

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

THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS

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

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GENTLEMEN & LADIES

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR OLDEST & DEAREST CAMP MEMBER, BOB HARDY,
AND COME HEAR ABOUT HIS WIFE'S (VALERY COUNTRYMEN'S) CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR
AT

NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING

6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13



FLAG DAY, JUNE 14
OLD GLORY ~ Long May It Wave

You symbolize the patriotic ideals
of a nation "conceived in liberty"
and admired around the world.

Displaying the flag supports our
troops and families and honors our
American Confederate heritage.



JOHN DOUGLAS STANTON

Newly sworn in as
2nd Lt Commander of Camp Dixon
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*** NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING ***
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 ~ 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: Capt Henry Ghibor
(Confederate Ancestor)

SPEAKER: Valery Countrymen (Bob Hardy's wife)

REFRESHMENTS: Lady Janice Beasley

*Please check with the receptionist about room location.
Questions? Call Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949*

FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Congratulations to JOHN STANTON who was installed as Camp Dixon's 2nd Lt Commander. I am so pleased he has joined our officer staff and look forward to his active participation and superb talents.



Happy Father's Day, Dads, we celebrate you on June 18. On this your special day, we think of all the wonderful things you are that bring so much joy to others. We celebrate your unconquerable spirit that lets you meet every challenge with confidence, enthusiasm, and persistence. We admire your sensitivity -- you see needs that cry out to be met that no one else sees, and you meet them, out of your deep and caring heart, wisdom, and strength. There is no one else like you and we are blessed to know, appreciate, respect, cherish and look up to you. Thank you, Dads, Grand-Dads, Godfathers, and Fathers-To-Be.

Confederately,

Johnny Kicklighter

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
H. L. Hunley Junior AFROTC Award Medal & Service Ribbon
Presentations



CERTIFICATE

On behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Division, and the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, I would like to present the JROTC H. L. Hunley Award to the cadet who most demonstrated the core values of honor, courage, and in particular commitment to his/her unit during the 2016-2017 school year. These were the same values exhibited by the last crew of the C. S. S. H. L. Hunley who courageously made the commitment to honorably risk and ultimately give their lives in defense of their country and the City of Charleston, S. C. after two crews had already suffered tremendous loss in previous training exercises.

Given under my hand

Gale F. Red

Gale F. Red, Commander
Illinois Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



(May 4, Dupo IL)



Adjutant Red presented the AFJROTC SCV Hunley Award to Cadet Megan Barbee.



BARBEE FAMILY PHOTO

The Barbee family posed for this photo with Adjutant Red. From L-R is Tim Jr., Jay, Teresa (mother), Tim Sr. (father), and Cadet Megan Barbee.

(May 5, O'Fallon IL)



Colonel Moulton, the detachment commander, had bragging rights when compared against 880 AFJROTC programs in the country. His praise of the O'Fallon Township High School (OTHS) AFJROTC cadets (IL – 20051) is listed below:

- Largest cadet core in their history – total of 190 at the beginning – now 173 cadets strong
- Committed to the core value of “service before self.” Devoted 6,400 hours of community service
- Over 40% earned the Commendation Service Award
- The core value of “excellence in all they do” showed in their Drill Team. For the 8th consecutive year, they won the St. Louis Gateway to the West award. These cadets should be commended for their diligence in getting up to practice at 6:00 a.m. even in the dead of winter. They competed in the Air Force Drill National Competition where Cadet Kaitlyn Smith won the 1st National Champion award in March 2017.
- OTHS is a major feeder to the USAF Academy. Two cadets are scheduled to attend this year.



Adjutant Red presented the AFJROTC SCV Hunley Award to Cadet/1st Lt Emma Sambia. Emma won other awards as well ~ Aerospace Ed Foundation Academic Cadet Award, Leadership Ribbon, Superior Performance Ribbon, Drill Team Ribbon, Drill Team Competition Ribbon, Longevity Ribbon, Physical Fitness Ribbon, Attendance Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, Dress/Appearance Ribbon, Academic Ribbon. She was promoted to Cadet/ Captain.



SAMBIA FAMILY PHOTO
With Adjutant Red are Emma and her parents, Nikki and Jacob Sambia.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 9, 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 May 9, 2017 at the SWIC PSOP Center, 201 North Church Street, Belleville IL this being the 5th Muster of the year for 2017.

CALL TO ORDER by 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin.

INVOCATION was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS by 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin. 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 Commander Johnny Kicklighter to Carol Smith, guest of Eric Funkhouser. Adjutant Red acknowledged Ralph Oelschlager for attending after a two-month absence and Betsy Blake who's been absent for four months. Welcome back, we missed you!

SWEARING-IN OF JOHN DOUGLAS STANTON.

The oath of office was administered to our new 2nd Lt Commander John Stanton. Thanks for stepping forward, John. We appreciate your service.



ROLL CALL (19). Janice Beasley, Mike Biekert, Betsy Blake, Bill Boyd, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, Walter Hall, Johnny Kicklighter, Ron Lakin, Jim Lumma, Ralph Oelschlager, Justin Ottolini, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Carol Smith (guest), John Stanton, Phil Tate, and Chris Ziebold.



GROUP PHOTO (*Sharon Red, photographer*)

(L-R) First row (seated): Ralph Oelschlager, Johnny Kicklighter, Gale Red, (R. Lee), Janice Beasley, and Jim Lumma
Back row: Phil Tate, J. C. Gideon, Carol Smith, Eric Funkhouser, Dale Rice, Mike Biekert, Ron Lakin, Justin Ottolini, John Stanton, and Chris Ziebold

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 9, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

APRIL 11 MEETING MINUTES. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Jim Lumma, seconded by Chris Ziebold. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red). Ralph Oelschlager made a motion to accept, seconded by Jim Lumma. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

THANK YOU FROM KEVIN CULP (Adjutant Red). Mr. Culp is the father of Cadet/MSgt Hannah Culp, recipient of the Mascoutah AFJROTC SCV Hunley award. He thanked me for my words of guidance upon her move out of state. This was especially nice since Col Lanning, the detachment commander, always encourages thank-you notes be sent. Out of four high schools, only Mascoutah does this. The note from her father was a nice touch, in addition to Hannah's note. Hannah was a first-year cadet and made it to MSgt. Sharp cadet!

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

AFJROTC H. L. HUNLEY AWARDS (Adjutant Red). Special thank-you to Chris Ziebold for his \$100 donation that paid for most of the four Hunley awards. Second-year cadets were the recipients -- \$30 for each award – cheap advertising for the cause.

ILL DIV COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE CALL, April 26, 2017 (III Div Cmdr Red). Traditionally, once a year, I interact with the people at the state level. The last couple years – real problems—as south as Marion and up to the Canadian border – too much travel to commit them to meeting. A state get-together was difficult so now we've been having a conference call. Four active camps and one on paper. Had a regular agenda – talked about some problem areas. Aiming for a real reunion next April (1st Saturday after tax deadline). Would like quite a few of us to go to Springfield – meet and greet – do collective things we used to do. Along list of organizations is suffering because people aren't committed to causes. Aiming for a real conference together.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, MOUND CITY NATIONAL CEMETERY, MAY 27, 10:00 a.m. (Adjutant Red). Must depart from my house at 7:30 a.m. to make it in time. Plan to arrive by 9:30 in order to take part in the main observance to honor the 1,000 Confederates buried there. We are a token group to support the buried. If we don't show up, it won't happen.

CAMP POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE TONIGHT (Compatriot J. C. Gideon). \$24 each – check payable to J. C. Gideon. We could do something in the future; for example, caps or sweatshirts. Please tell me what you want.

MEMORIAL DAY AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY, MAY 29, SHOW TIME 9:30 a.m. (Adjutant Red). Observance starts at 10:00. Encourage you to attend and join the Utz Camp and the Sterling Price Camp. Last year, 250 people showed up (a big difference from the 1,000 attendees in years past. If you have a uniform, please wear it. (If not, I have a few to share.) We generally meet at the Information Center – then march into the parade ground.

FUND-RAISING IDEAS FOR FAMILY RELIEF PROJECT FOR THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS (Adjutant Red). We haven't been active in community service, but we need money to do this. Need to find another way – perhaps reach into our pockets or sell pencils on the street. Must decide to try it for Thanksgiving or Christmas ~ for 1, 2, or 3 families? It usually costs about \$250 per family at Christmas (gifts and a meal) ~ at Thanksgiving \$60 for a meal. Who should we help? Ask members, high schools, churches who might have legitimate needs. Perhaps start off with two families. An Applebee's fundraiser takes 30 people for 4-5 hours to pull it off. Don't need a commitment tonight but at next meeting. Johnny/Mike: let's talk about suggestions.

FREE MAGAZINES (Lady Janice Beasley). Help yourself to these free magazines.

PLANTS FOR THE TAKING (Chaplain Biekert). These are free for you.

COCKADE FOR MISSISSIPPI (2nd Lt Commander Stanton). Show sympathy for your ancestor and purchase a cockade available at web site: creative cockade.

FORMAL PRESENTATION >>>>>

A power point briefing, "Hospital Matrons in the Civil War" was presented by Lady Sharon Red. She briefed on the background of hospital matrons (in the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War), the reason why Confederate women became hospital matrons, their duties, three tireless champion matrons, and the Pensioning Matrons Act.



CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 9, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

REFRESHMENTS were provided by Commander Kicklighter

BENEDICTION was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

MEETING adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **PRESENTATION:** Confederate Ancestor (Capt Henry Ghibor) by Valery Countrymen. **REFRESHMENTS** will be furnished by Lady Janice Beasley.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red

Adjutant

SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 15, 2017

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:40 p.m. on May 15, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL this being the 5th 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 at the meeting.

ROLL CALL (11). David Ash, Sam & Claire Booth, Cindy DeSelms, Mark & Donna DeSelms, Walter Hall, Robert & Pat Marley, Gale Red, and Larry Weber.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

APRIL 18 MEETING MINUTES. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Sam Booth, seconded by Gale Red. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

REPORTS

FLAGS TO MARK VETERAN GRAVES FOR UPCOMING MEMORIAL DAY (Lt Marley). Gale stated he intended to bring the flags but will mail them.

- Larry Weber will handle flag placement in North Clay County.
- Robert Marley will do it for those in South Clay County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER OF UPCOMING MEMORIAL EVENTS (Adjutant Red).

- May 27, Mound City Observance
- May 29, Jefferson Barracks
- July 15, SCV National Reunion, Memphis

FORMAL PRESENTATION

Mark DeSelms presented a briefing on The Battle of Shiloh. Although many present had heard the history before, Mark told it in such a way as to make it an almost personal experience. He gave great insight into the mindset of the new soldier's experience of the two- day battle as the events unfolded. Mark described missed opportunities on both sides that could have greatly changed the outcome. Mark also included background information on some of the leaders of both sides which influenced their decisions that day.

BENEDICTION was given by Chaplain Booth.

ADJOURNMENT 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **Presentation** by Dennis Headlee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Marley

Lieutenant

MOUND CITY MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE



(SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017, MOUND CITY NATIONAL CEMETERY, MOUND CITY IL). Camp Dixon Members experienced a very hot humid day of 84 degrees in Mound City. Many thanks for enduring the heat and their taking the time and trouble from their Memorial Day weekend to make the long trip to travel to this annual observance. Much gratitude to 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin, Adjutant Gale Red, Lady Janice Beasley (the Confederate widow), and Compatriots Bobby Samuel, Phil Tate, John McKee (our expert photographer), Jim Lumma, J. C. Gideon, John Stanton, and Justin Ottolini. *Special thanks to Phil for driving our group to/from Mound City.* Members attended the main ceremony held at the pavilion which focused on women veterans, and then celebrated the Confederate ceremony honoring over 1,000 Confederates. Bobby coordinated the event and was the keynote speaker. He presented himself as General Robert E. Lee and presented a short review of his life. For the buried Confederates, ritual honors and a salute of honor by muskets and cannons followed.

**May we always remember
and pay tribute to our Confederate soldier ancestors!**



MEMORIAL DAY AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS



Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was conceived after the Civil War as a way to honor the Union's war dead, with Southern states setting aside separate days to honor fallen Confederate soldiers. By the early 20th century, the holiday had evolved to honor all military members who died in service. It is a holiday honoring and commemorating all American soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, while serving our great country. Lest we forget, it is not a "Happy Memorial Day" but meant to be a day of national mourning and remembrance of each one ~ these brave men and women.

(MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017, JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY, ST. LOUIS MO). The ceremony, held at Jefferson Barracks, is a most prestigious place. In fact, it is the 5th largest national cemetery established in 1866 with the first burial in 1827. Camp Dixon members who participated in the Memorial Day tribute at Jefferson Barracks were: 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin, Adjutant Gale Red, and Compatriots Dwight Moore, Phil Tate, J. C. Gideon, Dave Schmitt, Steve Wilson, and Matthew King. They marched from the Information Center and witnessed the Union and Confederate ceremonies while enjoying a breathtaking view of flags at each headstone/marker waving in the warm breeze.



(L-R) Phil Tate, Ron Lakin, Dave Schmitt, J. C. Gideon, Matthew King, GaLe Red, Dwight Moore, and Steve Wilson.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



MAY 9

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 2nd LT CMDR JOHN DOUGLAS STANTON

John has given many outstanding camp meeting presentations and been a Camp Dixon member for two years.



JUNE 15

CONGRATULATIONS TO

COMPATRIOT & MRS. PHIL TATE

Phil & Dianne will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary. Hope they will celebrate many more blessed and healthy married years. (*The camp will send a greeting card.*)



JUNE 12

CONGRATULATIONS, COMPATRIOT JOHN & LADY JANE McKEE ON THEIR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Hope they will be blessed with many more happy and healthy years together. (*The camp will send a greeting card.*)



JUNE 16

CONGRATULATIONS TO

COMPATRIOT & MRS. BOB HERR

Bob & Sue will celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary. We wish them more happy and blessed years of marriage. (*The camp will send a greeting card.*)

ALOHA, CAMP DIXON MEMBERS, FROM COMPATRIOT ARTHUR TULAK: We have formed an SCV Camp on Oahu – SCV Camp 2288 Joseph Kanaka, CSN -- named after one of the Hawaiian sailors who served on the CSS Shenandoah. Our Commander is Steve Brock, our Adjutant is Rick Groom, and I am serving as Historian & Newsletter Editor. We had our Charter signing on April 27, which was just our fourth meeting since we first gathered to undertake to establish a Camp. We immediately set out even before the meeting to expand the number of schools awarding the HL Hunley and were able to award that medal to 11 of the 26 JROTC programs in the state. I presented the HL Hunley medal again at the following schools: Aiea High School, to Cadet Alain Ayan, and also at Radford High School to Cadet Chloe M. Hawkins. (We don't have a website or Facebook page, at least not yet.)

CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JUNE

13 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
14 FLAG DAY
18 FATHER'S DAY
19 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA
21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

JULY

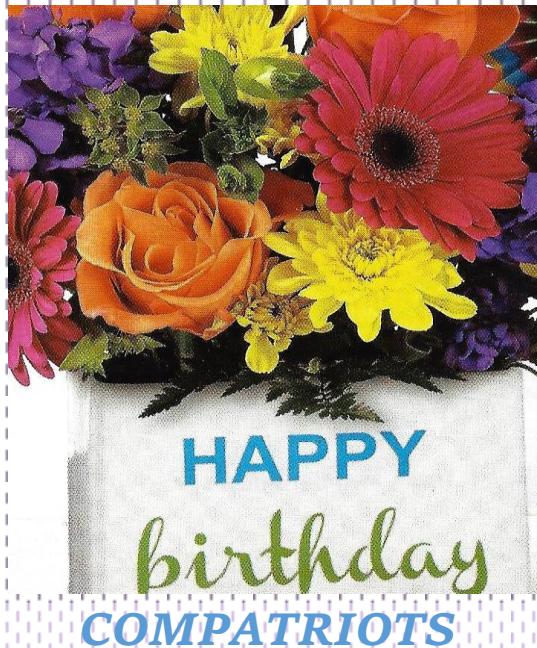
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
11 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
29 5:00 SMITHTON IL HOMECOMING PARADE

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
21 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA



JUNE

2 Kevin Monroe
(from Belleville IL)
2 Richard Vaught
(from Belgium)
15 Roger Heinrich
(from Olympia WA)
20 Steve Wilson
(from Columbia IL)
25 Aaron Leonard
(from Flora IL)

CAMP DIXON AND SQUAD EAST LEADERSHIP

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