



# THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962  
Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)  
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JULY 2017

## \* NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION & SEE OUR NEW DIGS \*

### BELLE-CLAIR EXPOSITION CENTER

At the Fairgrounds in Belleville IL

**FOR OUR NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017**



#### FROM YOUR COMMANDER

- (1) I extend a very HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY and pray your holiday (and summer) is full of fun, safety, good times, and great food.
- (2) I seek your renewed membership and hope you will pay your dues to Gale Red by the end of the month. Our camp needs you and is diminished without you.
- (3) Request your active participation in the upcoming homecoming parades. They're our only community outreach, so show your Confederate colors, fire your musket, ride the float, throw candy to the kids, and enjoy camp member togetherness and camaraderie. Come join us -- you'll be happy you did.

THANK YOU

Confederately,

*Johnny Kicklighter*

#### ANNUAL DUES REQUESTED BY JULY 31

SCV Members -- \$50 -- includes \$30 for National & \$20 for the Camp

Life Members -- \$20 -- for the Camp

Knights & Ladies -- \$20 -- for the Camp

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

For ease in making renewal payment: please bring to Adjutant Red at the camp meeting or mail to him.

*If not renewing by the end of July, advise Adjutant Red, Cell 618-622-8949.*



\*\*\* NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING \*\*\*  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

**Belle-Clair Exposition Center  
200 South Belt East  
Belleville IL**

*Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building*

PRESENTATION: A day in the life of a soldier  
SPEAKER: 11<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Reenactors  
REFRESHMENTS: Compatriot Phil Tate

*Questions? Call Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949*

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# GUARDIANS OF THE FORGOTTEN CAMP #2275, SCV

At their Camp Meeting held Saturday, June 10, 2017, Chatham IL



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) Mrs. Allmon, Brian Allmon, Mr. Allmon, Brad Taylor,  
Lt Commander Michael Pierpoint, Adjutant Steve Slaughter, and Howie Thornley



Guest Speaker  
Commander Brian Allmon,  
SCV Jackson Camp #2  
North Carolina

Briefed on his Confederate  
Ancestor,  
Pvt Joseph Lively,  
Buried in Mecklenburg, IL



Illinois Division Commander  
Gale Red



Lt Commander Mike  
Pierpoint and Speaker  
Brian Allmon

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 13, 2017 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:32 p.m. on June 13, 2017 at the SWIC PSOP Center, 201 North Church Street, Belleville IL this being the 6<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year for 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton.

**INVOCATION** was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Stanton. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Salute to the Confederate flag, which were properly displayed at the meeting.

**WELCOME** was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** was conducted by Adjutant Gale Red to: Andy Novaro from Creal Springs, IL and his son, Leonard, from Murphysboro, IL; Steve Ritter from New Athens IL, and Greg Krieg from Millstadt IL.

**ROLL CALL (29).** Janice Beasley, Mike Biekert, Valery Countryman (guest speaker), Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, JoAnn Gideon (guest), Walter Hall, Robert Hardy, Johnny Kicklighter, Matt King, Ron Lakin, David McAuley, Andrew Navaro (guest), Leonard Navaro (guest), Ralph Oelschlager, Justin Ottolini, Mike Mauer (guest), John & Jane McKee, Dwight & Nona Moore, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Steve Ritter (guest), John Stanton, Phil Tate, Steve Wilson, and Chris Ziebold.

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**MAY 9 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion was made to accept the minutes by John McKee, seconded by J. C. Gideon. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red).** Less outgoing bill of \$260 for newsletter processing. Dwight Moore made a motion to accept, seconded by Chris Ziebold. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS (Adjutant Red)

**COMMANDER KICKLIGHTER IS ABSENT** due to family obligations.

**MESSAGE RE: HELP SAVE THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS FROM LADY JANICE BEASLEY.** Our monuments are being threatened physically and removed in New Orleans and St. Louis. There was a bill passed to move monuments – in Alabama there is a way to pay a \$25K fine to actually remove the monuments. In St. Louis, Mayor Slay brought up the idea to take down the Confederate Monument in Forest Park in 2015. New Mayor Krewson actually illegally began the removal. Several desecrations have been done to it. J. C. Gideon and Steve Wilson attended a counter-rally last week:

J. C.: Been there many time – a sad day – people were there to rally to support the monument. The organizer understood why it was important. Education has failed because they don't teach history any more. Many ignorant people in the world. The people of St. Louis love to disagree and they failed.

#### Here are the words on the Confederate Monument in Forest Park, St. Louis MO:

(Front Side) Erected in memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederate States by the United Daughters of the Confederacy of St. Louis.

(Back Side) To the memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of the Southern Confederacy who fought to uphold the Right declared by the pen of Jefferson and achieved by the sword of Washington, With sublime self-sacrifice, they battled to preserve the independence of the States which was won from Great Britain, and to perpetuate the Constitutional Government which was established by the Fathers. Actuated by the purest patriotism they performed deeds of prowess such as thrilled the heart of mankind with admiration.

#### "Full in the front of war they stood"

And displayed a courage so superb that it gave a new and brighter luster to the annals of valor.

History contains no chronicle more illustrious than the story of their achievements and although, worn out by ceaseless conflict and overwhelmed by numbers, they were finally forced to yield.

Their Glory, "on the brightest pages penned by poets and by sages, shall go sounding down the ages.

We had sacred principles to maintain and Rights to defend for which we were in duty bound to do our best, even if we perished in the endeavor. – Robert E. Lee

Valery Countryman: I'm from St. Louis and the Missouri Civil War Museum received ownership from the UDC.

Steve: The rally was very hateful. They dragged the police flag, Confederate flag, and the U. S. flag, and no respect for the police line. I'm going to send a letter to the Mayor and tell him I will no longer support Anheuser Busch, the Cardinals or the Blues that would bring funds to the City of St. Louis.

**ARTICLE ON FREDERICK McGINNIS FROM COMPATRIOT TALLY BAILEY.** Did a presentation of the entourage. Eight black people and servants of the Davis family, Talley is looking to see what happened to these folks. Planning to do a follow-up presentation. Do you think that history was white, black, or Chinese? Talley is hoping to bring public awareness, and I will share that with you.,

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 13, 2017 Muster (cont'd)



**GROUP PHOTO (Sharon Red, photographer)**

(L-R) First row: JoAnn Gideon, Nona Moore, Jane McKee, Robert Hardy, Valery Countryman, and Gale Red  
Second row: David McAuley, Matt King, Eric Funkhouser, Johnny Kicklighter, Steve Wilson, Dale Rice, Ron Lakin,  
Chris Ziebold, and Phil Tate  
Back row: Ralph Oelschlager, Justin Ottolini, John McKee, J. C. Gideon, John Stanton, Mike Biekert, Dwight Moore,  
and Mike Mauer

### OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

#### **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, MOUND CITY NATIONAL CEMETERY, MAY 27:**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Lakin)** Everyone was welcomed and respected. Encourage anyone to attend next year.

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton)** The Director of the cemetery greeted me and stayed afterwards for our ceremony and we would be invited in the future. He posed for our group photo. He is a school chum of Compatriot Jim Lumma and this will help us.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY, MAY 29:**

**(Compatriot Steve Wilson)** Really neat. Marched with our colors and the Sterling Price Camp. The UDC placed flowers. Went to the Union section where cannons were fired, and the same at the Confederate section.

**(Compatriot Dwight Moore)** My first time – nicely done – The Confederates were accepted and felt proud.

**(Adjutant Red)** Approximately 640 Confederates are buried there within the scope of VA guidelines, which conflicts with the US veteran rights made law by the US Congress. Then why can't we fly our flag on a flag pole and not just two times a year?

**FUND-RAISING IDEAS FOR FAMILY RELIEF PROJECT FOR THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS (Adjutant Red)**. Still need to look and plan to help families either for Thanksgiving or Christmas. An anonymous donor has given us \$250 as a match to our funds. A small church in Shiloh will donate \$250 also. Touch your hearts and come up with some ideas to make it float.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ANNUAL NATIONAL AND CAMP DUES FOR AUGUST 1, 2017 – JULY 31, 2018 (Adjutant Red)**. Are due in NLT July 31. Please make check payable to: Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962. If for some reason you can't pay, let me know and we'll work it out.

**SCV Members -- \$50 – includes \$30 for National & \$20 for the Camp**

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**LAST MEETING AT PSOP (Adjutant Red)**. This is our last meeting here. The State of Illinois is millions of dollars in debt. SWIC has had to cut 200 people from staff and many programs. The PSOP will be open only one night per month. John sent an e-mail to check with Shiloh Community Center and the Klucker Hall about our situation and if that is available to us. If not available, Al Wandling has offered a free room at the Belle Clair Exposition Center at the Fairgrounds. Another possibility, per Dwight, is a building near the Mascoutah cemetery. Will let you know ASAP. Will send a thank-you letter with Certificate of Appreciation to SWIC.

**COMMUNITY HOMECOMING PARADES (Adjutant Red)**. SHOW 4:00 – parade starts at 5:00 (1 1/2 hour timeframe). More specifics to follow.

Smithton, July 29 (8 years)

Freeburg, August 19 (8 years)

Millstadt, September 2 (looking into this)

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 13, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

**ANNIVERSARY PARTY** (Compatriot John McKee). Remember to come on June 24, 6 p.m., at the Scottish Rite.

**REAGAN & LOIS YOUNG** will celebrate their 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 1.



**CAMP POLO SHIRTS** (Compatriot J. C. Gideon). Many thanks to Commander Kicklighter, Dwight and Nona Moore, and Mark Morgan for their efforts. We are presenting a donation of \$138 from the shirt sale to Camp Dixon (photo of presentation from J. C. to Adjutant Red).

### FORMAL PRESENTATION

Valery Countryman presented a briefing on her Confederate ancestor, **"Captain Henry Guibor of the Missouri Artillery."**

Guibor hailed from St. Louis MO and served in the U. S.-Mexican War. By the Civil War, Guibor was serving as an officer in the state militia artillery battery. Like many state militiamen, he was arrested in the seizure of Camp Jackson in St. Louis by Nathaniel Lyon but was soon paroled. Guibor eventually traveled southeast from St Louis and joined Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson's Missouri State Guard. He received command of a battery of four six-pound smoothbore guns. Not long afterward, Guibor's battery saw action in the battles of Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Dry Wood Creek and Lexington. He died in 1899 and is buried in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery.



**REFRESHMENTS** were provided by Lady Janice Beasley.

**BENEDICTION** was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

**MEETING** adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** will be held at the Belle Clair Exposition Center (Belleville Fairgrounds) on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **Presentation: A day in the life of a soldier** by the Program Members of the 21<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Infantry Reenactment Group. **Refreshments** will be furnished by Compatriot Phil Tate.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*  
Adjutant

## SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 19, 2017

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:35 p.m. on June 19, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL this being the 6<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year for 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Lt Robert Marley.

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by Adjutant Gale Red and Lt Marley. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Salute to the Confederate flag, which were properly displayed.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Claire Booth, Sheryl Headlee, and Marilyn Winterfeld.

**ROLL CALL (12).** David Ash, Sam & Claire Booth, Walter Hall, Dennis & Sheryl Headlee, Phil Leonard, Robert Marley, Gale Red, Larry Weber, and John & Marilyn Winterfeld.



(L-R) Walter Hall, John & Marilyn Winterfeld, Claire & Sam Booth, Phil Leonard, and Larry Weber



(L-R) Sheryl & Dennis Headlee, David Ash, and Robert Marley

## SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 19, 2017 (cont'd)

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**MAY 15 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion was made to accept the minutes by Larry Weber, seconded by Sam Booth. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

### REPORTS

**NEWS ABOUT REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS IN ST. LOUIS AND OTHER CITIES (Compatriot David Ash).** Called several city halls of the affected cities to voice his objection of the removal of these historic monuments and encouraged others to do what he has done.

### OLD BUSINESS

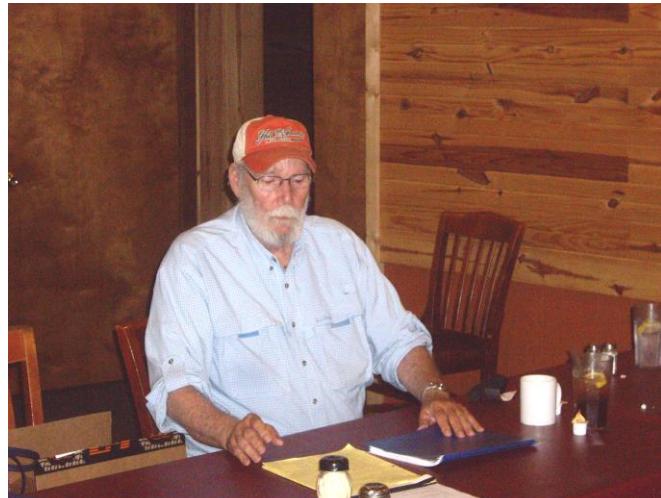
**CONFEDERATE VETERAN GRAVES IN CLAY COUNTY WERE HONORED WITH A FLAG ON MEMORIAL DAY. MOUND CITY MEMORIAL ON MAY 29 (Adjutant Red).** Reported that it was a good turnout, but regrettably said that the crowd is dwindling compared to years ago.

### NEW BUSINESS

**POSTING ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR MONDAY NIGHT MEETINGS IN THE LOCAL PAPER (Adjutant Red).** Compliments to John Winterfeld for his continued efforts.

### FORMAL PRESENTATION

Dennis Headlee presented a pictorial history of the **Uniforms and Battle Shirts worn during the Civil War** and how those garments evolved over the course of the War. Members present were given a folder to study during the meeting and were allowed to keep. Dennis advised everyone that this folder is for their personal use and not to be published. As expected, Dennis gave a wonderful, informative program. Questions and discussion followed.



**BENEDICTION** was given by Chaplain Booth.

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **Presentation: Hospital Matrons in the Civil War** by Lady Sharon Red. Adjutant Red also hinted he may be presenting a Quiz/History program at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert N. Marley*  
Lieutenant

# **The McKee's Silver Wedding Anniversary Party**

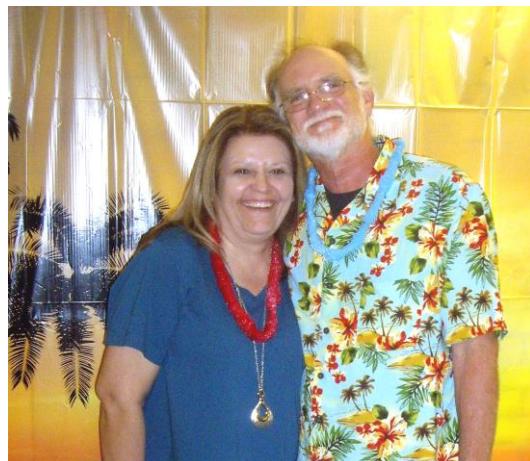
## **Belleville Scottish Rite Temple**

### **June 24, 2017**



#### **CONGRATULATIONS JOHN & JANE**

What a handsome couple they were dressed in matching island attire and a generous host/hostess of an amazingly Hawaiian-decorated party of delicious food: roast pig, delectable hors d'oeuvres, fruit, drink, and music/dancing. Camp Dixon members thank them for sharing their love and warm hospitality. We wish them many more happy and healthy celebrations!



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



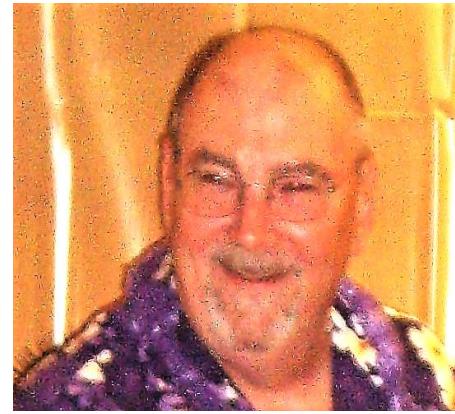
## CONGRATULATIONS, LADY JANICE BEASLEY

On your perfect shooting match "ever" this month. Great Job!



## JUNE 19 LADY SHARON RED

Presented a briefing on "Hospital Matrons in the Civil War" to the Mascoutah Historical Society at the Mascoutah IL Heritage Museum.



## JUNE 24 CONGRATULATIONS COMPATRIOT STEVE WILSON

When his 1962 Oldsmobile Starfire Convertible (repaired original) won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Pre 1960-1969 Stock Car Category in Columbia IL.



## JULY 1 CONGRATULATIONS, COMPATRIOT & MRS. REAGAN HARRIS YOUNG ON THEIR 71<sup>st</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

What a milestone accomplishment – 71 years of wedding bliss!!!! We wish Harris and Lois many more happy, healthy, and blessed years of marriage. (The camp will send a greeting card.)



## JULY 15 CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPATRIOT & MRS. DAVID RUNELLS ON THEIR 42<sup>nd</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We hope Dave and Boonthom will be blessed with many more happy and healthy years together. (The camp will send a greeting card.)



## JULY 19 CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPATRIOT & MRS. MARK MORGAN

Mark & Kelli will celebrate their 9<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Hope they will celebrate many more blessed and healthy married years. (The camp will send a greeting card.)

# CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY  
11 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING  
29 5:00 SMITHTON IL HOMECOMING PARADE

## AUGUST

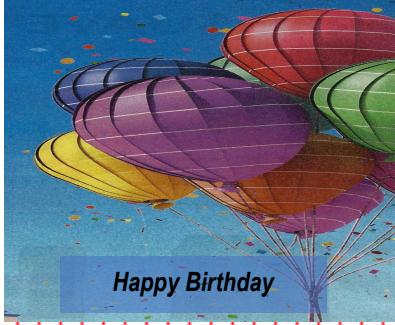
8 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING  
19 5:00 FREEBURG IL HOMECOMING PARADE

## SEPTEMBER

2 5:00 MILLSTADT IL HOMECOMING PARADE  
4 LABOR DAY  
10 GRANDPARENTS DAY  
12 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING  
18 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA, IL

## OCTOBER

9 COLUMBUS DAY  
10 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING  
16 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA, IL  
31 HALLOWEEN



## JULY

2 **Sharon Red**  
*(from O'Fallon IL)*  
4 **Robert Marley**  
*(from Flora IL)*  
7 **Steven Pike**  
*(from Swanton VT)*  
10 **Alphons Schoots**  
*(from Germany)*  
16 **Travis Conner**  
*(from Thompson CT)*  
18 **Robert Hardy**  
*(from St. Louis MO)*  
24 **Roy Hobbs**  
*(from O'Fallon IL)*  
28 **David McAuley**  
*(from Carbondale IL)*  
29 **Gale Red**  
*(from O'Fallon IL)*

## CAMP DIXON AND SQUAD EAST LEADERSHIP

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Squad East Chaplain	Sam Booth	Cell 618-838-3053
Squad East Program Chairman	Larry Weber	Cell 217-663-4804