

THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS

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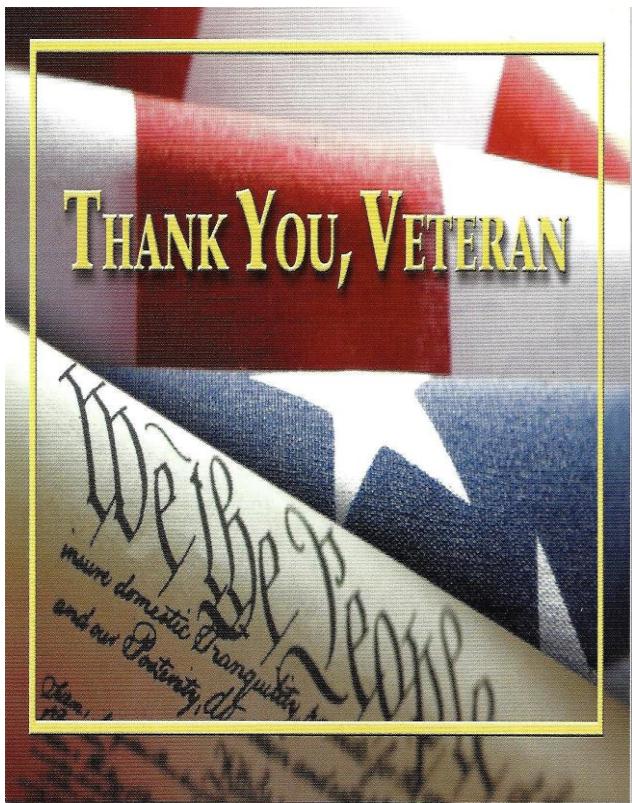
MAY 2017

APRIL SHOWERS HAVE BROUGHT MAY FLOWERS.
SO, WHY NOT ENJOY THE COLORFUL SPRING VIEW ON THE DRIVE TO THE
NEXT CAMP MEETING

CAMP DIXON
Tues. MAY 9

6:30 p.m.

SQUAD EAST
Mon, MAY 15



FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Best wishes to all mothers on May 14. Hope you will be treated to dinner, be surrounded by family, and enjoy happy moments. Happy Mother's Day!

I would like to take a moment to thank all our veterans who have served or are serving in World War II, or the wars in Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan. They are the true heroes of America who deserve our full appreciation and gratitude for safekeeping the many liberties we take for granted – freedom, liberty, peace, safety, and comfort.

So, I ask you, members of Camp Dixon and your families, to remember and pay homage to these veterans on May 27 in Mound City and May 29 at Jefferson Barracks. We owe this to them. Thank you.

Confederately,

Johnny Kickfighter

*** NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING *** TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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: Hospital Matrons in the Civil War
SPEAKER: Lady Sharon Red

REFRESHMENTS: Commander Johnny Kicklighter

Please check with the receptionist about room location.

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

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Presentation to Chatham Camp
By Illinois Division Commander Gale Red



(April 8, 2017, Chatham IL) The April meeting of the Guardians of the Forgotten Camp #2275 was held at the Chatham Area Public Library. Commander Ed Stanfield presided.

Illinois Division Commander Gale Red presented a Civil War Quiz, On The Nation Divided. Several of the camp members learned about the Civil War they were not aware of and appreciated the results.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 11, 2017 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:35 p.m. on April 11, 2017 at the SWIC PSOP Center, 201 North Church Street, Belleville IL, this being the 4th Muster of the year for 2017.

CALL TO ORDER by 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin.

INVOCATION was given by Camp Chaplain Walter "Mike" Biekert.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS 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.

WELCOME. Commander Johnny Kicklighter welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

ROLL CALL (23). Janice Beasley, Mike, Mary Beth (guest), Caroline (guest) and Emily (guest) Biekert, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. and JoAnn (guest) Gideon, Robert Hardy, Walter Hall, Bob Herr, Johnny Kicklighter, Ron Lakin, John & Jane McKee, Dwight & Nona (guest) Moore, Gale and Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Dave Schmitt, and Steve & Mary (guest) Wilson.



GROUP PHOTO (by Sharon Red, photographer)

(L-R) Front Row: Mary Wilson, Janice Beasley, Nona Moore, Jane McKee, Robert Hardy, JoAnn Gideon, Mary Beth Biekert, and Caroline Biekert

Back Row: Steve Wilson, Dave Schmitt, Eric Funkhouser, John McKee, Johnny Kicklighter, Ron Lakin, Bob Herr, Dale Rice, Mike Biekert, Dwight Moore, J. C. Gideon, and Gale Red

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

MARCH 14 MEETING MINUTES. Motion was made to accept the minutes by John McKee, seconded by Bob Herr. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red). Dwight Moore made a motion to accept, seconded by J. C. Gideon. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

LADY JANE MCKEE (Adjutant Red). Jane tripped, fell and broke her right foot. Please pray for her quick recovery.

COMPATRIOT BOB HERR (Adjutant Red). Bob broke his left foot when his motorcycle fell on him. Please pray for him too. But also congratulate him and his wife, Sue. They are brand new grandparents of a baby grandson, Robert C. Herr V, born to his son/daughter-in-law, Bob and Jenny, in Jacksonville MS.

THANK-YOU CARDS RECEIVED FROM SMITHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Commander Kicklighter). Gale and I delivered a living history presentation to the 4th grade, and they gave us hand-made thank-you cards.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

MOUND CITY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, MAY 27, 10 a.m. (Commander Kicklighter). Must depart about 7 a.m. to make it on time. Please support your camp, Compatriot Bobby Samuel, and attend this important annual service.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 11, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

NEW BUSINESS

AFROTC H. L. HUNLEY AWARDS (Adjutant Red). This is a first-class award given to class cadets. They compete with each other, and only one cadet can receive this award every year. We pay \$30 for each. I am honored to present this award on behalf of Camp Dixon. We always receive good community recognition. Schedule of award presentations:

Mascoutah – April 20

Alton – April 29

Dupo – May 5

O'Fallon – May 6

"GRAND DAME" SHOOTING MATCH (Lady Janice Beasley). I was very pleased to win Second Place. Also, I brought bumper stickers (some Confederate) – everyone is welcome to have them.

STATUE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS (Compatriot Dave Schmitt). Went to the formerly named Forrest Park in Memphis, TN. The park has been renamed by the City Council. The Forrest Statue for now is still standing in place.

CAMP POLO SHIRTS (Compatriot J. C. Gideon). Will be available/ready for pickup at the May meeting.

FORMAL PROGRAM – Southern Claims Commission (SCC) presented by Compatriot Bob Herr.



The SCC was created to satisfy loyal Southerners to the Union for what the Union destroyed and robbed them during the war. Bob's Great-Great Uncle, Martin Knobel, was one of these claimants. He submitted claim #4419 and was from Mississippi.

On March 3, 1871, the SCC held a three-man board. This board required witnesses to support each claim.

From the National Archives, Bob obtained info on Martin's claim, and each submission contained a petition, deposition, the agent, and witnesses of loyalty. His witnesses were himself, Nelson Gill, Edward Holman, and Nathan Hill. His property was raided three times, and his losses included livestock, pottery, etc. The SCC gave him \$696. Don't know if he was actually paid because there is no record of a money draft.

There was a two-year timeframe to file claims. A total of 22,298 claims were filed – in excess of \$68M. Several thousand claims weren't filed. As many as 220,000 witnesses gave written testimony. It took nine years to close the claims.

Reference book: Civil War Claims in the South (library code 929.375).

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, May 9, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **PRESENTATION:** Hospital Matrons in the Civil War by Lady Sharon Red. **REFRESHMENTS** will be furnished by Commander Kicklighter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red

Adjutant

SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 18, 2017 Muster

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:50 p.m. on April 18, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL this being the 4th 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 (6). Sam Booth, Walter Hall, Robert Marley, Gale Red, Larry Weber, John Winterfeld.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

MARCH 20 MEETING MINUTES. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Sam Booth, seconded by Gale Red. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

REPORTS

COMPATRIOT PAT BOOTH'S MEDICAL STATUS (Compatriot Sam Booth). Pat is now living in his own home, able to care for himself. He has been sighted at Julian's and a couple of places around town. He is able to visit those places with the help of his friend, Joe Martin.

COMPATRIOT SAM BOOTH is waiting on medical reports. Hopefully the 'glue' is holding and performing its intended function.

ADJUTANT GALE RED reported his doctors are resistant to stepping up treatment for his malady and is considering other treatment sites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 27, Mound City Observance.

July 15, National Reunion SCV, Memphis.

NEW BUSINESS

FLAGS TO MARK VETERAN GRAVES FOR UPCOMING MEMORIAL DAY (Lt Marley). Will be using the 1st National flag. This flag was in use until mid-1863 by the Confederacy and, therefore, appropriate for use to honor our veterans. Gale has indicated he may choose to mail the flags to Robert Marley. There is one more meeting prior to flag placement and he may choose to bring them then.

FUTURE PROGRAM (Lt Marley). Mark DeSelms will make the May presentation on The Battle of Shiloh. Adjutant Red asked Lt. Marley if he would please contact Dennis Headlee to see if Dennis would consider making the June presentation.

FORMAL PROGRAM

Adjutant Red presented a Civil War Quiz on A Nation Divided. The members were happy they would not be graded on their answers.

BENEDICTION was given by Chaplain Booth.

ADJOURNMENT 8:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **Program** by Mark DeSelms on The Battle of Shiloh.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Marley

Lieutenant

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



(April 20, Mascoutah IL)



PRESENTERS at the Mascoutah award ceremony are:
Compatriot Dwight Moore, Compatriot Charles Lee, and Adjutant Gale Red



Adjutant Red presents award to Cadet/Master Sergeant Hannah Culp. Hannah is a very deserving Freshman and has many accomplishments to her credit: beautifully sang tonight's National Anthem, reached MSgt rank in only one year with the JROTC, and received many other awards.



Cadet/Master Sergeant Culp with her parents, Kevin and June Culp, and Adjutant Red.



Compatriot Dwight Moore presents Colonel Randall Lanning with a certificate of appreciation from Camp Dixon on the occasion of his retirement from the AFROTC program. Colonel Lanning served 14 years at two different high schools. He will truly be missed.



CMSgt (Retired) Charles Lee presents the American Legion General Military Excellence Award to Cadet/Colonel Ean Winninger.



CMSgt (Retired) Lee presents the American Legion Scholastic Award to Cadet/Lt Colonel Julian Williams.



CMSgt (Retired) Lee presents the highest award – the Air Force Association Award – to Cadet Payton Leidholm.

(April 29, Alton IL)



Adjutant Red presents award to Cadet/Technical Sergeant Leticia Caruthers.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



APRIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST-TIME

GRANDPARENTS, COMPATRIOT BOB & SUE HERR

Their son/daughter-in-law, Bob & Jenny Herr, are the proud parents of a son, Robert C. Herr V. They reside in Jacksonville MS.



MAY 5

CONGRATULATIONS, COMPATRIOT & MRS. JIM LUMMA, ON THEIR 57th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Hope Jim & Barb will be blessed with many more happy and healthy years together. *(The camp will send a greeting card.)*



(APRIL 23, MASCOUTAH HERITAGE MUSEUM, MASCOUTAH IL). Kudos to **Compatriot Dwight & Mrs. Nona Moore**, who are members of the Mascoutah Historical Society, and monitored the museum on Sunday. They were very instrumental in the creation of the museum and its World War I and Mascoutah artifacts. Now they are in charge of the Photo Contest display and looking forward to its outcome.



MAY 30
CONGRATULATIONS
TO

COMPATRIOT & MRS. KEVIN MONROE

Kevin and Jennifer will celebrate their 36th Wedding Anniversary. We wish them more happy and blessed years of marriage. *(The camp will send a greeting card.)*

CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAY

9 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
14 MOTHER'S DAY
15 6:30 FLORA SQUAD EAST MEETING
20 ARMED FORCES DAY
27 10:00 MOUND CITY MEMORIAL
29 MEMORIAL DAY (JEFFERSON BARRACKS)

JUNE

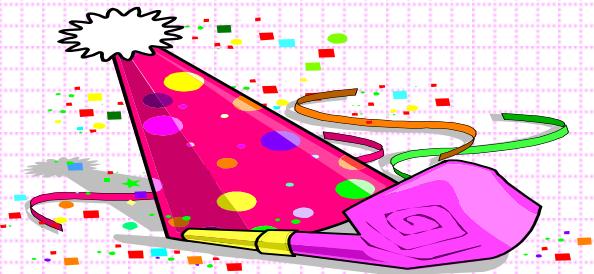
13 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
14 FLAG DAY
18 FATHER'S DAY
19 6:30 FLORA SQUAD EAST MEETING
21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
11 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY



MAY

3 Commander Johnny Kicklighter
(from Belleville IL)

5 Compatriot John Kicklighter
(from Smithton IL)

23 Compatriot Greg Carter
(from Carbondale IL)

28 Lady Cassandra Broomfield
(from Overland MO)

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