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THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



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

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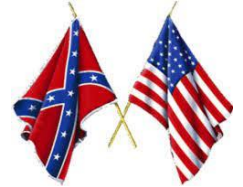
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PROGRAM INFO FOR NEXT CAMP MTG, 18 APRIL

PRESENTATION "Jefferson Davis - The Road to Sumter"

PRESENTERS N/A

REFRESHMENTS: Steve Wilson



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

(Parking lot available next to the church)

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, 618-416-5072

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 offer genealogical assistance with 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. Applicants must be twelve or older.



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, 618-416-5072

Chaplain Mike Biekert, 618-972-8190

Civil War Casualties Facts

- ✓ More than 3 million men fought in the war.
- ✓ Two percent of the population—more than 620,000—died in it.
- ✓ In two days at Shiloh on the banks of the Tennessee River, more Americans fell than in all previous American wars combined.
- ✓ During the Battle of Antietam, 12,401 Union men were killed, missing, or wounded—double the casualties of D-Day, 82 years later. With a total of 23,000 casualties on both sides, it was the bloodiest single day of the Civil War.
- ✓ At Cold Harbor, Virginia, 7,000 Americans fell in 20 minutes.



The Only Note Portraying Stonewall Jackson - \$500-1864
Today's Value: \$1,800 in Uncirculated Condition

FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings to the faithful members of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV camp. Hope that all is well with our members, and we are looking to see all at our April muster. It is important to gather together in a spirit of like spirit to honor our culture and ancestors. We encourage the membership to bring any ideas for things that the camp might undertake. How does a trip to the Missouri Civil War Museum sound at Jefferson Barracks? We could tour the museum and then lunch. Come prepared to discuss any ideas that you might have. See you at the muster. GOD Bless

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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MARCH 21, 2024, Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:40 p.m. at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 3rd Muster of the year 2024.

CALL TO ORDER: Cmdr John Stanton called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO CONFEDERATE FLAG: Cmdr John Stanton.

ROLL CALL: 8



GROUP PHOTO (L-R)

Back row: John McKee, John Stanton
Steve Wilson, Mike Biekert, Phil Tate

Front row: Jane McKee, Janice Beasley,
Eric Funkhouser

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Presented in the March 2024 Edition of The Blue Light News. Motion by Steve Wilson, 2nd:by Eric Funkhouser Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT: The general account balance is \$5,233.4. The charitable account balance is \$220.99. Motion: Phil Tate, 2nd by Eric Funkhouser Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Solicitations for restoring the Arlington Reconciliation Monument.

REPORTS:

- A. Standing Committees: None.
- B. Special committee: None

OLD BUSINESS: (items tabled at previous meetings to be discussed/voted)

- A. Smithton and Freeburg homecoming.

NEW BUSINESS: (items presented for the first time to be discussed/voted)

- A. The 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Pilot Knob, MO, will be held on 28-29 Sep 2024. Let Steve Wilson know if you are interested in attending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (sharing of information from members)

- A. a. Johnny Kicklighter is ill – Chaplain to lead in prayer.

BLESSING by Chaplain Biekert. **REFRESHMENTS** by Steve Wilson.

PROGRAM: Adj. McKee shared Talley Bailey's article to be published in the UDC Magazine. Copies will be provided when published.

NEXT MEETING: 18 May 2024.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

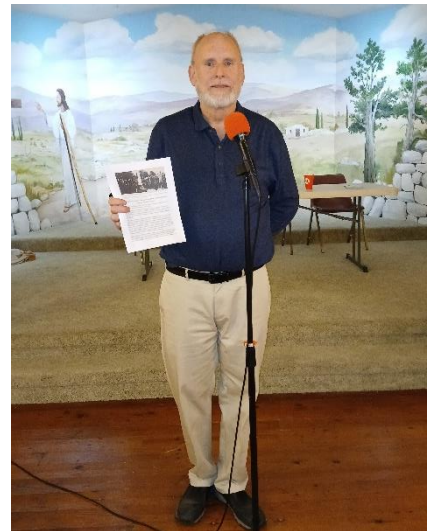


United Confederate Veterans (UCV) Camp – Paducah, KY

Adjutant McKee shared Compatriot Talley Bailey's article that was submitted to the United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine for publication. The publication date is pending but expected sooner than later. The topic covered the formation of a camp in Paducah, KY, under banner of the United Confederate Veterans (UCV), several members of note, and its gradual decline as members died off.

The James T. Walberg Camp #463 UCV was formed in 1903 by Confederate Veterans who lived around Paducah. Information on membership came from newspaper articles and pension applications. Many veterans had become solid citizens in the community. The camp was named after a local veteran who died a few years prior. Walberg was among the last members who guarded Jefferson Davis during his attempt to escape Federal troops at the end of the Civil War. Thirty-seven men organized the camp, and one of their first projects was to hold a reunion of Confederate Veterans in October 1903. The reunion was a success. As the years went by, all these veterans would answer the last call, to be laid to rest in local cemeteries as respected members of the community. By 1947, one journalist noted that no veterans, North or South, could be found in Paducah.

The Adjutant wants to note that Compatriot Bailey lives in Rhode Island and is not able to participate directly in Dixon Camp meetings but was able to contribute something that adds to our understanding of those who served. Other members, regardless of distance, can prepare a presentation to be shared at camp, or even write an article for the newsletter.



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Much of the slang we use today originated during or around the Civil War. Skedaddle- a military term that meant "to retreat with all haste." "Hearing it through the grapevine" referred to hearing something through "a grapevine dispatch", meaning important information passed from person to person instead of using an official means like telegraph. Deadline- Although we think of it as a time when an assignment is due, a "dead line" was much scarier for a Civil War soldier. It referred to the line just around a military prison where prisoners were likely to be shot. Funnier terms were phrases like "hunkey dorey", "snug as a bug", "lucifers" (matches used for lighting fires and cigarettes), and "Arkansas toothpick" (long, sharp knife). (Courtesy Tara Johnson, Author)

Missouri in the Civil War: Her "Beauty, Talents and Education Made Many a Man a Bushwhacker"



Mildred Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Powell was born in 1840 near Paris, Missouri. Little is known of her prewar life, but she was well-educated and known for her quick wit and sharp tongue that she frequently used against supporters of the Union. Fascinated Union men described her as "young, beautiful & accomplished."

Lizzie Powell was suspected of smuggling percussion caps out of Hannibal in her petticoat for guerrillas. She openly discouraged young men from joining the Union army, telling them that doing so would be an "everlasting disgrace." An officer noted her "beauty, talents and superior education have made many a man a bushwhacker who except for [her] influence would have been an honest man."

On September 29, 1862, Captain William Poillon, with fifty soldiers and a half dozen officers who were eager to meet this notorious and attractive rebel, arrested her at her home. When Poillon introduced his companions, Powell "requested him to dispense with this, as it was not my desire to be introduced to those whose acquaintance I had not

sought and did not expect to cultivate."

Powell was brought before Gen. Lewis Merrill, the district commander. After some verbal sparring about the rebellion, Merrill remarked that "he had never met an intelligent southern lady in Missouri." Powell replied that "he had been very unfortunate in his associations."

Powell was allowed to remain more or less free in Hannibal. The local provost marshal, Maj. T.D. Price, came to see her. She wrote in her diary that he "solicits an introduction and passes several compliments; [I] refuse for [the] reason that I do not wish to devote the evening to entertaining a federal officer."

On January 8, 1863, a Union citizen, William Newland, complained Powell was allowed free run of the town. He noted she was completely defiant of the Union soldiers, "but about one half of them are in love with her." Four days later, General Merrill ordered her confined again.

Major Price was befuddled. He finally wrote St. Louis urging she be banished to Dixie. He pointed out that when Powell was served with the original banishment order, she simply refused to go—and the authorities did not know what to do about it. In a postscript, Price (like the other Federal officers) described her as a "young and withal quite fascinating 'King-Bee' among the 'Secesh,' (secessionist).

Federal authorities released her unconditionally on February 25, 1863. In directing her release, the commanding officer remarked: "A lofty spirit (such as her correspondence shows her to possess) I would rather trust to generous impulses and a sense of propriety, than hope to reclaim to allegiance by imposing any condition."

Seeking a more favorable climate for her health and politics, Lizzie and her brother James boarded the Hannibal and St. Joseph train in April 1863 for a trip West to Virginia City, Nevada Territory. Lizzie Powell died in 1877 in a carriage accident in Denver. (Courtesy Blue & Gray Dispatch)



Take The American Civil War Quiz
<https://www.britannica.com/quiz/american-civil-war-quiz>

The Tree that Witnessed History in Smyrna, Tennessee

There are many mature trees on the campus of the Historic Sam Davis Home and Plantation, in Smyrna, Tennessee, many that are well over 100 years old. Visitors to this historic site—which preserves the family home of the Confederate soldier who was hung by Union forces in Pulaski, Tennessee, in 1863—are attracted to the stately tulip or yellow poplars along slave cabin row, the many southern magnolia trees with their large white, lemony-smelling summer blossoms, and the massive September elm at the corner of the Davis family cemetery that has been measured as one of the largest in the state.



However, a less noticeable tree, a white oak, has, since the site opened for tours in 1930, been dear to the Sam Davis Home staff as well as the trustees and directors of the Sam Davis Memorial Association. Standing next to a rock at the site that bears a commemorative plaque placed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) in 1932, is the historic Sam Davis White Oak.

Though this famous tree lost its highest branches during a windstorm in 2020, its most important limb, the one to which Sam Davis tied his horse during his last visit home on the evening of November 14, 1863, remains. In the past, many a middle Tennessee

schoolchild, after learning the significance of that limb from a site interpreter, has swung from that limb. Unfortunately, the limb has grown too high to be easily reached for a good swing today.

The UDC plaque reads: “In the shadow of this great rock Sam Davis hid his horse fastened to a swinging limb of this old oak on the night of his last visit home just before he was captured Nov. 19, 1863, erected by Nashville Chapter No. 1, United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1932.”

In recent years the Sam Davis Home was contacted by Phyllis and Tom Hunter of American Heritage Trees in Lebanon, Tennessee. They had heard of the Sam Davis White Oak and expressed their desire to partner with the historic site to propagate offspring from the famous tree and make them available to anyone who wanted to plant them. Visitors can see the Sam Davis White Oak along the drive west of the historic house.



Readers can learn more about American Heritage Trees at <https://americanheritagetrees.org> and purchase a Sam Davis White Oak. (Courtesy Steve Murphree, February 12, 2024, blueandgrayeducation.org)

What is special about a white oak tree?

There are many reasons to hold white oak in such high regard. White oak is long-lived, easily surpassing 200 years or more with some living to 500 years. White oak is one of the most widely distributed of all the oaks growing on a wide range of soils and sites over a very large geographic area.



**Congratulations
On your 44th Wedding Anniversary
Doug & Betty Lawrence
(Of Keyesport, IL)
April 27th**

**Only the best of wishes for you on this special day. Hope you will have many happier &
healthy years together!**
(The camp will send a congrats card.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1 May Day
- 4 Kentucky Derby Day
- 8 V-E Day
- 12 Mother's Day
- 16 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 27 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 14 Flag Day
- 20 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 16 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 Summer Begins
- 21 Take Your Dog to Work Day

JULY

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | J.C. Gideon | Belleville, IL |
| 2 | Nathan Ziebold | Twin Oaks, MO |
| 5 | Doug Lawrence | Keyesport, IL |
| 7 | John Kruse | East Setauket, NY |
| 10 | Chris Ziebold | Chesterfield, MO |
| 17 | Don Young | Advance, MO |
| 25 | Charles Lee | Mascoutah, IL |
| 26 | John McKee | Shiloh, IL |



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