

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

THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



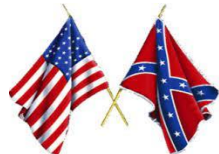
Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962
Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)

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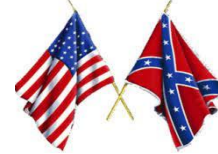
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JUNE 2024



PROGRAM INFO FOR NEXT MTG, 20 JUNE
PRESENTATION: Kicklighters in the Civil War
PRESENTER: Johnny Kicklighter
REFRESHMENTS: Phil Tate



CAMP MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are, except as announced, held on the third Thursday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the:

Shiloh Assembly of God Church
4035 Lebanon Avenue
Shiloh, Illinois 62221

We try to have an informative program with a speaker or film of interest at all meetings. Anyone with a Confederate ancestor or just having an interest in Civil War history is invited to attend.

Questions? Call John McKee, 618-491-9472

CAMP MISSION

The camp accepts its covenanted responsibility to maintain and preserve the Christian principles held by the Southern people that led them to their decision to defend the right of constitutional self-government. We strive to educate ourselves first and then the public to a fuller and more complete understanding of the true history of the period of the War Between the States. We seek to preserve the memory and honor of the noble Confederate soldiers, sailors, public servants, and loyal citizens.

CAMP MEMBERSHIP

Is available to all male (12 years or older) descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate military. Direct or collateral kinship to a qualifying veteran or civil servant must be documented for full membership. We will help with genealogical assistance for documentation. For those who have not yet proven their kinship or just have an active interest in what we are doing, we offer camp membership through our auxiliary, The Knights and Ladies of the Golden Circle.

WE CARE! PLEASE CALL JOHN OR MIKE AND KEEP US NEWS-INFORMED ... if you or a family member is ill, has an emergency, health or family issue, a family death, or needs assistance. Adjutant John McKee, 618-491-9472 Chaplain Mike Biekert, 618-972-8190

Lest We Forget

KEVIN DUFFY
January 6, 1940-October 15, 2010

PAT DORAN
May 31, 1939-September 7, 2011

BRETT WARNER
September 29, 1960-March 21, 2012

JAMES BENEDICT
July 18, 1947-October 27, 2012

RON DORAN
July 14, 1940-March 24, 2015

BILL BEASLEY
December 4, 1942-April 17, 2015

C. F. MARLEY
April 9, 1921-February 17, 2016

JOE LOPER
June 6, 1941-March 18, 2016

VERNON DeSELMS
October 9, 1941-August 14, 201



GORDON HAYES
September 7, 1938-July 4, 2023

HARRIS YOUNG
November 9, 1924-September 29, 2017

RONNIE OTTINGER
August 3, 1951-November 8, 2018

SAM BOOTH
December 28, 1942-February 24, 2019

BOB HARDY
July 18, 1928-June 15, 2019

GREG KRIEG
October 2, 1946-September 11, 2020

WELLINGTON "HAM" LEMMER
February 17, 1947-February 17, 2021

MARCUS PATTON "PAT" BOOTH
November 1, 1941-February 5, 2022

JOHN BOSTON MASSEY
August 6, 1947-December 1, 2022

JIM CONN
October 4, 1953-March 17, 2023

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FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings to all of our faithful and loyal members of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCA camp. The officers hope that all is well with you and your families. It was earlier reported that a school district in Virginia has voted to rename schools back to the original confederate names. This perhaps is a shot across the bow of the woke attack upon our society. This act took courage and was met with great hostility. The DAR then dashed all sense of elation by voting to allow transgendered males into their organization. I fear this move will cause a great cancellation of members for this move. Did you ever believe that in America you would be threatened with all sorts of problems even that of loss of employment not for what you say, but as to what you think? Everyone must stand their ground and hold fast to the Judeo-Christian heritage that was entrusted to us by our ancestors. Do not be hesitant to speak truth to false statements and hold fast to your constitutional rights for free speech and of free thought. God help us all. Until the next muster. GOD Bless



CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:30 p.m. on 16 May 2024, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL: this being the 5th Muster of the year.

CALL TO ORDER: Johnny Kicklighter called the meeting to order.

WELCOME: Johnny Kicklighter welcomed the Camp's members, family, and friends.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO CONFEDERATE FLAG: Johnny Kicklighter.

ROLL CALL: 9



GROUP PHOTO (L-R)

Back row: Phil Tate, JC Gideon, Mike Biekert

Front row: Steve Wilson, Barb & Jim Lumma, Johnny Kicklighter, Janice Beasley, Eric Funkhouser

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Presented in the April 2024 Edition of The Blue Light News. Motion: Eric Funkhouser; 2nd: Jim Lumma = Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT: Received payments for dues from nine members, totaling \$495 in March. The general account balance is \$5,728.46. The charitable account balance is \$220.99. Motion: Phil Tate; 2nd: Jim Lumma = Passed.

Discussion about how much and when dues are due. John McKee will clarify and communicate at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Email from Steven Pike regarding dues card. His dues card will be sent out tomorrow. Discussion about whether we should receive annual membership cards and the conclusion was "no". Some felt their wallets were already over packed with cards and an annual membership card was unnecessary.
2. We have several members who live outside Illinois and well beyond any feasible commuting distance. A few people staying in contact with these members on a regular basis, excluding adjutant's duties, would

be quite helpful. Please let me know if you are interested. Discussion that anyone interested should contact John McKee. There was discussion about members being able to communicate with each other and the lack of it. It was discussed that we need an updated roster, and it needs to be mailed or mailed out to the membership. John McKee needs to update us Also; it was discussed that the leadership should each have a list of members to stay in contact with. Steve Wilson remembers that he used to get a phone call from Gale just to check in to see if everything was ok and to keep him in the loop on things going on if he missed a meeting.

REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Steve Wilson talked about going as a camp to the Fort Davidson Reenactment at Pilot Knob MO on Sept 28 and 29th. An email about the event and link to a hotel was sent to the membership. There will be a full-scale reenactment on both Saturday and Sunday with a blowing up of the powder magazine at 8:30pm on Saturday night. The event in the past has been very well run and very authentic. Rooms in Pilot Knob are unavailable, but Super 8 in Farmington, 18 miles from Pilot Knob, had rooms for \$62 on Saturday night. At the time of the meeting, there were seven people who had reserved a room to attend the event. There were questions about carpooling there and back. As Steve gets more info on who is going, he will relay to everyone who is going to coordinate together.

NEW BUSINESS: Signup sheets for Programs and Refreshments were passed around and a number of spots were filled. Any ideas for a future program is to have everyone put together a 3-5 minute talk about their ancestor. For the December meeting, have a Christmas Dinner while a silent slide show plays Confederate Christmas pictures.

Discussion and motion whether to do a catered Christmas Dinner or an Organized Potluck Dinner for our December 2024 Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Steve talked to Gale Red, and he is in good spirits but in a lot of pain. Unable to drive due to medication.

PROGRAM: Davis-Hayes lecture – Mississippi Campaign- everyone liked it very much and learned interesting things

NEXT MEETING: 20 June 2024.

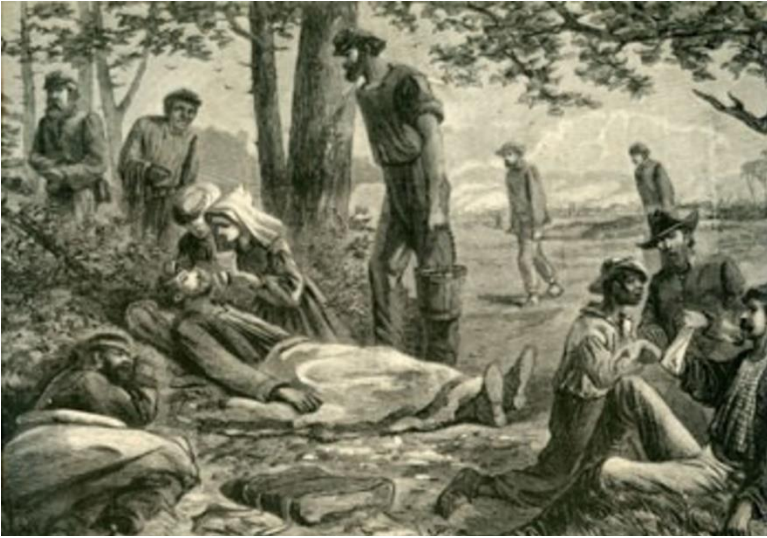
BENEDICTION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended around 7:50 PM.



What is the U.S. Christian Commission? What is its Connection to the Civil War?

The United States Christian Commission was a volunteer organization sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association. The YMCA, as we know it today, began in England in 1844. The first YMCA "chapter" in America was started at the Old South Church in Boston, and the first Black YMCA was founded in Washington City (D.C.) in 1853.



U.S. Christian Commission on the Battlefield

In 1861, as troops gathered in camps in and around New York, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) became concerned with the spiritual needs of the soldiers in these nearby camps. Vincent Colyer, a member of the New York City YMCA and chairman of the "Army Committee," had begun spending time visiting nearby encampments where soldiers were stationed temporarily on their way to the front. Colyer mingled with these soldiers, offered words of encouragement, and handed out religious tracts and specially printed pocket hymnals.

On November 15, 1861, as an answer to a letter sent out to all the Northern YMCAs, 50 delegates representing 15 Northern states met in the Bible Room of the New York Young Men's Christian Association. The next day, a "Christian

Commission" of 12 members was appointed to devise a plan for the associations to act as a clearinghouse for all religious work in the Union army. Their two-fold mission statement was "to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the soldiers in the army and the sailors in the Navy, in cooperation with the chaplains."

HQs of the U.S. Christian Commission in Richmond - April 1865

George H. Stuart was designated as chairman of the new United States Christian Commission, a post he held throughout the war. Its method of operation was the use of "delegates," who served on a volunteer basis for terms averaging six to eight weeks with no monetary enumeration. Once receiving their appointment, these delegates pledged to be ready to leave their homes, for the front, within one hour of receiving a telegram.



HQs of the U.S. Christian Commission in Richmond - April 1865

The Commission's early activities included publication of a collection of familiar hymns, bible readings and prayers, devotional meetings in the camps, the organization of a "working Christian force"

in every regiment, as well as aiding and supporting chaplains. The Commission's activities soon expanded into the physical and social realm by helping to secure well-qualified chaplains, encouraging Sabbath observance, promoting temperance, providing portable libraries with wholesome reading material, and, when possible, reading rooms as well as chapels, making the Commission a valuable agency of wartime relief.

The Commission also came up with the first soldier's "identifier," which became the forerunner of the modern military "dog tag." A special work performed by delegates was the assembling of records of those buried in prisons and in major battle areas. Two very important culinary advancements happened within the care of soldiers with the first formation of dietary kitchens in the hospitals and the invention of the coffee wagon.



**U.S. Christian Commission Battlefield Representatives
40 miles from Antietam Battlefield**

A decision was made to terminate the Commission's work on January 1, 1866. During its four years of operation, the Christian Commission sent 5,000 agents into the field; and distributed 95,000 packages, which included 1.5 million portions or full scriptures, 1 million hymnbooks, as well as over 39 million pages of tract, 7 million sheets of stationary and covers, and 5 million "chap" books. The total money spent during those four years was estimated at over 6.2 million dollars.



FREEMEN!

OF

TENNESSEE!

The Yankee War is now being waged for "beauty and booty." They have driven us from them, and now say **OUR TRADE** they must and will have. To excite their hired and ruffian soldiers, they promise them our lands, and tell them our women are beautiful--that beauty is the reward of the brave.

Tennesseans! your country calls! Shall we wait until our homes are laid desolate; until sword and rape shall have visited them? **NEVER!** Then

TO ARMS!

and let us meet the enemy on the borders. Who so vile, so craven, as not to strike for his native land?

The undersigned propose to immediately raise an infantry company to be offered to the Governor as part of the defense of the State and of the Confederate States. All those who desire to join with us in serving our common country, will report themselves immediately.

J. B. Murray.
H. C. Witt.

May 17th, 1861.

Civil War recruiting posters were widely used by both the Union and Confederate armies to attract volunteers and enlist soldiers during the American Civil War (1861-1865).

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

TO

THE FOLLOWING JUNE BRIDES & GROOMS

Congratulations and best wishes to these camp couples!!
Hope they have many more happy years of good health, joy, and happiness.

(The camp will send congratulatory cards.)



JUNE 12

30th ANNIVERSARY

ASST ADJUTANT JOHN & LADY JANE McKEE

(SHILOH IL)



JUNE 15

31st ANNIVERSARY

COMPATRIOT PHIL & DIANNE TATE

(MASCOUTAH IL)

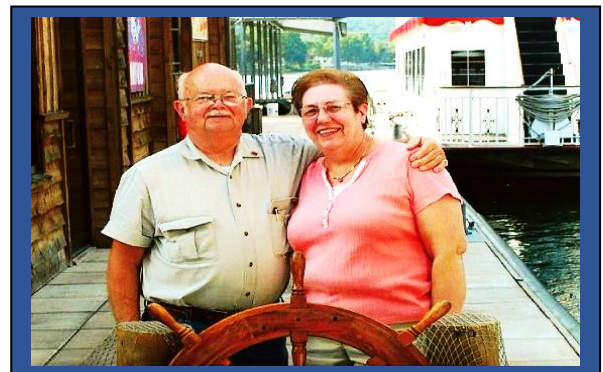


JUNE 16

49th ANNIVERSARY

COMPATRIOT BOB & SUE HERR

(MT. VERNON IL)



JUNE 23

59th ANNIVERSARY

COMPATRIOT DALE & BONNY RICE

(BETHALTO IL)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 1 Battle of Gettysburg
- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Bastille Day
- 18 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 20 Moon Landing, 1969
- 28 World War I

AUGUST

- 4 Coast Guard Birthday
- 8 International Cat Day
- 16 Bennington Battle Day
- 15 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 31 South Carolina Day
- 26 Woman's Right to Vote Day

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day
- 10 National Grandparents Day
- 17 Constitution Day
- 19 **CAMP MEETING**
- 20 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 23 Autumnal Equinox



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Andrew Novara | Creal Springs, IL |
| 2 | Steve Wilson | Columbia, IL |
| 5 | Aaron Leonard | Flora, IL |



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