

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



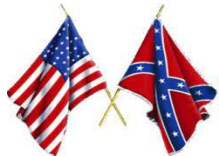
Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962 Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)

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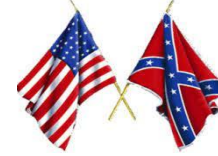
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JUNE 2025



PROGRAM INFO FOR NEXT MTG, 19 JUNE
PRESENTATION: Maj. Francis D. Lee, Confederate Engineer and American Architect
PRESENTER: John McKee
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

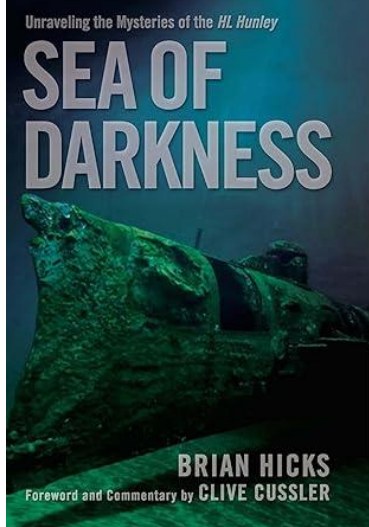
CAMP MISSION

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 Bickert, 618-972-8190



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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

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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 15 May 2025, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL: this being the 5th Muster of the year.

CALL TO ORDER: Camp Adj McKee called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO CONFEDERATE FLAG: Camp Adj McKee.

ROLL CALL: 9



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R)

Back row: Phil Tate, Steve Wilson, Dale Rice
Randall Cheatham, Mike Biekert

Front row: John McKee, Jane McKee, Janice
Beasley, Johnny Kicklighter

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Adjutant did not have the latest amount, but did mention that dues payments have been received from several members.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS:

1. Standing Committees: We are still needing people to sign up for programs and refreshments.
2. Special Committees: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Missouri Civil War Museum – will be held on Saturday, June 7th.
- Membership transfer for Randall Cheatham.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- The latest information on Compatriot J.C. Gideon was that he was in a nursing home.
- Dues are required for the year 2025-2026, due by end of July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PROGRAM: Compatriot Randy Cheatham on the Confederate Chaplains.

REFRESHMENTS: Johnny Kicklighter

NEXT MEETING: 19 June 2024.

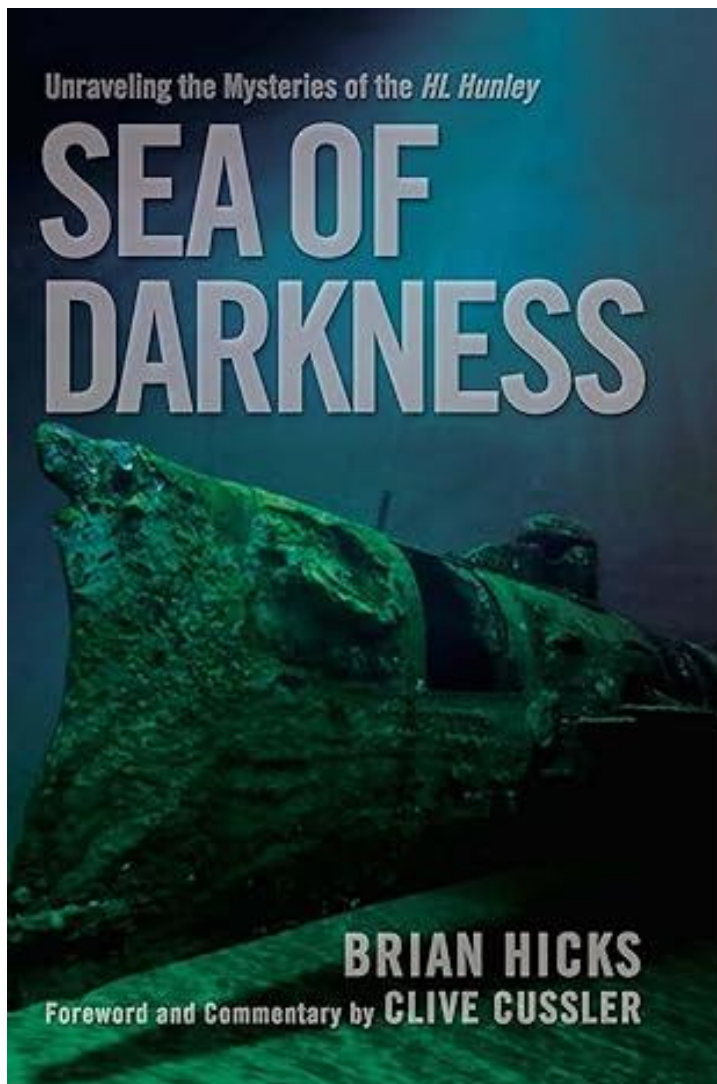
- Refreshments: Phil Tate
- Program by John McKee

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended around 8:15 PM.



**Sea of Darkness:
Unraveling the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley**
March 24, 2015, by Brian Hicks



There is a new book just released on the H.L. Hunley. Right now, on Amazon.com it is rated 4.7 out of 5 stars. Below is Amazon's description of the book:

On a dark night in February of 1864, the H.L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy ship in combat, torpedoed the Union blockade ship USS Housatonic, a feat that would not be repeated for another 50 years. But fate was not kind to the Hunley that night as it sank with all of its crew on board before it could return to shore. Considered by many to be the Civil War's greatest mystery, the Hunley's demise and its resting place have been a topic of discussion for historians and Civil War buffs alike for more than a hundred years.

Adding still more to the intrigue, the vessel was discovered in 1995 by a dive team led by famed novelist and shipwreck hunter Clive Cussler, sparking an underwater investigation that resulted in the raising of the Hunley on August 8, 2000. Since that time, extensive research, and restorative efforts underway have unraveled the incredible secrets that were locked within the submarine at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

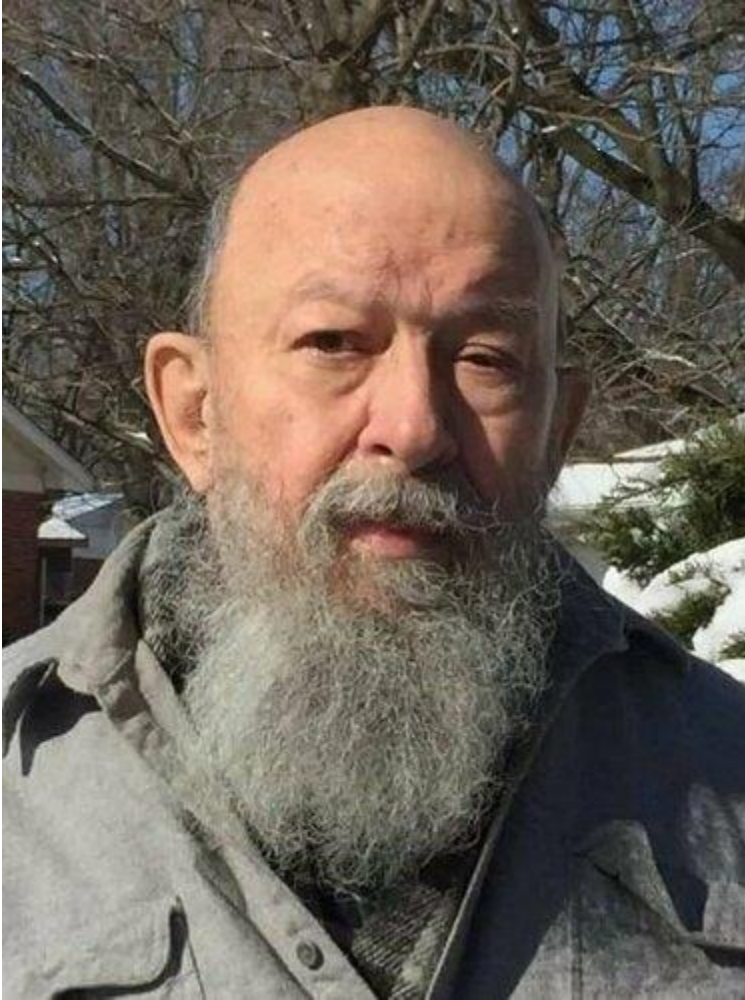
Join Civil War expert Brian Hicks as Sea of Darkness recounts the most historically accurate narrative of the sinking and eventual recovery ever written. Hicks has been given unprecedented access to all the main

characters involved in the discovery, raising, and restoration of the Hunley. Complete with a foreword and additional commentary by Clive Cussler, Sea of Darkness offers new, never-before-published evidence on the cause of the Hunley's sinking, providing readers with a tantalizing behind-the-scenes look inside the historic submarine.



John C. "J.C." Gideon Obituary

April 1, 1942 - May 5, 2025



Long time camp member JC Gideon suddenly passed away last month. He was a faithful and dedicated member, and he will be missed. From a current member: *"I always enjoyed seeing J. C. at the SCV meetings. He was dedicated to our club and was interesting to talk with. He will be missed by all,"* Janice Beasley.

Belleville, Illinois - John Curtis Gideon (J.C.), 83, of Belleville IL, born April 1, 1942, and passed away May 5, 2025.

J.C. was a 1960 graduate of Centralia High School and a Vietnam Era veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

He was a Charter Member of the Sierra Club - Kaskaskia Goup, a member of the St. Clair County Genealogical Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Belleville Holzschnitzers. He enjoyed reading, photography, woodworking, history, gardening, camping and the outdoors.

J.C. was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Josephine A. Gideon; parents Foster N. and Esther E., nee Wood, Gideon, and a sister Daphne Geraldine Romack. Surviving is his daughter Ellen (Frank) Nefzger of Jackson, MI.

You may express your condolences at www.kurrusfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Sierra Club - Kaskaskia Goup. A private burial will take place at a later date.



News From Around the Camp



Today was a good and fun day right from the Confederate section of Jefferson Barracks Cemetery to Sharp Shooters Pit and BBQ! The museum is fantastic, and we got to talk with Mark Trout, the owner, for an hour! He may be interested in coming to the Colt presentation-I told him I would be happy to buy him dinner there - (Jane McKee is signed up for refreshments for that meeting). He will have to let me know when it gets closer to October.

Remembering the 23rd Georgia Infantry, CSA



The 23rd Georgia Infantry first saw action in Virginia, participating in the defense of Yorktown. At the Battle at Seven Pines, which took place between May 31 and June 30, 1862, the regiment lost 80 men killed or wounded out of its 400 soldiers.

Most Civil War regiments have histories that go “forgotten.” Hundreds of such military organizations are chronicled in the encyclopedic works of Frederick H. Dyer, Stewart Sifakis, Joseph H. Crute, Jr., and others. Regardless of race—Black or White—an in-depth study of a regiment, battalion, or company reveals that each was as unique as the individuals who served, including, occasionally, women.

For example, Colquitt’s Brigade of the Army of Northern Virginia, Confederate States Army, is strikingly underrepresented in public history. Despite its heroic service, none of its six regiments has a comprehensive published history.

The 23rd Georgia Infantry, part of Colquitt’s Brigade, primarily drew its members from the Georgia mountains, a region known for its strong anti-war sentiments. Remarkably, this regiment had one of the lowest desertion rates in the Confederate Army.

Pickens County, Georgia, gave two companies to the 23rd Georgia Infantry, even though many of its residents there raised a United States flag in protest of Georgia’s Secession in 1860. One resident wrote disparagingly of any Confederate companies being raised there.

The Hammontree family exemplifies the region’s divided politics. Like most of their neighbors, they owned no enslaved people. Sam Hammontree, a farmer in Pickens County, raised seven children on his mountain homestead. Later, he became a Georgia celebrity as one of the last surviving Civil War veterans, passing away on March 26, 1934—his 94th birthday.

Sam and his brother Stephen enlisted in the 23rd Georgia Infantry, while another brother, Sylvester, escaped to the North to avoid the war. The youngest Hammontree brother, William Nelson, joined the United States Army but later deserted to protect their elderly parents from the local Confederate home guard.

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Portrait of Brig. Gen. Alfred Holt Colquitt, from a Richmond newspaper in 1863

He became commander of Colquitt's Brigade with the Army of Northern Virginia. | public domain

The regiment endured brutal fighting at the Battle of South Mountain and held the infamous Miller's Cornfield at Antietam. Steve Hammontree, Sam's brother, died in that fight, where almost half of the brigade was killed or wounded.

After the Battle of Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863, over 800 Confederates soldiers, including members of the 23rd Georgia, were captured and paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Transferred south, the 23rd served on Sullivan's Island in Charleston Harbor. These men played a crucial role in the Confederate victory at the Battle of Olustee, Florida, on February 24, 1864.

Back in Virginia, Colquitt's Brigade fought in the horrific Wilderness Campaign and defended Petersburg in battles such as Cold Harbor, Drewry's Bluff, Fort Harrison, and the Crater.

When Wilmington, the Confederacy's last major port, faced imminent capture, Colquitt's Brigade sent to defend it. However, they were denied the opportunity to try to save Fort Fisher, which sealed the fate of Wilmington and hastened the Confederacy's demise.

The brigade achieved a final victory at the Battle of Bentonville, repelling General Sherman's forces, but surrendered with the Army of Tennessee at Greensboro, North Carolina, on April 26, 1865. A remarkable record of service for the men of the 23rd Georgia Infantry!



Confederate currency, also known as "graybacks" or "bluebacks", was a fiat currency issued by the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. It was not backed by gold or silver, but rather a promise to pay the bearer six months after a peace treaty.



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
31st ANNIVERSARY**

**ASST ADJUTANT JOHN & LADY JANE McKEE
(SHILOH IL)**

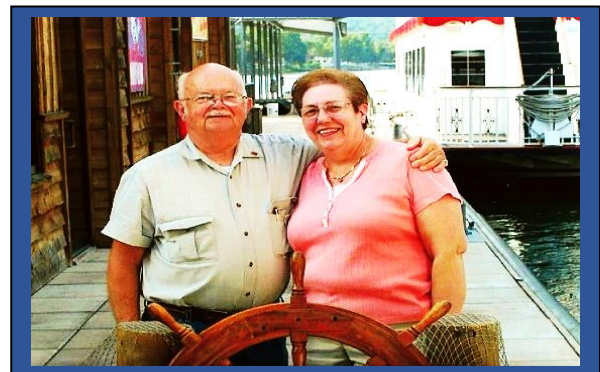


JUNE 15

**32nd ANNIVERSARY
COMPATRIOT PHIL & DIANNE TATE
(MASCOUTAH IL)**



**JUNE 16
50th ANNIVERSARY
COMPATRIOT BOB & SUE HERR
(MT. VERNON IL)**



**JUNE 23
60th ANNIVERSARY
COMPATRIOT DALE & BONNY RICE
(BETHALTO IL)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 1 Battle of Gettysburg
- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Bastille Day
- 17 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 20 Moon Landing, 1969
- 28 World War I

AUGUST

- 4 Coast Guard Birthday
- 6 Feast of the Transfiguration
- 16 Bennington Battle Day
- 21 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 23 New Moon
- 31 South Carolina Day

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day
- 11 9/11 Day
- 17 Constitution Day
- 18 **CAMP MEETING**
- 19 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 22 Autumnal Equinox



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Jonathon Musgrave | |
| 8 | Walter Hall | Fairview Heights, IL |
| 18 | Andrew Novara | Creal Springs, IL |
| 20 | Steve Wilson | Columbia, IL |
| 25 | Aaron Leonard | Flora, IL |



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