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THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



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CAMP # 1962
Sons of the
Confederate Veterans

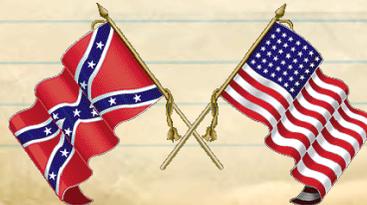
August 2013

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Smithton Historical Society Open House



Smithton Open House July 26, 2013



News from around the camp

Mark Morgan made the trip to Alabama to accept his Master's Degree in International Relations from Troy University. Congratulations to Mark!

Ron Doran has been in the hospital again. After a week of chasing the nurses, they sent him home. He is still having considerable breathing problems. He would welcome a call or a note.

Steve Wheat, despite the rumors, has not deserted. He has been extremely busy with preparations for the upcoming annual reunion of 5th Infantry Brigade, US Army. He says that he will be handing over the reins to a new commander at the reunion and should have a little more time to renew himself with us once more. So, don't give up on him yet.

Johnny Kicklighter and family are off to their annual family reunion where he will regale the extended family with tales of family members who served in the Gray. We hope the family has a great time and safe trip.

Roger and Carole Heinrich have been back in the area from

Washington State for a month now though we have yet to see the whites of their eyes or the sounds of their voices. We continue to hope to see them before they head back to the Northwest for another school year there.

Kelly Calhoun moved into her dorm at SLU nearly three months ago and is hard at work in her nursing studies. She says, "Only one more year and I will graduate." She's maintaining a straight "A" average. We wish her all the best. It was a delight to have her with us for the Smithton Homecoming last Saturday.

David McAuley from Carbondale has been enjoying the summer with several motorcycle trips lately including one with his sister to the battlefield at Shiloh. He was with us also at Smithton last Saturday.

Michelle Hamilton, our Indian maiden and new Lady of the Golden Circle, was with a small



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Ronnie Ottinger
- 6 - John Massey
- 6 - Joe Starek
- 13 - Tom Prince
- 14 - Bill Smith
- 23 - Christine Kicklighter
- 28 - Mark Morgan
- 30 - Charles Sheeler

News From Around the Camp

group of us at the Palmier Cemetery outside Columbia, Illinois a week ago as we went looking for the grave of one of our Confederate veterans buried there. We are enjoying her enthusiasm.

Our friends of Squad East are still on “Summer break” and will resume their regular schedule with their September meeting.

If you are aware of news about any of our members, please let Adjutant Gale Red know so we can pass it along to everyone. Thanks.

We just found the graves of two Confederate Soldiers buried in our area. Linda Hanabarger has been invaluable in helping with our search.

LAKE BRANCH CEMETERY, BREESE, CLINTON CO.:

LINDSEY, Benjamin Franklin, 2nd Sgt., Co. G, 14th AL Infantry, CSA, b. 29 April 1838 (GA), d. 16 Mar 1878

(No headstone, working on getting one put in and having a memorial.)

PALMER (PALMIER) CEMETERY, COLUMBIA:

HARRIS, William Henry, Pvt., Co. E, 26th TN Infantry (3rd TNB Vols.), CSA, b. 31 Aug 1844 (TN), d. 31 May 1928 East Carondolet Village, St. Clair Co.

(No headstone, working on getting one put in and having a memorial.)

FROM LOIS YOUNG

As a matter of interest, Lois, Don and I took a truck load of CW equipment to Cincinnati this past weekend to support Terry in his presentation on Morgan’s Raid. It was on the church grounds and cemetery and was well attended. Terry and Abe Lincoln gave



Showing off the Six Pounder

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presentations. We had a pistol salute in the cemetery after the preacher gave a short presentation. The Boy Scouts assisted. We had the 6 pdr set up and a crew of Alex, Dan, Terry, Don and myself. We drilled and fired only primers (since I thought it too dangerous for blanks

in the space available and no crowd control). Alex and I were the only s SCV members.

And we got to see the great grandkids.



SUMMER EVENTS

- 3 Aug: Mascoutah Homecoming, Mascoutah, IL
- 17 Aug: Freeburg Homecoming, Freeburg, IL
- 31 Aug – 2 Sep: Victorian Days, Jerseyville, IL
- 7-8 Sept: Homestead harvest Days, Highland, IL

Please make a point of attending the upcoming meetings as we round up the Dixon forces and prepare to take to the field once again.

As always, in the meantime, hold high the flag!

Our speaker for 1 August is Dr Richard Millett,

Our speaker this month is

Mr Randy Dunkin,

"A Visit with President Lincoln"

Minutes of the Dixon Camp

JUNE 6, 2013

Minutes of the 11 July 2013 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly Muster at 1830 hours on 6 June 2013 at the SWIC PSOP Center, 201 North Church Street, Belleville, IL, this being the 7th Muster of the year 2013.

CALL TO ORDER: Lt Cmdr Bill Altman called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Johnny Kicklighter provided the invocation.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and saluted the Confederate Flag which were properly displayed at the meeting.

COMMANDER'S WELCOME: Cmdr Mark Morgan welcomed members.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS: One correction to the June minutes was noted. The motion made by Billy Altman to adopt a resolution was errant. Motion made to accept the June

minutes with noted corrections was made by Gale Red and 2nd by Billy Altman. Motioned carried.

SWEARING IN:

Michelle A. Hampton was sworn in as a member of the Lady of the Golden Circle. Michelle is a 5th cousin 6 times removed of General Robert E. Lee, and is proud to be related to ten other Confederate soldiers from Mississippi and Louisiana. We are delighted to have Michelle with us as our newest Lady of the Golden Circle..



Lady Michelle Hampton

ROLL CALL: Billy Altman, Helen Altman, Walter Hall, Michelle Hampton, Allysee Hampton, Janice Beasley, Bill Beasley, Mark Morgan, Ron Lakin, Chris Rutledge, Lois Young, Harris Young, David McAuley, Ralph Oelfschlager, Dwight Moore, Dale Rice, Greg Reeson, Tom Sheeler, J.C. Gideon, JoAnn Gideon, Johnny Kicklighter, Sharon Red, Gale Red, Richard Millett (guest speaker), John McKee, Jane McKee, and grandchildren Diamond & J. Michael.

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FINANCIAL REPORT: The camp has \$3,971.08 in the account. However, that will be reduced by \$830 for division dues. Billy Altman made motion to accept and 2nd by Dwight Moore. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Garry Ladd, Commander, Hecker Camp SVCW stated there will be a rededication of the Smithton Village Hall at the Smithton homecoming. They have requested a rifle squad and color guard for the event. Alan Wandling of the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds requested the camp set up an interactive display for 9-11 Aug. Unfortunately our pressing schedule prevents us from participating. Adjutant Dave Roper of the Maj. James M. Utz – SCV Camp #1815 Utz Camp and the Brig. General Francis Marion Cockrell Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB) Chapter 84, stated they are conducting a raffle for a 1858 black power .45 cal pistol. Commander Jacob Lake released the Illinois Division Annual Report. The division also has formed a Speakers Bureau and is soliciting members to participate. Cmdr Morgan stated we soon would be taking up business to discuss the future

of the Illinois Division. The SWIC PSOP is scheduling a trip to Gettysburg’s Hallowed Ground, 13-20 November. The Hecker Camp is having their Annual Camp Dinner, Friday, 22 November, at the Shrine located at Our Lady of the Snows. Gale Red stated Ron Doran is not doing well, cannot leave his home due to the heat and requires oxygen to travel. Please be in prayer for Ron. Mark Morgan recognized Harris & Lois Young for their 67 years of marriage. We received a thank you card from John & Jane McKee for the money the camp donated on behalf of their family who lost their home in Oklahoma due to a tornado.

OLD BUSINESS: The Gun Show was the weekend of June 22nd and Billy Altman reported that attendance was thin. Billy asked if we should continue with our table at the gun show considering the lack of attendance and participation by camp members. Billy Altman said he would set it up but needed members to man the table. Bill Beasley said he believed we should



Linda Hanabarger with Gale Red

New member, Greg Reeson, who was sworn in just two months ago was notified that he has been reassigned for a three-year tour of duty at Ramstein AFB in Wiesbaden, Germany

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JULY 11, 2013

continue with the table as it promotes the camp. Gale Red stated the Gun Show is giving us a \$75 table free of charge. However, we have received only 5 new members as a result of the table in the years we have been manning it. Camp leadership agreed to man the table at the show at least one more time before making a decision. The H. L. Hunley traveling exhibit will cost us nearly \$7,000 in order for them to attend the Victorian Day's Festival in Jerseyville. The camp deferred action on the proposal but instead would seek ways to plan for the exhibit next year. Mark Morgan will follow-up.

New member, Greg Reeson, who was sworn in just two months ago was notified that he has been reassigned for a three-year tour of duty at Ramstein AFB in Wiesbaden, Germany, and will be departing the middle of next month. He has indicated that he plans to stay a member of our camp and represent us in the European theater of operations. Good luck, Greg.

FORMAL PRESENTATION: Dr. Richard Millett spoke on "The Man Who Beat Forrest: Maj. Gen Gordon Granger". Gen. Granger was one of

the truly unique generals who won every battle he fought in. Unfortunately, he was star-crossed career wise and ended up on the wrong side of General Grant who ultimately doomed Gen. Granger to a far lesser roll than he deserved. One of Granger's most noteworthy successes was in his defeat of Confederate Gen. N.B. Forrest. Dr. Millett is a nationally known and highly knowledgeable Civil War Historian that we hope to be able to have him back another time.

REFRESHMENTS: The refreshments were furnished by Sharon & Gale Red. August refreshments will be provided by Mark Morgan

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 1 August, 6:30 pm, same location.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Johnny Kicklighter provided the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Harris, Alex and Dan Young

We were so pleased to have Jane Mckee play a selection of on her dulcimer for us during the refreshment break. Jane began learning to play the dolcimer last October. She has already had one concert, and is becoming quite good. We look forward to hearing again soon.

Commander's Dispatch

COMMANDER MARK MORGAN ~ AUGUST 2013

Compatriots –

How 'bout a breather? I expect most of have had that sentiment at one time or another, usually following a particularly rough ordeal or some sort of hectic challenge. Well, not surprisingly, following the events of July 1863 – Union victories at Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Port Hudson, and Jackson (MS) – both sides actually took a breather, of sorts.

In the Eastern Theater, the Army of Northern Virginia spent the month safely (for the time being) on the south side of the Rappahannock River in northeastern Virginia. Across the river? The Army of the Potomac, still adjusting to the command style of Maj Gen George Gordon Meade, its fifth commander and the fourth in only two years. Meade didn't back away from Robert E. Lee's

army, but neither was he ready to directly confront Lee.

As for General Lee, on 8 August he sent a letter to President Davis, offering to resign command. The general stated, in part, "The general remedy for the want of success in a military leader is his removal. This is natural, and in many instances, proper... I have been prompted by these reflections more than once since my return from Pennsylvania to propose to Your Excellency the propriety of selecting another commander for this Army." President Davis refused the resignation and General Lee remained in command of the South's largest and strongest military force.

If one part of the South didn't get a break during this period, it was Charleston, South Carolina. On 1 August, Federal forces – after steadily moving forward – began a

bombardment of the fair city on the Cooper River that would last into August. By the middle of the month, the Yankees had the infamous "Swamp Angel" in place near Morris Island: a huge, 8-ton Parrott rifle which could fling a 200 pound shell some 5 miles. On 21 August, this gun commenced a bombardment of Fort Sumter and downtown Charleston. The "Swamp Angel" managed to fling 35 shells into the environs of Charleston before it blew up on 23 August. Despite its loss, the North had plenty of other heavy cannon and rifles ringing Charleston and kept up the bombardment.

On the 18th and 19th, two major events occurred out west, or more accurately up north and out west. On 18 August, the Dakota War or "Great Sioux Uprising" started in Minnesota, when four Eastern Dakotah – Brown Wing, Breaking Up,

Killing Ghost and Runs Against Something When Crawling – murdered five Minnesotans near the town of Acton, including two women. Led by Little Crow, the Dakotah went on the hunt throughout the Minnesota River Valley, laying siege the town of New Ulm and killing upwards of 500 civilians and nearly 80 soldiers before getting run to ground by Federal and Minnesota militia troops commanded by Maj Gen John Pope (yes, that John Pope, former commander of the Army of the Potomac and recipient of the Silver Medal at the Second Manassas). The state government later hung 38 of the Dakotah involved in the uprising.

On 19 August, 300 men under the command of Lt Col William Quantrill departed Blackwater Creek, MO, and headed in the direction of Lawrence, KS, via Westport, MO. Apparently driven by a need for revenge over a Jayhawker attack on Osceola, MO, on 23 September 1861, Quantrill’s “Raiders” fell on Lawrence on the 21st and killed

over 180 males, including every man or boy they suspected was old enough to carry a weapon. Quantrill finished the day by burning the town, destroying about 100 homes and 75 businesses.

In response, on 25 August Brig Gen Thomas Ewing – a former Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court – issued his infamous General Order No. 11, which ordered the forced removal of all residents of Bates (Butler, county seat), Cass (Harrisonville) and Jackson (Independence) Counties in southwest Missouri, plus part of Vernon (Nevada) County who failed to prove their allegiance to the Union. About 20,000 lost their homes, barns and crops, which were burned by Federal troops. An unknown number of Missourians put up a fuss about their eviction and were executed on the spot.

Finally, on the 29th of August, the Army of the Cumberland under Maj Gen William Rosecrans departed the vicinity of Chattanooga and started moving south, up and over the passes of Lookout

Mountain into northern Georgia. “Break time” was about to come to an abrupt end.

As for our taking a breather, what with the recent heat and humidity it’d probably be great, but I do believe we won’t get much of a chance over the next couple of months as we work our way as a camp through the homecoming events in Smithton, Mascoutah and Freeburg, plus Victorian Days in Jerseyville and the big annual Highland Event. My continued thanks to 1LCDR Bill Altman for running Camp Dixon around and to all who come out and participate in these events. And again, if you haven’t “worked” one, even for half a day (and again, uniforms are not required), come out and join the rest of your compatriots in the field.

See y’all at the August meeting. As always, hold high the flag!

Respectfully,
Mark Morgan
Commander

More from Smithton

JULY 26, 2013



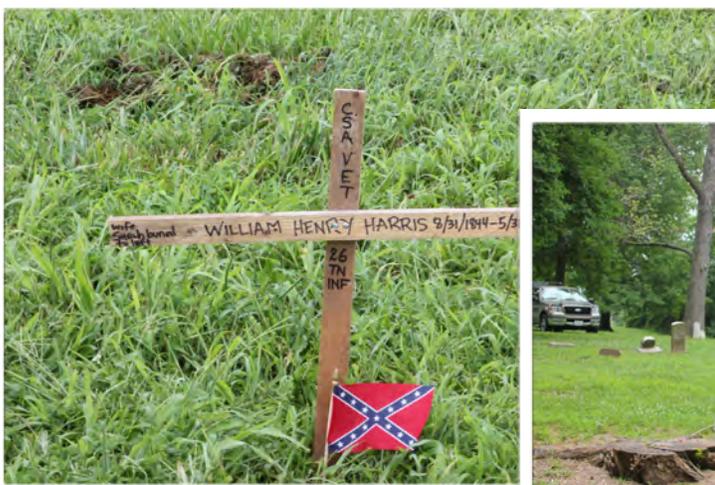
More photos from around the camp



TAKING SHOT AT HISTORY OF CIVIL WAR

S hari Lane and her son Jake Lane, 11, learn about re-enactors from Harris, Alex and Dan Young, who brought a two-thirds size 6-pounder cannon with them to the Monfort Heights United Methodist Church in Green Township on Saturday. They were recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and Morgan's Raiders with people in period dress and a visit from Abraham Lincoln, played by Stan Wernz.

THE ENQUIRER/TONY JONES



Palmier Cemetery, Columbia Illinois



Lt. George E. Dixon



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OUR NEXT MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday evening July 11, 2013. The meeting will be held at the SWIC Senior Citizen Center on the corner of East B and North Church Streets, in Belleville. Parking is available immediately across the street from the building. The building is located at 201 North Church, just three blocks east of North Illinois on East B. To get to the auditorium where we will have the meeting, ask the gentleman at the desk what room we are in. If you have any questions, call Gale Red for directions at 618-622-8949.

The speaker this month is Mr Randy Dunkin, "A Visit with President Lincoln" and we will have guests from the Hecker Camp.
