

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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AUGUST 2019

**Enjoy the cool weather drive and come visit with your Confederate friends at the
NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING**

Belle-Clair Fairgrounds

TUESDAY

AUGUST 13, 2019

6:30 P. M.

FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings, fellow loyal members of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV Camp 1962 from your Commander and Officers of the Camp.

As I write this message I am deeply concerned on the status of our Adjutant Gale Red who suffered a fall during the Smithton parade. I ask all members to reach out in prayers for Gale and his wife, Sharon, for his recovery and blessings from the Almighty. The parade was well attended by members of the Camp and it was at the end of the event in which Gale stumbled and fell. I pray that he is well and will be at the meeting in August.

I would like to remind all members of the upcoming Freeburg IL parade on August 17 which we will discuss at our August meeting.

There is an old idiom that I am sure each and every one of you knows that being the phrase of swallowing a bitter pill. I am sure you know exactly what it means too. The act of having to undertake something very difficult or distasteful to a person's beliefs or conduct. It is an act of which violates an individual to his very identity. Our Southern ancestors experienced this type of humiliation during the period of their history known as reconstruction under northern military occupation. At the end of the war all Southern soldiers were obliged to swear an oath of loyalty to the United States. The oath was indeed an act of stating that the soldier had performed an act of treason against the government and that he now would swear that he would never again bear arms against her. It was a painful insult to the Southern soldier to have to perform this oath as they truly in the own hearts and minds never believed that they were guilty of such acts of treason. Under duress of defeat they had to bend and submit. They had a name for this oath in those days as the idiom of swallowing a bitter pill did not exist at that time. It was called Swallowing the Dog. This phrase meant that one would have to swallow a dead dog that had been lying in a puddle of water. To the people of that day it held the same meaning for them as the bitter pill does to us today. For the people of the South it was humiliating enough to be forced to perform this oath at the conclusion of the war, but the oath did not simply end there. During reconstruction the boot of the Union Army remained upon the neck of the Southern people and the oath would be used to further degrade them and remind them of their "treachery" at most every governmental, social and civic relations they were forced to perform once again this oath. If one applied for a bank loan, one was forced to repeat the oath. Upon request for a marriage certificate, the couple was forced to recite the oath. In order to teach in a school, the person had to utter the oath. To attend a university the student had to submit to the oath. I can go on at great length as to all the events in their daily life in which our ancestors were subjected to this abuse but I think you understand my drift. This oath applied to men, women, and at times children. The oath went against everything that they believed about this horrendous conflict and of the state of their mind about it. Many had lost fathers, husbands, brothers, and friends in the war. Others had undergone great hardship of a daily life of limited food and necessities for the war years. Now they were forced to publicly utter this ignominious oath which violated all they believed that they were not traitors but defenders of their homes, families and their states. The oath reminds me of the period of ancient Roman history during the empire. As the Romans elevated to emperors to a state of deity they each year ordered all citizens in the realm to once a year appear before a magistrate and make worship of the emperor. At the conclusion of the ceremony the citizen would be issued his certificate that he had performed his yearly duty and might go about his life as usual. The only problem was that the Christians for the most part refused to bow to this law. History tells the fate of many of those who refused to perform this act of idol worship in violation of their religious beliefs. Hope to see all at our meeting on August 13. God bless.

Confederately,

John Stanton



**BE PROUD AND
SHOW OFF YOUR
CONFEDERATE
COLORS**

**(Wear your period attire if you got it)
Please Come, March, or
Ride the Camp Float
at the
Freeburg Homecoming Parade
Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Meet at the Shopping Center

**If you're going, call:
Adjutant Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949**

*** NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING ***

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center

200 South Belt East, Belleville IL

Parking/Entrance on East Side of Building

PRESENTER: Compatriot Steve Wilson

PROGRAM: Shiloh Trip

REFRESHMENTS: 1st Lt Cmdr Matt & Andi King

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

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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 11, 2019 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly Muster at 6:35 p.m. on July 9, 2019 at the Exposition Hall, Belle Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville IL; this being the 7th Muster of the year 2019.

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

COMMANDER'S WELCOME: Commander Stanton welcomed the Camp's members and friends.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS (Pledge of Allegiance, and Salute to Confederate Flag): The American Flag was properly displayed. Commander Stanton led everyone in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

SWEARING IN: None.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS: None.

ROLL CALL (20) (Commander Stanton). Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll.

Those present included: Janice Beasley, Walter Mike Biekert, Leslie & Steve Delan (guests). Walter Hall, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, Roger Heinrich (guest), Bob Herr, Johnny Kicklighter, Matthew King, Robert Massey (guest speaker), Carl & Linda Mizell (guests), Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Jack Sandford, Dave Schmitt, and John Stanton.



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (1st Row) David Schmitt, Dale Rice, Eric Funkhouser, Bob Massey, Leslie Delan, Linda & Carl Mizell, & Gale Red

(2nd Row) J. C. Gideon, Roger Heinrich, John Stanton, Mike Biekert, Jack Sandford, & Steve Delan

Photographer: Sharon Red

MINUTES: The June 11, 2019 meeting minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Walter Hall and seconded by Bob Herr with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gale Red reported the financial report. Only outstanding bill is for the web site (\$100-150 awaiting from Johnny Kicklighter. The Financial Report was approved by a motion to accept by Walter Hall and seconded by Dale Rice with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 9, 2019 Muster (cont'd)

COMMUNICATIONS

ANYONE IN OUR CAMP ILL OR STRUGGLING WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS? (Commander Stanton). Please let Adjutant Red, Chaplain Biekert, or me know so we can try to help.

(Gale Red) Lady Jane McKee had surgery on July 2 and is in a lot of pain. Sharon paid a visit to her and brought her lunch yesterday – she will be laid up another week.

(Gale Red) Chaplain Biekert, please make a visitation to Ham Lemmer. He has terminal cancer and is not doing well. Passed roster to you.

(Gale Red) Chaplain Biekert, please check on Jerry Smith.

OLD BUSINESS

SMITHTON IL HOMECOMING PARADE, SATURDAY, JULY 27.

(Lady Janice Beasley) Meet?

(Gale Red) Not sure about meeting place – will send an email on location.

(Commander Stanton) Very positive welcome – please come.

(Chaplain Biekert) Last year, the Smithton community were clapping and saluting us! This year I have a Betsy Ross flag to carry in the march.

FREEBURG IL HOMECOMING PARADE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17.

(Adjutant Red) Meet at the shopping center. Johnny, will John let us use the trailer?

(2nd Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter) I'll check and let you know in a few days.

ANNUAL DUES NEED TO BE PAID NEXT MONTH (Commander Stanton).

\$50 (\$30 National and \$20 camp) for SCV members

\$20 for Knight and Ladies and Associate Members

Due NLT July 31

(Gale Red: Have not deposited checks yet but will do very soon.

ALTON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY MEMORIAL, OCTOBER 12, 2019 (Adjutant Red).

Please put on your calendar to attend.

(2nd Lt Commander Kicklighter) Issues resolved?

(Adjutant Red) Not yet but hope to soon.

NEW BUSINESS

JOINT PICNIC WITH SUVCW AT JOHN STANTON'S HOME (Commander Stanton). Put off until September some time – will advise.

REFRESHMENTS. Adjutant Gale and Lady Sharon Red brought fried chicken, potato salad, fruit tray with dip, cookies, and beverages.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 9, 2019 Muster (cont'd)



Speaker: Bob Massey

PROGRAM: Power point briefing on “Arizona, the State that Seceded Twice” by Dr. Robert Massey from Hannibal MO. Dr. Massey was born in Northern California and raised in Missouri and Kentucky. He graduated from high school in historic Liberty, Missouri. From there he earned his B. S. from Western Kentucky University, and a Master’s from the University of West Alabama. He finished his education with an Ed.D. from Arizona State University. He is also an adjunct history professor. Mr. Massey has been referred to as an expert on Confederate Arizona.

Synopsis:

His presentation was a lecture/discussion about the history of the “unofficial” Arizona Territory (1860-1863). This period is the few years that Arizona Territory was as much a part of New Mexico as it was the coming US territory of Arizona. The briefing slides were full of maps, documents, and pictures, in conjunction with the written word. The time frame was the historical events from the end of the US war with Mexico to the creation of the official US territories’ new boundaries in 1863. This Arizona was the only territory that was officially part of the United States and the Confederate States.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Biekert delivered the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center. Presenter will be Compatriot Steve Wilson who will speak on his Shiloh trip. Refreshments will be provided by 1st Lt Commander Matt and Mrs. Andi King.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red
Adjutant

Smithton IL Homecoming Parade

Saturday, July 27

Camp Dixon was chosen as the Honor Guard, marched first in the parade, and was well received by the community of Smithton IL. (So well received that they honored the Camp with a \$100 check.) Representing the Camp in Civil War colors were: Commander John Stanton, 1st Lt Commander Matt King, 2nd Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter (and granddaughter, Natalie), Adjutant Gale Red, Compatriot Ron Lakin (with Alexa Rensing), Chaplain Mike and Mrs. Mary Biekert, Compatriot Phil and Mrs. Dianne Tate, Compatriot Steve Wilson, Compatriot Eric Funkhouser, and Compatriot Justin Ottolini.



HONOR GUARD

The community of Smithton requested Camp Dixon to do the honors this year. Proud to play the part are:
(L-R) Matt King. Mike Biekert. John Stanton. Eric Funkhouser. and Justin Ottolini



FLOAT DRIVER

At the wheel is Johnny Kicklighter. He not only was the official driver but also arranged the details (reserved the float with his son, John Kicklighter; obtained the hay benches, and decorated).



CAMP DIXON FIRST IN THE PARADE

Johnny Kicklighter used his personal vehicle to pull the float and its precious cargo.

SHOWING THE CONFEDERATE COLORS

CAMP DIXON FLOAT



HAPPY TO BE HERE
(L-R) Dianne Tate (walking on left),
(on the float) Phil Tate, Ron Lakin, Mary Biekert, Alexa Rensing, and Steve Wilson

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING . . .

. . . for taking the time to represent and support Camp Dixon, by marching in the parade, carrying the colors, throwing candy, and being wonderful you! Nothing is important as your being there with your dear Confederate hearts.



**Commander
John Stanton**



**1st Lt Commander
Matt King**



**2nd Lt Commander
Johnny Kicklighter**



**Adjutant
Gale Red
(photographer)**



**Chaplain
Mike Biekert**



**Compatriot
Eric Funkhouser**



**Compatriot
Justin Ottolini**



**Compatriot
Phil Tate**



**Compatriot
Steve Wilson**



**Compatriot
Ron Lakin**



**Chaplain's Bride
Mary Biekert**



**Phil's Bride
Dianne Tate**



**Ron's Girlfriend
Alexa Rensing**



ALMOST A HAPPY ENDING



Gale stopped marching to turn around and take a photo of the Honor Guard when he slipped on the gravel. He lost balance and fell, hitting the back of his head, then lost consciousness. Luckily, the Fire Dept was close by, came to the rescue with the Paramedics, and he was ambulated to the hospital. He had an enlarged bump on his head. They administered a CAT scan, bloodwork, and urinalysis. He suffered a severe concussion and has been in much pain ever since. Many thanks to Matt/Andi King, Steve Wilson, Mike/Mary Biekert, and Ron Lakin/Alexa -- for being there for him, calling Sharon, driving his truck home, and prayers, worrying, and caring.

News From Around the Camp



**JULY
CONGRATULATIONS TO
COMPATRIOT CHRIS ZIEBOLD & DIANA HOLWAY
ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT**

We were so happy to hear the good news of their engagement, and hope they will be very happy in their marriage and new life together.



**JULY
THANK YOU TO
COMPATRIOT CHRIS ZIEBOLD
FOR HIS \$250 DONATION**

Chris is sorry he hasn't attended a meeting lately, but since his business is very successful, he sent Camp Dixon a check for \$250. Thank you so much, Chris.

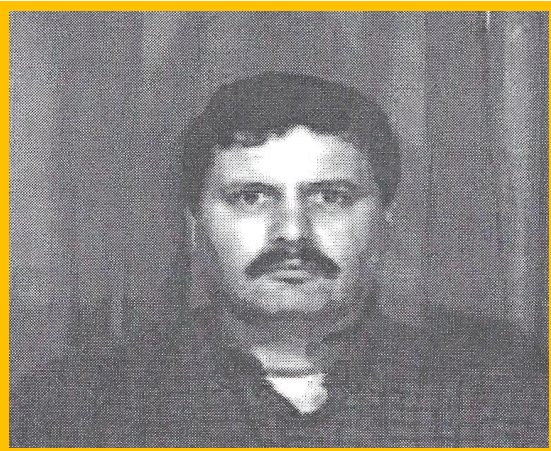
(The camp sent a thank-you card.)



**JULY
THINKING OF COMPATRIOT RONNIE OTTINGER
(from Newport TN)**

Gale has been unable to reach or talk to Ronnie. We hope he hasn't worsened from his terminal Stage 5 cancer, and wish him only the best.

(The camp sent a thinking-of-you card.)



**JULY
THINKING OF COMPATRIOT HAM LEMMER
(from Millstadt IL)**

Ham is suffering from cancer and has been unable to come to the meetings. We pray God bestows on him His healing blessings.

(The camp sent a thinking-of-you card.)



**CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPATRIOT DAVID HAAKE
ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, SUVCW**

Here's a proud note from David:

"Yours Truly is now a Department Commander in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Texas accent and all! I can tell you that the two National Officers present were both pleased to see my display honoring our Confederate ancestors as well. Many members of our local camp are: SOB's. or "Son's of Both" as am I. Feel free to share with our Camp that we have a Yankee Department Commander in our ranks!"



**JULY 27
BEST WISHES TO
ADJUTANT GALE RED**

Hope the Good Lord blesses Gale with healing and comfort from pain. He suffered a severe head concussion when he fell during the Smithton Homecoming Parade.



**AUGUST 16
CONGRATULATIONS TO
1st LT COMMANDER
AND**

**MRS. MATTHEW KING
ON THEIR 8TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**
Many blessings to Matt and Andi on their wedding anniversary. Hope they continue to celebrate many more happy years together with good health and much happiness.
(The camp will send a congratulations card.)

CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST

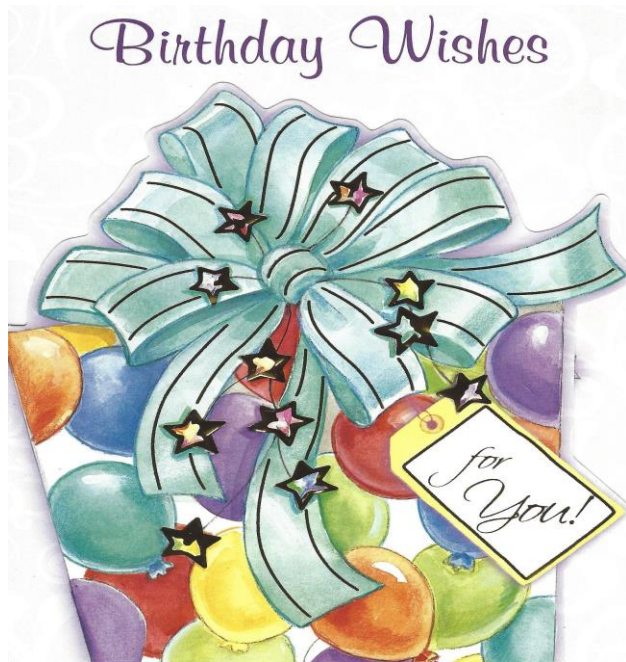
- 13 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 17 FREEBURG HOMECOMING PARADE

SEPTEMBER

- 2 LABOR DAY
- 10 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 23 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

OCTOBER

- 8 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 12 ALTON MEMORIAL
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY
- 31 HALLOWEEN



AUGUST

- 3 RONNIE OTTINGER (Newport TN)
- 6 JOHN MASSEY (Harvest AL IL)
- 6 JERRY SMITH (Freeburg IL IL)
- 7 DAVID SCHMITT (O'Fallon IL)
- 19 JASON ZEIBOLD (Savage MN)
- 23 CHRISTINE KICKLIGHTER (Belleville IL)
- 28 MARK MORGAN (Ballwin MO)
- 31 BOB HERR (Mt. Vernon IL)



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