

*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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**START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT – FIND OUT ABOUT DECEMBER EVENTS  
AND ATTEND THE FIRST YEAR'S MEETING**



**6:30 P. M.  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9  
Belle Clair Fairgrounds**

## CAMP DIXON THANKS YOU

for being such loyal members despite your long-distance membership. We are grateful for your support, staying e-mail connected, and reading the newsletter. We just wish you were physically closer so we could personally see, visit, and talk to you. God bless you always but especially in the New Year!

Bailey, Jacob  
Conner, Travis  
Gray, Robert  
Haake, David  
Heinrich, Roger & Carole  
Hibler Amzy  
Jacobs, Tyler  
Johnson, James Clelland  
Kruse, John  
Loper, John  
Massey, John  
Ottinger, Ronnie  
Pike, Chris  
Pike, Steven  
Presley, William  
Runnels, David  
Tulak, Arthur  
Vaught, Richard  
Ziebold, Jason

## FROM YOUR COMMANDER

A house is like life – like our camp -- it must be built so strong it can weather all sorts of cold and heat and storms. There are certain steps in building a life and camp as there are in building a home. One does not begin with the roof; but right steps must be taken at the right time using only the best material. You must mix love and faith well into the foundation, work with all your heart, never doubt, never say "if this works." Watch what you say, what you think and listen intently to the inner voice that knows if the blueprint needs to be changed. And when the house is built, give it a chance to operate. Wait, but wait actively. Let no thought creep in to weaken any part of the plan from the foundation to the roof. Shelter it from disbelieving eyes and minds and believe that this life and camp is built of honest timber and it will always withstand the storms of time.

Our camp house is strong this year. Our happy family of Camp Dixon is strong in so many ways. I fully realize that the officials were not all appointed by me but some were elected by you, but they are still my official and happy Camp Dixon family. They have certainly freshened and fulfilled my life with happiness and laughter, and I am sure, strengthened it with prayer and joy.

Thank you for allowing me to lead your family. I am very proud to be your Commander and extend the warmest Happy New Year's blessings of happiness, good health, and prosperity.

*Confederately,  
Johnny Kicklighter*

## CAMP DIXON REMEMBERS



**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, 2016

**Harris Young**  
November 9, 1924 – September 29, 2017

Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we cannot touch,  
We still have many memories of the one we loved so much.  
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping; we have you in our heart.

**SADLY MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN**

\*\*\* **NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING** \*\*\*  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

**Belle Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center  
200 South Belt East  
Belleville IL**

**Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building**

**PRESENTATION: Kicklighter Family Ancestors  
SPEAKER: Commander Kicklighter**

**REFRESHMENTS: Compatriot Matt King**

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

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## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 12, 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 December 12, 2017 at the Belle Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 12<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year for 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER** by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin.

**INVOCATION** was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Lakin. 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.

**WELCOME** was given by Commander Johnny Kicklighter.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS BY COMMANDER KICKLIGHTER:** Valery Countryman and Mary Wilson

**ROLL CALL (22).** Janice Beasley, Mike, Mary Beth (guest) & Emily (guest) Biekert, J. C. Gideon, Robert Hardy & Valery Countryman (guest), Eric Funkhouser, Walter Hall, Johnny Kicklighter, Ron Lakin, Jim Lumma, John & Jane McKee, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, David & Yvonne Schmitt, Phil Tate and Steve and Mary Wilson (guest).

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**NOVEMBER 14 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Kicklighter).** Motion was made to accept the minutes by John McKee, seconded by Jim Lumma. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red).** (\$245 remains for the Christmas basket.) Jim Lumma made a motion to accept, seconded by Phil Tate. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**PROBLEM IN SENDING NEWSLETTER DUE TO LARGE PDF FILE (Adjutant Red).** Will have to resend.

**FREE CALENDARS (Lady Janice Beasley).** Help yourself.

**FREE BIBLES (Chaplain Biekert).** Free for the taking.

### OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND FOR TWO FAMILIES (Lady Sharon Red).** We have collected a balance of \$245 to spend -- \$145 to Barb Lumma for gifts for an Angel Tree family in Highland and I will allocate the remaining \$100 for a family in O'Fallon.

**REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP SHEET FOR NEXT YEAR (Lady Red).** November and December are open. *(Jane McKee volunteered to bring in November and Steve Wilson volunteered to bring in December.)*

### NEW BUSINESS

**GOOD NEWS ON MY WIFE, CHRIS (Commander Kicklighter).** After treatment, bloodwork came back normal and she has her MO-JO back!

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY, DECEMBER 16 (Adjutant Red).** We will meet at the Alton Confederate Cemetery at 10 am (leave my house at 9 am), then to Smallpox Island Monument, Green Mount Catholic Cemetery (for Kevin Duffy), Walnut Hill Cemetery (for Ron Doran, 4 Confederates and Union monument), Mascoutah Cemetery (for Brett Warner), Collinsville Lakeview Cemetery (for Harris Young), and Jefferson Barracks (for Bill Beasley).

**JANUARY MEETING ELECTIONS (Adjutant Red).** Do we have any nominations for CC, Lt CC, and Adjutant? Also need to fill positions of Historian, Door Greeter, and Quartermaster (to transport the flags).

**JANUARY 1 -- CAMP'S 16<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY.**

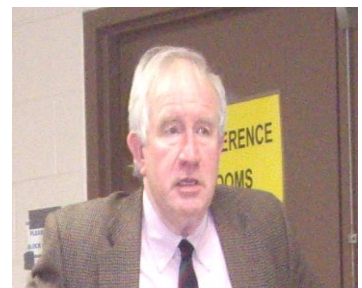
**JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS BIRTHDAY DINNER.** Need committee to help organize this. Help, please. Commander Kicklighter volunteered to work menu (with Layne).

**GRAND BALL (Mary Biekert).** Volunteered to resurrect this event and be the MC for the proposed June event. Will consult with the Reds.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEMORIES.** Shared by many.

**FORMAL PRESENTATION ON HIS CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS (Compatriot Dave Schmitt).**

Dave talked at great length about his family lines of Mumma from Mobile, Windle, Jennings, and Hogg. A very interesting and entertaining brief. Thanks, Dave, for sharing your Confederate family with us.!



## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 12, 2017 Muster (cont'd)



### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) First row (seated): Robert Hardy, Jane McKee, Mike, Emily, and Mary Beth Biekert, and Mary Wilson  
Next row: Gale Red, Valery Countryman, Dave Schmitt, Jim Lumma, Johnny Kicklighter,  
Ron Lakin, Steve Wilson, Dale Rice, John McKee, and J. C. Gideon

*(Sharon Red, photographer)*

**REFRESHMENTS** were provided by Steve and Mary Wilson

**BENEDICTION** was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

**MEETING** adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING CELEBRATING CAMP'S 16<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center. **Presentation** will be given by Commander Kicklighter on the *Kicklighter Family Ancestors*. **Refreshments** will be furnished by Compatriot Matt King.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*  
Adjutant



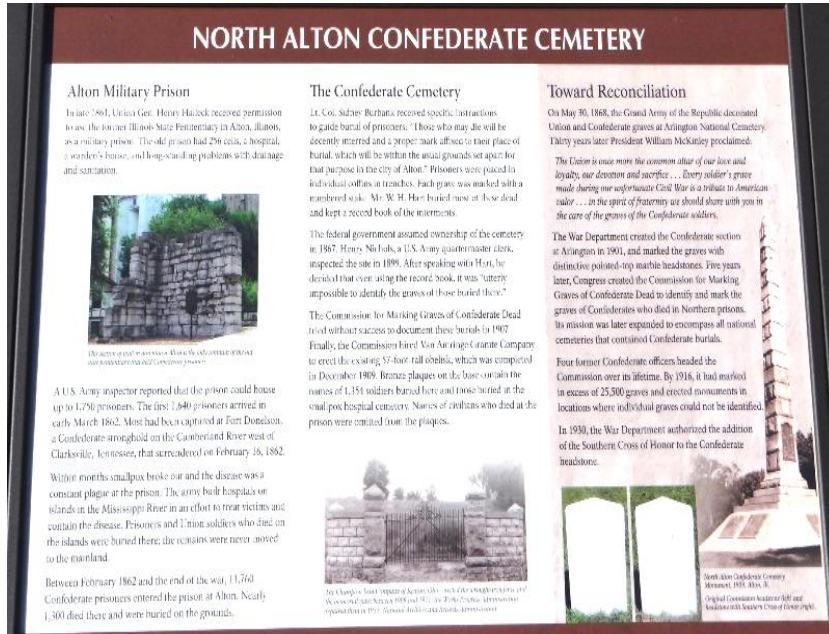
# Annual Wreaths Across America Day

(SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017) Camp Dixon participated in its 4<sup>th</sup> year in commemorating the Annual Wreaths Across America Day by placing Christmas wreaths on our worthy veterans' gravestones at the North Alton Confederate Cemetery, Smallpox Island in Alton, Green Mount Catholic Cemetery and Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville IL, and Mascoutah Cemetery. Adjutant Gale Red was again the site coordinator who made this event happen. Other camp members who participated were: Commander Johnny Kicklighter, Lady Sharon Red, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton, and Compatriots John McKee, Justin Ottolini, Jack Sandford, Dave Schmitt, J. C. Gideon. Also attending was Linda Mizell, President of the Martha Leah Turner Chapter #2692 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Many thanks to John McKee for taking the photos!



These wreaths were free, compliments of the Worcester Wreath Company. It has been their practice for 26 years to conduct this wonderful tradition, and we are lucky to reap the benefits to remember our veterans for Christmas. We believe as the founder (Morrill Worcester) does about his wreath project, *"I think it's America and what America needs to be. There are a lot of people who have roots in the military – they have veterans that have served. They want to spend a little time remembering those people and being at the cemeteries all over the country – just saying their names out loud and keeping their memories alive. I'm going to keep doing this as long as the Good Lord will let me – I'll do as long as I possibly can ... and then my family's behind me. They're going to keep on going – this will never stop. It's what the country's all about. We have to know where we've been and what we've been given in order to go forward in a meaningful way – what's been given to us – so we can have what we have all down through the history of our country."* We should carry on his motto to **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those that serve, and **Teach** our children the value of freedom.

## NORTH ALTON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY (ALTON IL)



If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane,  
We would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again.  
No farewell words were spoken – no time to say goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow;  
What it meant to lose you – no one will ever know.  
But now we know you want us to mourn for you no more,  
To remember all the happy times life still has so much in store.  
Since you'll never be forgotten – we pledge to you today:  
A hallowed place within our heart is where you'll always stay.



# Annual Wreaths Across America Day (cont'd)

## NORTH ALTON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY (ALTON IL) (cont'd)



(L-R) John McKee, Sharon Red, Jack Sandford, John Stanton, Justin Ottolini, Dave Schmitt, and Linda Mizell



(L-R) Linda Mizell, Gale Red, Jack Sandford, Justin Ottolini, John Stanton, Dave Schmitt, and Sharon Red

## SMALL POX MONUMENT (ALTON IL)



(L-R) Dave Schmitt, Sharon and Gale Red

Since we didn't give you honor while you were here to hear the praise  
 Then at least let's give you homage at the ending of your days.  
 You didn't do any talking – you didn't ask for praise  
 But the Civil War really happened so many thanks for your service that you gave.  
 You held no dreams of fortune vast nor sought undying fame  
 You did not ask when life was past that many now your name.  
 Oh, gentle loving men to very humble in nature  
 In your quiet little way, you did your best to be kind with every gesture.  
 Now God looked down upon the earth and say this soldier's tired face.  
 He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
 God's garden must be beautiful – He always takes the best.  
 He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.  
 So, He closed this soldier's tired eyes and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."  
 It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone  
 For part of us went with you the day God called you home.



# Annual Wreaths Across America Day (cont'd)

## GREEN MOUNT CATHOLIC CEMETERY (BELLEVILLE IL)



Compatriot Kevin Benedict Duffy  
(January 6, 1942 – October 15, 2010)

## MASCOUTAH CEMETERY



Compatriot Brett Forrest Warner  
(September 29, 1960 – March 21, 2012)

## WALNUT HILL CEMETERY (BELLEVILLE IL)



Compatriot Ronald Doran  
(July 14, 1940 – March 24, 2015)



Compatriot H. E. Schrader



Compatriot Hiram D.  
Anderson



Union Monument

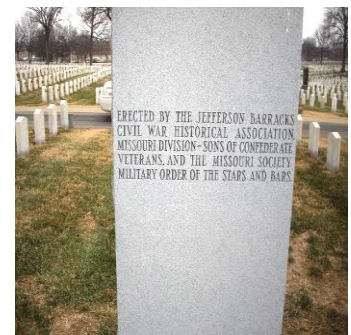
## JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY (ST. LOUIS MO)



Compatriot Bill Beasley  
(December 4, 1942 – April 17, 2015)



Confederate Monument  
Erected by the Jefferson Barracks Civil War Historical Association,  
Missouri Div, Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
and the Missouri Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars





# Christmas Gifts/Food for Two Special Families

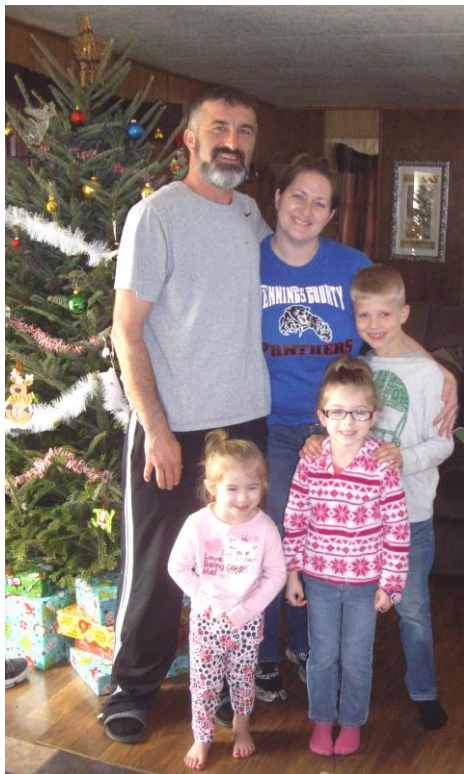
(Saturday, December 23, 2017) Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red purchased and boxed gifts goodies for one of two special Christmas families and then delivered the boxes on December 23 to Larry and Chastity Low and their children, (son) Ryder (9), (daughter) Mackynna (4), and (daughter) Maycee (2).

Barb and Jim Lumma volunteered to sponsor a family from Highland. They took charge and obtained their name from the Angel Tree, then purchased, wrapped, and delivered Christmas gifts to two sisters, Alician (11) and Ashlyn (7).

Recap: the camp gave a total of \$375.25, and we spent an extra \$4.81. This allowed us to buy:

- a Thanksgiving feast of \$125.19 for the Pruitt family of eight in Shiloh IL
- Christmas gifts/meal for the Low family of five in O'Fallon IL \$122.43. Boxes included gifts and food. (Gifts were: Larry (hooded sweatshirt), Chastity (pierced earrings), Ryder (youth-size basketball), Mackynna (pierced earrings), and Maycee (talking lamb stuffed animal). Food: ham, fresh white potatoes, fresh broccoli, fresh and canned green beans, canned corn, buns, pecan and pumpkin pies, Cool Whip, bananas, apples, homemade Rollo candy and cookies, Country Crock, brown sugar, salad, milk, apple cider, hot chocolate mix, and Poppycok. *(A similar camp card as given on Thanksgiving accompanied the food for the Low family.)*
- Christmas gifts (shoes, socks, underwear, PJs, outfits, toys and games) for the Angel Tree sisters in Highland IL (\$132.44) (chaired by Barb Lumma).

Many thanks to the members of Camp Dixon who gave very generously to ensure these families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal and gifts. This is the first time Camp Dixon has donated a Christmas meal/gifts, and it was a grand success thanks to you.



**Very Thankful for our Generosity**  
The Low Family  
(Larry, Chastity, Ryder, Mackynna & Maycee)



**Delivery of Christmas Boxes**  
For the Low Family



**Barb and Jim Lumma**  
**Angel Tree Christmas Gift Givers**  
For sisters, Alician and Ashlyn

## **“LAST” SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 18, 2017 Muster**

Squad East, SCV, conducted their last monthly muster at 6:50 p.m. on December 18, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Lt Robert Marley.

**INVOCATION** was given by Chaplain Sam Booth.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by Adjutant 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.

**ROLL CALL (8):** David Ash, Sam Booth, Robert Marley, Gale & Sharon Red, Larry Weber, and John & Marilyn (guest) Winterfeld.

### **PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2017 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion was made to accept minutes by Sam Booth, seconded by David Ash. Motion carried. Minutes carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**OUTCOME OF SQUAD EAST (Adjutant Red).** Adjutant Red asked the members present to vote on whether or not the Squad East would continue 'as is' or if we desired to continue as members of Camp George Dixon 1962. After some discussion and members voicing their opinions, a vote was taken. The Squad members voted to become part of Camp Dixon. Some members present voiced their hope that in any given year there will be at least a couple of occasions where members in Clay and Effingham County will travel to a regular meeting of the Camp to be held in the Belleville area. Adjutant Red recommended that one of the last duties of Lt. Marley as Squad Leader should be to send each Squad member the addresses and phone numbers of the membership.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY (Adjutant Red).** Adjutant Red announced the annual 'Laying of the Wreaths' took place at 10am, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Alton Monument & Small Pox Island. There were 8 people in attendance. The contingent proceeded to visit Walnut Hill, and cemeteries in Belleville and Mascoutah.

### **FORMAL PRESENTATION**

Adjutant Gale Red provided a report on the History of Christmas celebrations in America and how they were influenced by the celebrations in England, Europe and Turkey. Adjutant Red described how the holiday celebrations changed over the centuries and how the holiday traditions begun in the 1800's still play a major role in how the holidays are celebrated today in the United States.

**BENEDICTION:** Chaplain Sam Booth provided the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**NO FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Respectfully submitted,

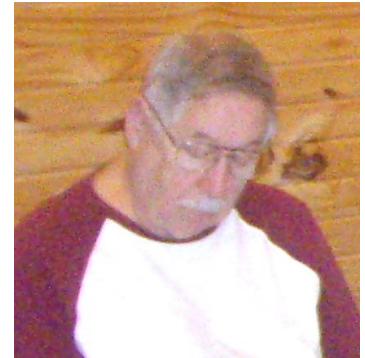
*Robert N. Marley*  
Lieutenant



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



**GET-WELL WISHES TO ADJUTANT GALE RED** who will start chemotherapy treatments on January 2 and 3 at the Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis MO. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a curing miracle.



**GET-WELL WISHES TO COMPATRIOT WALTER HALL** who will undergo double eye surgery on January 11. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a successful operation. *(The camp will send a get-well card.)*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMANDER JOHNNY AND FIRST LADY CHRIS KICKLIGHTER** on January 28 for their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They are a very supportive and leading camp couple; we wish them many more happy and healthy anniversaries!

## CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR (HOLIDAY)
- 9 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (HOLIDAY)

### FEBRUARY

- 2 GROUNDHOG DAY
- 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- 13 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING  
---- CAMP ELECTION DAY ----
- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT BEGINS)
- 14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
- 19 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY  
(PRESIDENT'S DAY (HOLIDAY))

### MARCH

- 11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
(SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR)
- 13 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- 25 PALM SUNDAY
- 30 GOOD FRIDAY



### JANUARY

- 1 Justin Ottolini  
(from Godfrey IL)
- 3 Chaplain Walter "Mike" Biekert  
(from Belleville IL)
- 9 David Runells  
(from Victorville CA)
- 14 Christopher Pike  
(from Quebec, Canada)
- 18 Bobby Samuel  
(from Carterville IL)
- 28 Robert Gray  
(from Wymore NE)

Commander  
1Lt Commander  
2Lt Commander  
Adjutant  
Chaplain  
Sgt at Arms  
Program Chairman  
Historian  
Door Greeter  
Quartermaster

#### CAMP DIXON LEADERSHIP

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