

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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SEPTEMBER 2018

AUTUMN GET-TOGETHER JUST FOR YOU
CAMP DIXON MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
6:30 P. M.
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds



FROM THE COMMANDER

Salutations from the commander. Attention to orders: Well done. The muster for the Freeburg IL parade was an effective and well attended representation of our ancestors and the common memory of their sacrifice that we are tasked to uphold. Each and every time we have the opportunity to show our pride in his service we are not only obligated to do so but it is your expected duty to make every attempt to do so.

We must remember that the image and personification of the Confederate soldier have been altered many times in the past. At times he has been cast as a traitor. At others he has been held high in esteem for fighting valiantly against impossible odds until the bitter end. He has been displayed as a noble warrior on the silver screen and as an agent of evil as well. At many times in our nation's history politicians have both honored and decried his memory. In this time of our country's current political correctness having so permeated the civil discourse of free speech within many levels of media and academia, we must bravely attempt to tell the true story of the southern soldier's ordeal and struggles and not shrink from this task. We are faced with a new and yet old form of historical revisionism that is based on the Marxist-Leninist or socialist historical platform of ideas. While it is a daunting journey, we should hold fast to the past and remember that the story of the Confederate soldier has and will change in the eyes of the media and people. We are responsible for attempting to hold true to an actual and historical account of their lives.

Don't forget to attend our September 11 monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. and our October 6th meeting will be at Bob Eversgerde's fort in Bartlesville IL. We will have a joint meeting with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our meeting will be at 11:15 or so. Plan to be there at around 10:00 to spend time to see this building of Bob's. Thank you and may God bless.

Confederately,
John Stanton



Recognize this flag?
Know its name?
(answer on pages 6 and 8)

THANK YOU

*for paying your
annual dues.
Everyone renewed their
membership
except for a few.
Appreciate your loyalty
and support of Camp
Dixon for another year.*

Gale Red

*** NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING ***
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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

Parking/Entrance on East Side of Building

PROGRAM: Ancestors and/or Gettysburg Trip
PRESENTER: Commander John Stanton & Compatriot Justin Ottolini
REFRESHMENTS: Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red

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

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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 14, 2018 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:33 p.m. on August 14, 2018 at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 8th Muster of the year for 2018.

CALL TO ORDER: Adjutant Gale Red.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: 2nd Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Salute to the Confederate flag.

WELCOME: Adjutant Gale Red

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS: Adjutant Red greeted David McAuley and Jack Sandford (members not been here for a while).

ROLL CALL (24): Janice Beasley, Walter Mike Biekert, Bill Boyd, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. & JoAnn Gideon, Walter Hall, Johnny Kicklighter, Matt King, Greg Krieg, Tim Mackey, David McAuley, John & Jane McKee, Andy & Jane Novara, Justin Ottolini, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Jack Sandford, John Stanton, Phil Tate, and Steve Wilson.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 10 MEETING MINUTES (Adjutant Red): Motion to accept by Steve Wilson, seconded by Andy Novara. Minutes accepted by a show-of-hands vote. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red): Current balance was reported. (about \$2,100 owed to National for annual dues). All the checks have been deposited from your banks. Motion to accept by David McAuley, seconded by Matt King. Report accepted by a show-of-hands vote. Motion carried. Financial report accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT ON SMITHTON HOMECOMING PARADE, JULY 28.

(Tim Mackey) Was very good – loved the muskets.

(Commander Stanton) Well attended – warm welcome. We need to make an impression that we're not monsters.

IL DIVISION JOINT CAMP MEETING (ELECTIONS AND GET-TOGETHER) (Adjutant Red). Possibly planned now for the first Saturday of November (November 4 – 10:00 – tentative date) at Chatham Library (just short of Springfield IL). Need commitment of the camp commanders/adjutants. More details/directions next month.

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

FREEBURG PARADE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 ONLY (Adjutant Red). Line up at 4:00, step-off at 5:00. John Kicklighter will again graciously provide his truck and trailer. Meet at same parking lot near west (left) side of town by ACE Hardware.

OCTOBER 6 MEETING (SATURDAY), SHOW 10:00, TO BE HELD AT BOB EVERSGERDE'S FORT, BARTELSON IL (Commander Stanton). Tour of fort and socialize with Union Camp before going to Germantown for lunch. Bob built a genuine fort mostly by himself -- made his own cannon and did tremendous things. Biggest collection of Indian artifacts – collecting since he was five. Driving instructions will be provided at September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1st LT COMMANDER CAMP POSITION OPEN (Adjutant Red). No designated duties but according to the Commander's directions. Takes Commander's place when absent or leaves. Two members were nominated: Matt King (from Highland) and Tim Mackey (from Belleville). Majority vote of hands picked Tim Mackey. He will be sworn in at next month's meeting. *(Matt is already working on an Alton genealogy project. Tim said he noticed a VA guard is still present at the Alton monument. Jack Sandford said he motorcycles through Alton 3-4 times a week, and the guard was in place each time.)*

LOOKING FOR BRIEFING PRESENTERS (Commander Stanton). Coming in January 2019 is a Civil War author from McKendree. Please consider talking about your favorite topic to the camp.

YOUR ANCESTOR (Adjutant Red). Think about your ancestor – information – picture – family – grave.

FT. DONELSON TRIP, 3RD WEEKEND IN OCTOBER (Commander Stanton). Who will attend?

(Adjutant Red) Will get a hold of Bob Herr and discuss at next meeting.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 14, 2018 Muster (cont'd)

SHOWED VIDEO ON LOYCE EDWARD DEEN (Commander Stanton). Loyce Edward Deen, a 23-year-old USNR Aviation Machinist Mate (Gunner) 2d Class, was killed by anti-aircraft fire during the battle of Manila Bay. After a 2-hour flight, the TBF Avenger aircraft of Torpedo Squadron VT-15, Air Group 15, lands safely aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Essex CV-9. His body was in such bad condition, it cannot be removed and the aircraft is pushed over the side for burial at sea.



(Reference World War 2 Film Festival, [FACEBOOK.COM/WORLDDWAR2FILMFESTIVAL](https://www.facebook.com/WorldWar2FilmFestival), footage donated by CriticalPast).

Let us honor their sacrifice.



MEETING GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) Row 1 (seated): Jane Novara, JoAnn Gideon, Jane McKee, and Janice Beasley (with R. Lee)

Row 2: Phil Tate, Andy Novara, Johnny Kicklighter, David McAuley, Greg Krieg, Dale Rice, Justin Ottolini, Bill Boyd, and Gale Red

Row 3: Jack Sandford, Eric Funkhouser, Matt King, Steve Wilson, John McKee, John Stanton, Tim Mackey, J. C. Gideon, and Mike Biekert

Photographer: Sharon Red

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 14, 2018 Muster (cont'd)

PRESENTATION ON KICKLIGHTER ANCESTRY by 2nd Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter.



Highlights of his powerpoint briefing follow:

Johnny's 3rd great grandfather Jesse Kicklighter's sons served in the Civil War in the 4th & 5th Georgia Cavalry. Jesse Kicklighter was born in Colleton, SC in 1804 and eventually moved to Glennville, located in southern Georgia, not far from the coast. During that time, he fathered numerous children including seven sons who served...Henry, Jesse, Ebeneza, Frederick, William, Jacob, and Matthew.



Six of the brothers joined the 5th Georgia Cavalry in early 1862 which was formed out of the need for coastal security. This sparsely populated area was defenseless by mid-1862 as most of the white male population left to join the army, and the residents moved to safer locales in the uplands. The 5th Cavalry engaged in a skirmish with a few Federal gunboats, the Battle of Pocotaligo in October 1862, and the Battle of Olustee in February 1864. The 5th became bored with patrolling the coast and requested to be assigned to Virginia or Tennessee. They were ordered to Atlanta to support Wheeler's Cavalry of the Army of Tennessee.

The 5th was involved in 10 battles including the Battle of Atlanta. Jacob was captured in Woodbury TN while engaged in some behind-enemy-lines-activity and was imprisoned at Camp Chase OH for the duration of the war. The 5th continued to engage in numerous other skirmishes as they harassed General Sherman as he marched to the sea. They continued annoying Sherman into South & North Carolina and eventually surrendered in Bentonville NC.

The youngest of the brothers, Matthew, joined Georgia's 4th Cavalry in 1864. Their mission was to ward off Federal incursions, recruit, and courier duty. The 4th eventually was sent to Columbus GA and then Atlanta to join up with the Army of Tennessee. It was in southwest Atlanta at the Battle of Jonesboro where they met General Sherman. By the end of the war, the 4th had suffered a 90% depletion of their forces, and they disbanded in early May of 1865. The commander simply ordered them to "return home and go to work." Matthew eventually surrendered on July 10.

REFRESHMENTS were provided by Compatriot John & Lady Jane McKee.

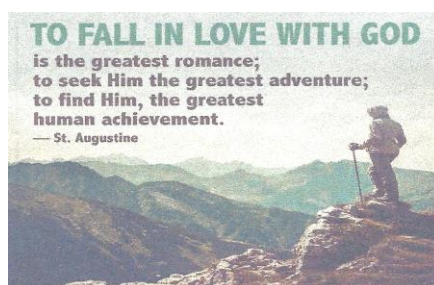
BENEDICTION was given by Chaplain Biekert.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center. PROGRAM on Ancestors and/or Gettysburg Trip by Commander Stanton and Compatriot Justin Ottolini. REFRESHMENTS by Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red
Adjutant



Camp Dixon in Annual Freeburg Homecoming Parade

(Saturday, August 18, 2018) WHAT A WARM WELCOME FROM THE FREEBURG COMMUNITY!! Spectators lined the streets and waved to the camp attendees who marched and rode the float. Camp Dixon fired muskets, carried flags, and threw candy and was thankful to the city for their warm hospitality and beautiful weather.

We especially thank the 18 Camp Dixon members/guests who participated and shared their confederate spirit: **Commander John Stanton (and grandson, Compatriot Justin Ottolini, and granddaughter, Maria Ottolini), 2nd Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter (and Lady Chris plus granddaughters), Adjutant Gale Red, Asst Adjutant John & Lady Jane McKee, Chaplain Mike Biekert (and Mary & daughter Caroline), and Compatriots Phil (and Dianne) Tate, Ronnie Lakin, Steve Wilson, and Jack Sandford.**

Much appreciation and thanks also go to:

- **Adjutant Red for loaning his personal flags, muskets/ammunition, uniforms, and decorations**
- **John Kicklighter for use of his truck/trailer and supplying the hay stacks**
- **His father, Johnny, truck driver**
- **Asst Adjutant John McKee, photographer, for his exceptional pictures**



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) Mike Biekert, Steve Wilson, Phil Tate, Caroline and Mary Biekert, Justin Ottolini, Dianne Tate, Maria Ottolini (John Stanton's granddaughter), John Stanton, Johnny and Chris Kicklighter's granddaughters, Jane McKee, Chris Kicklighter, Ron Lakin, Gale Red, and Jack Sandford



THE START OF OUR FLOAT
Truck Owned by John Kicklighter



TRUCK DRIVER
Johnny Kicklighter



Ready to throw goodies to the kiddies:
Lady Jane McKee and Maria Ottolini
(in period attire)



Our Fabulous Photographer
John McKee



A lead marcher
Gale Red



The flag marchers are ready to show off their colors.
(L-R) Mike Biekert (Chaplain flag), Gale Red (Bonnie Blue),
and Jack Sandford (1st National)



Mike Biekert marches
with his Chaplain flag



The float is on its way.
 (L-R) Chris Kicklighter, Ron Lakin, Jane McKee, Maria Ottolini,
 Mary Biekert, John Stanton, Justin Ottolini, Steve Wilson, and Phil Tate



A leading marcher
 Jack Sandford



Jack Sandford's T-shirt spread the word:

**THIS FLAG MAY FADE
 BUT THE GLORY NEVER WILL.**



The guns fired ... people held their ears ... but enjoyed it anyway and asked for more.
(L-R) Behind the firearms are Ron Lakin, John Stanton, and Steve Wilson (Dianne Tate marching)



A loyal marcher
Dianne Tate



The 2nd National proudly flew in the breeze.



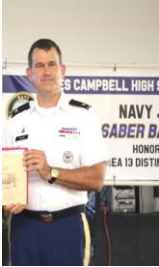
John Stanton and
Justin Ottolini



Smiling Steve Wilson ... proud to be a Confederate in Camp Dixon.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP

A note
from
Associate
Member
Arthur Tulak
of
Ewa Beach,
Hawaii



"Aloha Gale.

I hope you are doing well.

I have completed one year of my doctoral studies and am ready to conduct the field research for my dissertation. I am pursuing an Education Doctorate with the University of Southern California in Los Angeles while continuing to work full time at HQ US Pacific Command.

The Hawaii SCV Camp is growing in size, and we are doing well with the Hunley medal program. I presented three this year to Farrington Aiea and Campbell High Schools."

Best regards,
Arthur Tulak



**VALERY
COUNTRYMAN**
PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 9

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO HER HUSBAND
COMPATRIOT
ROBERT HARDY**

So very sorry to hear about Bob's wife's passing. We know this has upset Robert's lifestyle, and he is now at the Highland Health Care Center. We express our sincerest sympathy.



**WELCOME BACK
2nd LT CMDR JOHNNY
& LADY CHRIS KICKLIGHTER**

Johnny and Chris traveled on a two-week trip to Ireland and had a great time.




GREAT NEWS on Gale Red. His CLL is in remission; next blood check in 3 months – won't need tendon surgery. Thank you, Jesus, and, friends, for all your prayers!



Knight Doug Lawrence (& wife, Lady Betty) are sorry they haven't been able to make it to any meetings for some time. That's because Doug is running for Sheriff and that has consumed much of their time. They are hoping you all are doing good and hope to get together again soon. Thanks and God bless you.

ELECT

**Doug
LAWRENCE**



**BOND COUNTY
SHERIFF**

Facebook: Douglas P. Lawrence

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to use my law enforcement education, training, and experience to serve you to the best of my ability.

"My primary promise to you - is for fair and honest law enforcement to ALL citizens of Bond County!!!"

We appreciate any and all support
Thank you and God Bless, Doug and Betty Lawrence
618-304-5458

Paid for by Friends of Doug Lawrence



**DEEPEST SYMPATHY
ON THE PASSING OF LOIS YOUNG
(IN CINCINNATI OH)
AUGUST 31, 2018**

Alex Young, her grandson, advised that his father (Terry), his Uncle Don, and brother were with her today. She entered the hospital a week ago and steadily declined. She turned 94 a month ago. Details of the service to follow. We express our sincerest sympathy to her family.

(Her husband, Reagan Harris, a charter camp member, passed away September 29, 2017. They were married for 71 years.)

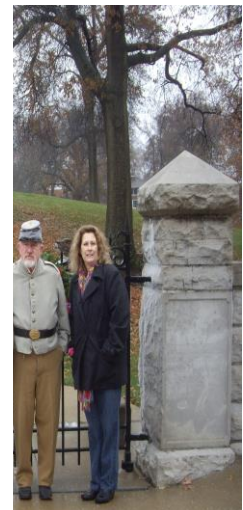


A week before the Gettysburg reenactment, collector/dealer Allen Wandling and his wife Robin, offered unique Gettysburg artifacts for sale at the GBPA Civil War Show. The rifle-musket was picked up at Culp's Hill after the battle, the revolver was used during the battle, the frock coat was worn by Lt. George B. Butler during the battle where he was wounded and had his right arm amputated. Allen owns Mid West Civil War Relics. His website is www.midwestcivilwarrelics.com.

Reference: [Civil War News](#), Vol. 44, No. 9, September 2018.

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
COMPATRIOT DAVE
SCHMITT
& YVONNE FRICKER
CONGRATULATIONS ON
THEIR 28th WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

We are very blessed to have this couple in our camp and hope they have a blessed anniversary! Many more happy and healthy ones to Dave and Yvonne!
(The camp will send a greeting card.)



CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

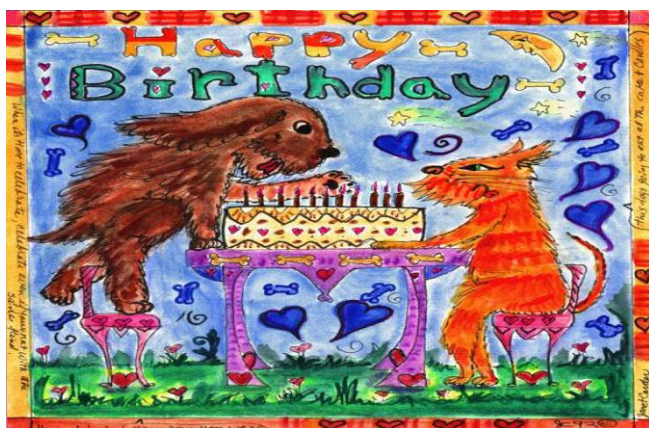
- 3 LABOR DAY (HOLIDAY)
- 9 GRANDPARENTS' DAY
- 11 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
- Mid-End of Mo. -- Blue/Gray BBQ
(Cmdr Stanton's Home, Godfrey)

OCTOBER

- 6 10:00/11:15 Joint Blue/Gray Camp Mtg
(Bob Eversgerde's Fort, Bartelso)
- 8 COLUMBUS DAY (HOLIDAY)
- 20-21 Weekend Trip to Fort Donelson
- 31 HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
(set clocks back 1 hour)
- 6 ELECTION DAY
- 11 VETERANS DAY
- 13 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 22 THANKSGIVING DAY



SEPTEMBER

- 6 WALTER HARRIS (Glen Carbon IL)
- 7 GORDON HAYES (Granite City IL)
- 14 JOHN WINTERFELD (Flora IL)
- 15 RONALD LAKIN (Freeburg IL)
- 16 DWIGHT MOORE (Mascoutah IL)
- 21 HANS HENDRIKSEN (Germany)
- 22 MATT KING (Highland IL)
- 26 BILL BOYD (Columbia IL)
- 30 JOHN STANTON (Godfrey IL)

CAMP DIXON LEADERSHIP

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Door Greeter	VACANT	
Quartermaster	VACANT	