

*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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CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY  
AT THE NEXT  
CAMP DIXON MEETING  
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds

TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2019 6:30 P. M.



**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER**  
**Jerry Lynn Smith**

Jerry Smith was inducted as the newest SCV member of Camp Dixon at the May 14, 2019 meeting. He lives in Freeburg IL, and his Confederate ancestor is Private Briggs H. Frederick, Company K, 5<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry Regiment. More info on Jerry on pages 2 and 9.



**MOUND CITY**  
May 25<sup>th</sup> was a grand day to pay homage to the Confederacy. See pages 5-6.

## ALL FATHERS

It is an honor  
to remember  
and congratulate you  
on your  
Special Day

SUNDAY  
JUNE 16



Happy Father's Day!

## FROM THE COMMANDER

Attn To Orders. Greetings, faithful and loyal SCV comrades. What a momentous bout of weather we have been forced to endure. The recent flooding is of historic recorded data. This deluge reminds me of an event in the annals of the civil war, the prison camp at Cahaba AL for Union soldiers which was one of the Civil War camps that held a record for the humane treatment of the inmates. The camp commandant was a Methodist minister serving in the Confederate Army and he recruited the help from local civilians in efforts to provide assistance in the running of the camp as to food and its cleanliness. Towards the end of the conflict he was transferred and a new and much harsher officer took command of Cahaba camp. At this time the region was enduring one of the areas worst flooding on record. Due to heavy snow melt from the Northern states the prison camp soon flooded with four feet of water. The commander refused to move the prisoners to higher ground. The Confederate soldiers who guarded the camp were appalled at his orders and refused to obey. They informed their officer in charge that if he did not move the prisoners to dry ground, they would mutiny at any time and leave him alone to be dealt with by the Union prisoners. He relented and the soldiers were paroled and released. Sadly, these Union soldiers made their way through flooding fields only to be placed upon the Sultana for transport back north. But the act of human kindness by the Confederate guards and their sympathy with the plight of the enemy prisoners stands as a testimony to the Confederate soldiers' character. The camp recently attended the Mound City national military memorial service and the Jefferson Barracks cemetery as well. Many more members could have been helpful in attendance. We were given permission to attend these events at the last week before the events by officials at a higher level than the Director at the St. Louis VA Center. Due to the recent history we have had with the new Director, and with the granted ability to attend, we should have had more in attendance to show our support for the southern soldiers buried at each place. With the summer months upon us, I hope each and everyone remains true to your commitment to attend our monthly meetings, participate in the camp's business, and offer your suggestions about events or items important to you. Hope to see you at the meeting June 11. God bless.

Confederately,  
*John Stanton*

\*\*\* **NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING** \*\*\*  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center  
200 South Belt East, Belleville IL  
Parking/Entrance on East Side of Building

**PRESENTER:** Asst Adjutant John McKee  
**PROGRAM:** Dixie  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Lady Janice Beasley

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

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## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 14, 2019 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly Muster at 6:42 p.m. on May 14, 2019 at the Exposition Hall, Belle Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville IL; this being the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Matt King 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:** Jerry Lynn Smith was inducted in as the newest member of SCV Camp Dixon. His Confederate ancestor is Private Briggs H. Frederick, Company K, 5<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry Regiment.

### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEW CAMP MEMBER, JERRY LYNN SMITH



**Adjutant Gale Red is swearing in Jerry Smith as a member of SCV Camp Dixon  
(to the right is Commander Stanton)**



**(L-R) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Matt King, Adjutant Gale Red, Compatriot Jerry Smith, Commander John Stanton, Chaplain Mike Biekert, and Compatriot J. C. Gideon**

**WARM WELCOME TO COMPATRIOT JUSTIN OTTOLINI (Gale Red).** Justin has just finished a year of college. We welcome him back to our meeting.

**WELCOME, MATT KING, OUR NEWLY APPOINTED 1<sup>ST</sup> LT COMMANDER (Gale Red).**

**PROCEDURAL BUSINESS.** None.

**ROLL CALL (21) (1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander King).** Those present included: Walter Mike Biekert, Don Carnley, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, Johnny Kicklighter, Matthew King, Jim & Barb Lumma, Anita Jane & John McKee, Ralph Oelschlager, Justin Ottolini, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, David Schmitt, Jerry Smith, John Stanton, Phil Tate, Allen Wandling and Nic Wille (guest). *1st Lt Commander King addressed everyone to ensure each had signed the muster roll.*

**MINUTES:** The April 9, 2019 meeting minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Jim Lumma and seconded by Phil Tate with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Gale Red reported the financial report – doing well – no outstanding bills except for web-hosting cost – waiting for bill from Johnny Kicklighter. It was approved by with a motion to accept by Ralph Oelschlager and seconded by Jim Lumma with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 14, 2019 Muster (cont'd)

### COMMUNICATIONS

**ANYONE IN OUR CAMP ILL OR STRUGGLING WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS? (1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander King).** Please let Commander Stanton, Adjutant Red or Chaplain Biekert know so we can try to help.

### OLD BUSINESS

**MOUND CITY NATIONAL CEMETERY CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL, SATURDAY, MAY 25 (1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander King).** We need your support and your presence with us. Please plan on being there.

(Adjutant Red) Spoke with Bobby Samuel. VA still waiting to approve us to be there as requested. If we don't get written confirmation, we won't do it. If not granted, will submit IG complaint to the VA and the White House. They messed with us at Alto, JB and Wreaths Across America last year, and are not complying with Congressional mandate. The following plan to attend: Phil Tate, Mike Biekert, J. C. Gideon, Eric Funkhouser (tentative), Johnny Kicklighter (tentative), and Matt King (tentative).

**WATIE CAMP #2300 CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, SATURDAY, MAY 18 (Adjutant Red).** Invite extended for you to attend. Jim & Barb Lumma will attend. Call Gale Red if you're going.

**JEFFERSON BARRACKS MEMORIAL DAY EVENT, MONDAY, MAY 27, 10:00 a.m.**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander King).** We need you to plan to be there with us. Please put it on your schedule.

(Adjutant Red) Please be there/in place by 10:00. Allow extra time (1+20 min) to get there. If you want to go with me, please be at my house at 9:00.



**Johnny Kicklighter**

**REFRESHMENTS.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Johnny Kicklighter brought a spread of meat/cheese/cracker, vegetable, and fruit trays, dip, and beverages. Thank you, Johnny, for taking such good care of us.



**Speaker: Gale Red**

**PROGRAM: Powerpoint briefing on "Southern Loyalists and Galvanized Yankees" by Adjutant Gale Red.**

**Synopsis:** He explained that to say that the War Between the States was about the battle between 25 Union States and 13 Confederate States, between the Goliath of the North and the David of the South, between the industrial North and the Agrarian South, or the many other over-simplified comparisons would be anything but an honest look at that war. Gale went on to explain the reality of the Myth of the Lost Cause, why the Southern vote for Secession was anything but unanimous, and about how President Davis issued a Proclamation inviting Southerners who did not support Secession to leave the South before October 1861 or tacitly support the Seceded South.



## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 14, 2019 Muster (cont'd)

He also talked about how Union President Lincoln craftily enlisted Southern men to fight in the Union Army with every single Southern State providing at least one regiment of Southern troops to the Union Army, with Missouri, and Kentucky each providing 50 regiments and 38 Tennessee regiments. It was shown that as many as 40% of voting Southerners in several States in fact voted against Secession. The consequence was that the South was anything but a unified block of States and large numbers not supporting the Cause of the Confederacy.

After the start of the war with people of both sides of the conflict having unrealistic expectations that their side would easily and quickly defeat the other side, the war continued on for four long years. The realities and horrors of the war with all the carnage and death brought to each side caused support for the war on both sides to be tested again and again. With the tests of their resolve and the many challenges, the war caused men on both sides to consider desertion and to return to their homes. Support from the home fronts often ran low. Men's sense of honor was put to the test with many men, especially those who had been captured as prisoners of war and who languished in truly wretched conditions for long months and years, would have terrible choices to make. Thank God we have not been similarly tested.

Despite the distrust by Union leaders that former Confederate soldiers who decided to "Swallow the Dog," take allegiance to the Union, and to serve in the Union forces against their former countrymen, nearly 10,000 Confederates were enlisted in the Union Army and Navy with most being sent out "West" to fight Indians. Those men were called Galvanized Yankees with most men serving very honorably in their new roll and only 14% choosing to desert. Very few of those men would ever be able to return to the South and the families. Their service was mostly in the "Northwest" or out West where they fought in generally harsh and primitive conditions. Even when the war was declared over with General Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, the Galvanized Yankees were generally held to the period of their enlistment for up to eighteen months after the war.

The program was aimed at helping correct our perspectives of the circumstances and events of the war. To be honest and fair about studying our history, we need to be careful that we don't fall into the traps of building upon incorrect fallacies and assumptions. We must not create history as we want it to have been but rather as it was. Let us strive to learn from our history that we will not have to live it again.



**Nic Wille**  
Guest of Don Carnley  
from Highland IL

### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (Row 1) Jane McKee, Barb & Jim Lumma, Mett King,  
Dale Rice, Eric Funkhouser, and David Schmitt

(Row 2) J. C. Gideon, Ralph Oelschlager, Phil Tate, Mike Biekert,  
Don Carnley, Jerry Smith, John McKee, John Stanton, Justin Ottolini, and Gale Red

*Photographer: Sharon Red*

**BENEDICTION:** Chaplain Biekert delivered the benediction.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center. Presenter will be Assistant Adjutant John McKee, and his program will be on Dixie. Refreshments will be provided by Lady Janice Beasley.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*  
Adjutant

# MOUND CITY MEMORIAL MAY 25

**(Saturday, May 25, 2019)** A hot but dry day led the Camp Dixon representatives to travel/drive 3 hours to participate in the annual Confederate Cemetery Memorial at Mound City in Southern Illinois. Making this trip were: Commander John Stanton, Adjutant Gale Red (driving), Chaplain Mike & Mary Biekert (driving), Compatriot Ron Lakin with friends, Alexa Rensing, and Nathan. The program for the general public began at 10:00 followed by a cannon salute. Then the Confederate program began, led by Compatriot Bobby Samuel, then another special cannon salute.



## CONFEDERATE GROUP PHOTO

**(L-R) (Row 1)** Terri, Gene Casar, Jimmy Cooper, Bobby Samuel, A.C., Nathan, Alexa Rensing, and Ron Lakin  
**(Row 2)** Jill, Alan Winthrop, River Costin, J. C. Gideon, John Stanton, and Gale Red  
**(Row 3)** Danny and Tom Edwards





**Cannon Crews**

**Dan Tolka, Gene Casar, Jimmy Cooper, and Alan Winthrop**



**Lunch at the Huckleberry Restaurant  
(L-R) Mike and Mary Biekert, Alexa Rensing, Ron Lakin, and Nathan**



**Bobby Samuel (standing) is talking to the Cannon Crew (Mr. Dan & Mrs. Jill Tolka)**



**John Stanton, River Costin, and J. C. Gideon**



# JEFFERSON BARRACKS MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

## MAY 27

**(Monday, May 27, 2019)** The temperature was in the hot 80's but, thank God, there were cool breezes that respectfully blew all the flags and helped cool the attendees at the patriotic celebration. The Camp Dixon representatives who attended the annual Memorial Day at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery were: Adjutant Gale and Lady Sharon Red, Compatriot J. C. Gideon, Compatriot Ron Lakin, and his date, Alexa Rensing. They joined the Union Hecker Camp and marched to the main parade ground for the general public program, followed by a Union ceremony and a Confederate ceremony, and then two cannon salutes, one for the Union and the other for the Confederacy.



*Gathering at the Information Center Before the Festivities*

**(L-R)** Gale and Sharon Red, J. C. Gideon, Alexa Rensing, and Ron Lakin

*"A First-Time Privilege"*

*Personally Requested To Be the Union/Confederate Honor Guard for the Casket*



**(L-R)** Todd Jacobs and Ron Lakin



**(L-R)** Greg Zelinski and Gale Red





*Union Ceremony by Camp Grant*  
(Musket Crew on the right)



*Confederate Ceremony*  
(Center) Ray Cobb and Jim England  
(Right) Ron Lakin with Battle Flag



*Let the Southern Flags Fly*  
(L-R) Gale Red, J. C. Gideon, Ray Cobb,  
Ron Lakin, and Alexa Rensing



*Musket Crew*



*At the General Public Ceremony*  
J. C. Gideon



*A Perfect Kiss for a Perfect Ending*  
Ron and Alexa



## *News From Around the Camp*



**MAY 14**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**COMPATRIOT JERRY LYNN SMITH**

Jerry was sworn in as an SCV Camp Dixon member at the May camp meeting. When you meet him again, please shake his hand and welcome him aboard.



**JUNE 12**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**ASSISTANT ADJUTANT JOHN & LADY JANE McKEE**

**ON THEIR 27<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Many blessings to John and Jane on their happy marriage and many more healthy ones in the future.

*(The camp will send a congratulations card.)*



**JUNE 15**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**COMPATRIOT & MRS. PHIL TATE**

**ON THEIR 28<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

God bless Phil and Dianne on their blessed marriage. Hope they have many more healthy anniversaries.

*(The camp will send a congratulations card.)*



**JUNE 16**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**COMPATRIOT AND MRS. BOB HERR**

**ON THEIR 46<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Many blessings to Bob and Sue on their long and happy marriage. Hope they continue to celebrate many more happy years with good health and much happiness.

*(The camp will send a congratulations card.)*

# CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JUNE

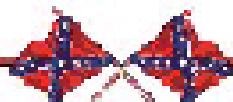
- 11 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 21 First day of summer

## JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 9 6:30 CAMP MEETING

## AUGUST

- 13 6:30 CAMP MEETING



## JUNE

RICHARD VAUGHT (England)

ANDREW NOVARA (Creal Springs IL)

STEVE WILSON (Columbia IL)

AARON LEONARD (Flora IL)



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