welcome home than is the case with today's returning vets. Camp Dixon was proudly represented by its own Vietnam vet ~ Adjutant Gale Red. Many thanks to Gale for serving. Thanks also go to Compatriot Phil Tate who kindly drove our area members (1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin, 2d Lt Commander Jake Fortner, and Adjutant Red) to Mound City. They were met there by Commander Johnny Kicklighter, Compatriot Bobby Samuel, and Compatriot & Mrs. Michael Pierpoint. enthusiastic support of the men and women of the 1st Illinois Battery D, Light Artillery, faithfully supported our event as they have for several years.

Following the main ceremony, Bobby Samuel led a program to honor over 2,000 Confederates buried there. In his address, Bobby reviewed some key Confederate leaders as well as the role of many Black Southerners in the active defense of the South against the Northern invaders. For the Confederates buried there, ritual honors and a salute of honor by muskets and cannons followed. After a rousing chorus of "Dixie" and a closing prayer, the ceremony closed. God blessed them with a beautiful day. May we always remember our Confederate soldier ancestors!





## James Morgan Utz Camp #1815 Confederate Memorial, May 24

(Fee Fee Cemetery, Bridgeton MO) Adjutant Gale Red was the keynote speaker at Utz Camp Memorial Service on Saturday. He was given a very warm welcome and made a very eloquent speech fitting the occasion. Excerpt follows:

"... Memorial Day is a sacred day to all war veterans. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be reminded of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice. Memorial Day is a sacred day to all war veterans. No veteran needs to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But, what about the general public, and more importantly, the future generations of our country? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war? Judging from what Memorial Day has become ~ simply another day off from work ~ the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due



then. And, it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay this message. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. Far too often the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans today enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others that few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.



Today, we are gathered to honor all the dead of all the wars our nation has had to participate in. From the earliest of America's colonial times through the American Revolution, the war of 1812, the War with Mexico, the War Between the States, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any of the many other places of conflict, men and women of our nation have been called upon to fight for the freedoms of our country and of other nations. Hundreds of thousands of brave men and women have served our country when needed, with too many having to give their full measure of devotion and sacrificing their lives for the rest of us who live on.

In our remembering particularly our Confederate veteran ancestors, some of whom are buried right here, we must not permit anyone to destroy the dignity of those brave men or the righteous cause for which they fought and all too often died. We must NOT permit anyone to desecrate or remove our Southern symbols. We need to defend our Confederate Battleflag and what it truly represents. We must not let others destroy it and what it stands for. We, Southerners, meet all the requirements of a discrete people with a truly distinct culture, common language, blood ties, and a glorious history. As author, William Faulkner, said in Absalom, Absolam: "We are ... one thing those from outside can never understand ... we are Southern. Hate us if you must but you can never make us hate ourselves, and I hope profoundly that you will stop trying to make us hate each other. Our journey to get here where we are was difficult, and I, for one, have no desire to repeat it. I certainly will not forget that journey, the lessons learned on the way, or dismiss it by destroying the symbols of that Odyssey."

The Confederate Battleflag is the most important symbol of our Southern odyssey. I can assure you that people on foreign lands have not lost sight of the power of this flag as a symbol of liberty. We see it flown by people around the world. A Rumanian woman said: "We call it the 'freedom flag' and identify it with people wishing to be free."

We must not allow our symbols, our monuments, our street names, our history to be taken away. Just this morning, I read an organized people in 13 Southern states want to burn our beloved Battleflag and bury it as they would bury our heritage. We cannot permit anyone to alter our Southern history or heritage – they are non-negotiable. We must do our part in the battle at hand and learn, share and protect that legacy. Southerners, stand up straight and tall and honor your Southern heritage. God will vindicate our cause.

# Service at Jefferson Barracks, May 25

(MEMORIAL DAY) Camp Dixon participated in the Memorial Day celebration at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis on Monday. Five members participated: Adjutant Gale Red, Compatriot Phil Tate, Compatriot J. C. Gideon, Lady Janice Beasley, and Knight Steve Wilson. They witnessed the Union and Confederate ceremonies and took a breathtaking and beautiful view of flags at each headstone/marker waving in the cool breeze.

Memorial Day is a holiday honoring and commemorating all American soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, while serving our great country. It is meant to be a day of national mourning and remembrance of each one of these brave men and women.

Jefferson Barracks is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest national cemetery. It was established as a national cemetery in 1866, with the first burial in 1827.



#### **TO THE CONFEDERATE DEAD 1861-1865**

"WHO KNOWS BUT IT MAY BE GIVEN TO US. AFTER THIS LIFE, TO MEET AGAIN IN THE OLD QUARTERS, TO PLAY CHESS AND DRAUGHTS, TO GET UP SOON TO ANSWER THE MORNING ROLL CALL, TO FALL IN AT THE TAP OF THE DRUM FOR DRILL AND DRESS PARADE AND AGAIN TO HASTILY DON OUR WAR GEAR WHILE THE MONOTONOUS PATTER OF THE LONG ROLL SUMMONS TO BATTLE? WHO KNOWS BUT AGAIN THE OLD FLAGS, RAGGED AND TORN, SNAPPING IN THE WIND, MAY FACE EACH OTHER AND FLUTTER, PURSUING AND PURSUED, WHILE THE CRIES OF VICTORY FILL A SUMMER DAY? AND AFTER THE BATTLE THEN THE SLAIN AND WOUNDED WILL ARISE, AND ALL WILL MEET TOGETHER UNDER THE TWO FLAGS, ALL SOUND AND WELL, AND THERE WILL BE TALKING AND LAUGHTER AND CHEERS, AND ALL WILL SAY: DID IT NOT SEEM REAL? WAS IT NOT AS IN THE OLD DAYS? "

# News From Around the Camp

**IL DIV COMMANDER, ROBERT MESTAS,** has been at the Mayo Clinic receiving radiation and chemo treatments but is not doing well. Please pray for a miracle or two.

**\$GT OF ARM\$ MICHAEL PIERPOINT** underwent major back surgery on May 13. He is home but hurting. Please remember him in your prayers.



**COMPATRIOT KEVIN & MRS. JENNIFER MONROE** celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 30. Best wishes and many more happy years to a special pair.



JOHN & ANITA JANE McKEE on their Wedding Day 23 years ago



**COMPATRIOT PHIL & MR\$. DIANNE TATE** will celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 15. Best wishes, Phil & Dianne!



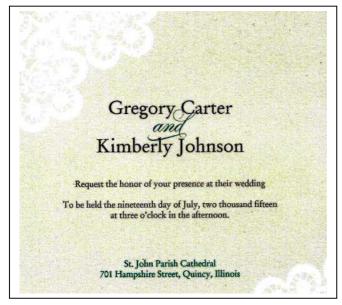
**COMPATRIOT JOHN & LADY ANITA JANE** will celebrate their 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 12. Congratulations to a wonderful couple.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF COMPATRIOT BILL BEASLEY, THE CAMP RECEIVED MEMORIAL GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS AMOUNTING TO \$116 from Lady Janice's fellow cowboy shooters. We forwarded special thank-you cards to them:

Jeff Gillespie from Sparta IL Christy & Stephen Kruger from Veedersburg IN Beulah Robert and Julie Heck from Red Bud IL Tim Hillis from Fredericktown MO

MANY THANKS TO COMPATRIOT PHIL TATE for graciously researching, purchasing, and donating a 5X8' U. S. flag to display next to our battleflag at the camp's next annual Grand Ball.

# News From Around the Camp (cont'd)



**COMPATRIOT GREG CARTER AND KIMBERLY JOHNSON** are getting married at 3:00 p.m. on July 19 at St.
John Parish Cathedral in Quincy IL.

**Invitation is shown at left.** Below is a note from Greg to SUV and SCV attending his wedding, stating you don't have to wear a uniform but please wear your membership badge. **R\$VP Greg Carter** with your name and number of guests to: 1118 ½ Ohio Street, Quincy IL 62301.



To My Brothers in the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans!

There is no need to wear a uniform or bring weapons to our wedding, but please remember to wear your membership badge if you attend!

**COMPATRIOT ARTHUR TULAK** travelled to Fitzhugh Cemetery in Dripping Springs TX to participate in a ceremony on April 30, 2015, to decorate/dedicate the grave of his Confederate ancestor, his Great-Great Grandfather, Put. George Royal Norvell, who served in the Texas State Troops, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Company. Ceremony hosts were the General Ben McCulloch Chapter 2435, District VI, Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), Magnolia Rangers 927 Children of the Confederacy, and support by members of the Col. Sydney Drake Jackman Camp #977, SCV. The local UDC Chapter and SCV Camp were unaware of Put Norvell's Confederate service and responded quickly to honor the forgotten veteran. Ms. Eva Long, President of UDC Chapter 2435, organized the ceremony and reached out to SCV Camp #977. SCV Camp Commander Tom Dahlstrom and Adjutant Joe Bostwick eagerly answered the call to support. The Col. Jackman Camp provided the Color Guard and conducted the Confederate roll call, with members posted at the graves of those Confederate Veterans buried at the Fitzhugh Cemetery answering the roll call of Confederate Veterans buried there, with Compatriot Tulak responding to his Great-Great Grandfather George. The UDC Chapter arranged the speakers and program, and provided refreshments for the ceremony.



Put George Royal Novell

The Magnolia Rangers Children of the Confederacy provided the Confederate Veteran Marker to adorn the grave which was decorated by the SCV Camp.

Put George was also a Texas Ranger and has been acknowledged by the Former Texas Ranger Association for

Ranger.



Compatriot Tulak expressed grateful appreciation for the emotional ceremony which was a fitting tribute to George's military service.

his service protecting the frontier as being an official Texas

(Left photo) At the grave of Pvt Norvell is Ms. Jan Bush, District VI Chair of the UDC, Compatriot Arthur Tulak, and Ms. Eva Long, President, General Ben McCulloch Chapter 2435 (UDC).



#### JUNE

- 2 Compatriot Kevin Monroe From Belleville IL
- 6 Compatriot Joe Loper From San Antonio TX
- 8 Compatriot Michael Pierpoint From Marion IL
- 15 Compatriot Roger Heinrich From Olympia WA
- 20 Knight Steve Wilson From Columbia IL
- 25 Compatriot Aaron Leonard From Flora IL

#### **CAMP DIXON AND SQUAD EAST OFFICERS**

Johnny Kicklighter 618-257-9079 Commander 1Lt Commander Ron Lakin Cell 618-420-6358 2Lt Commander Jake Fortner 618-971-8202 Gale Red Adjutant Cell 618-622-8949 Chaplain Jim Conn 618-345-3942 Sgt at Arms Michael Pierpoint 618-697-4472 Program Chairman Kevin Monroe 618-236-2369 Squad East Lieutenant Bob Marley Cell 618-662-4765 Squad East Chaplain Sam Booth Cell 618-838-3053 Squad East Pgm Chmn Vernon DeSelms Cell 618-508-5074

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### JUNE

- 6 D-Day (1944)
- 6 ADJUTANT RED ADDRESSES DAR CONVENTION, SPRINGFIELD
- 9 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
  - 13 11:00 ALTON CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA
- 21 Happy Father's Day

#### JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 14 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 20 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA
- 25 SMITHTON HOMECOMING PARADE

#### **AUGUST**

- 1 MASCOUTAH HOMECOMING PARADE
- 11 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 17 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA
- 22 FREEBURG HOMECOMING PARADE

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 7 Labor Day
- 8 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 21 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA
- 27 DAR MEMORIAL, SHILOH CEMETERY

#### **OCTOBER**

- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 19 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA

#### NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 10 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 16 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

#### **DECEMBER**

- 8 6:30 CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 12 Columbus Day
- 21 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING IN FLORA
- 25 Christmas Day