

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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**MAY MANY IRISH BLESSINGS BE WITH YOU
WHY NOT SHOW OFF YOUR GREEN COLORS
AT THE NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING**

TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2020 6:30 P. M.
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds

PROGRAM INFORMATION IN WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

PRESENTATION: Women Spies of the Civil War

PRESENTER: Compatriot Walter Hall

REFRESHMENTS: Chaplain Mike & Mrs. Mary Biekert

CAMP MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the second Tuesday evening each month at 6:30 p.m. at the:

**Belle-Clair Fairgrounds
Exposition Center
200 South Belt East
Belleville, Illinois**

(Parking/Entrance on East Side of Building)

We try to have an informative program with a speaker or film of interest at all meetings. Anyone with a Confederate ancestor or just having an interest in Civil War history is invited to attend.

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

CAMP MISSION

The camp accepts its covenanted responsibility to maintain and preserve the Christian principles held by the Southern people that led them to their decision to defend the right of constitutional self-government. We strive to educate ourselves first and then the public to a fuller and more complete understanding of the history of the period of the War Between the States. We seek to preserve the memory and honor of the noble Confederate soldiers, sailors, public servants, and loyal citizens.

CAMP MEMBERSHIP

Is available to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate military or as a civil servant. Direct or collateral kinship to a qualifying veteran or civil servant must be documented for full membership. We offer genealogical assistance with documentation. For those who have not yet proven their kinship or just have an active interest in what we are doing, we offer camp membership through our auxiliary, The Knights and Ladies of the Golden Circle. Applicants must be 12 or older.

FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTN TO ORDERS: Greetings loyal SCV compatriots of the Lt. George E. Dixon camp. I hope all is well with you and your families as we all are in anticipation of spring's approach.

I recently viewed on C-Span an episode on air in which a constitutional law school professor was their guest. He is an Ivy League professor who has just written a book on the possibility of a new secession movement occurring within the United States. The program was interesting and at the same time quite predictable. He stated his basic thesis that the founding fathers had indeed intended to permit secession of states. There was an attempt to discuss the many varied secessionist groups within the states today. The professor wrote this book in his efforts to hopefully dispel any such undertaking in the future, but insisted that such an event might arise at any time. The question as to the Electoral College, abortion, and other issues were discussed as possible reasons for such division. Having stated that the founders intended to allow for secession, he then back-tracked and stated that the southern states had no legitimate right of secession. The debate over slavery was the only reason listed as the cause of the civil war. After his talk, phone calls were taken. The dialect was just as predictable as was his oversimplification of the subject of secession. I was taken aback at his "constitutional" defense of secession as a states' right for the future even though he personally opposes such action. He then went on to nullify his own argument in his belief that the Southern states had no such legitimacy. It is appalling that such oversimplification on this matter passes through the halls of academia as scholarly discourse and only serves to quell an honest discussion on this legal issue.

Anyway, I hope to see y'all at our next meeting on March 10th. In closing, God Bless.

Confederately,

John Stanton

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2020 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:40 p.m. on February 11, 2020 at the Exposition Center, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville IL; this being the 2nd Muster of the year 2020.

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

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

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert

Chaplain Biekert delivered the invocation



PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS (Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Confederate Flag): The American Flag was properly displayed. Adjutant Gale Red 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 (17) (Adjutant Gale Red). *Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll.*

Those present included: Janice Beasley, Walter Mike Biekert, Walter Hall, Bob Herr, Eric Funkhouser, Johnny Kicklighter, Jim & Barb Lumma, John & Jane McKee, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Jack Sandford, Jerry Smith, John Stanton, and Phil Tate.



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (1st Row, seated) Barb Lumma, Janice Beasley, R. Lee, Jane McKee, and Sharon Red

(Back Row) Jim Lumma, Phil Tate, Bob Herr, John Stanton, Dale Rice, Mike Biekert, Eric Funkhouser, Jack Sandford, John McKee, Jerry Smith, and Gale Red

Photographer: Walter Hall

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2020 Muster (cont'd)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(Sharon Red commented that the date of the minutes should be corrected as December 10 not December 11.)* The January 14, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Jack Sandford and seconded by Jim Lumma with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Adjutant Gale Red reported the financial report of \$6,550.48 plus \$20 = \$6,570.48. The Financial Report was approved by a motion to accept by John McKee and seconded by Jack Sandford with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

CONFEDERATE MUSEUM IN COLUMBIA TN (JIM LUMMA). HQ SCV sent a letter to everyone to support the museum. Motion made to contribute \$500. Motion to accept by Bob Herr and seconded by Johnny Kicklighter with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote. Adjutant Red will send the check.

DUBLIN GA – NO SCV FLAGS PERMITTED ON VA PROPERTY (JACK SANDFORD).

OLD BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Adjutant Red). A \$1,000 check was given to Susan Harris which was used to pay for Butch's funeral expenses. She would be here tonight to personally thank you – and she did purchase a card – but she's not doing well. Walter, that was a great recommendation! Thank you all for your individual generosity. She really appreciated it.

NEW BUSINESS

SCV H. L HUNLEY AWARD PROGRAM TO AFROTC CADETS (Adjutant Red). We will no longer be participating in this program. The UDC and SCV are the only organizations not being allowed to do so. Last year, JROTC said they could not wear the SCV medal. The restriction covered 12 heritage organizations, and now it can't be presented at all. The Confederate heritage organization's medals can't be worn. This was a great community PR that is now not available to us.

REFRESHMENTS: Sharon Red brought chili, crackers, cheese, salami, vegetable tray, cookies, and beverages. Thanks for taking such good care of us.



Sharon Red

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2020 Muster (cont'd)



Gale Red

PRESENTATION: Adjutant Gale Red presented a power point briefing on “The American Civil War – Beginnings, A Brief Review.”

Synopsis

Gale presented a power point program on a brief overview of the beginnings of the American Civil War starting with the Presidential election of 1860. He explained that in fact the Civil War had its beginnings in reality with the very formation of the country from the original colonies with their different social makeups, nature of their economies, and philosophical ideas. When the war began, it was not a matter of 11 Southern States against 23 Northern States. It was, in fact, the whole or parts of 34 states against parts of 11 (later thirteen) states as every single state provided at least one regiment of troops to the Union Army. The Southern Confederacy never was a solid block of people totally supporting the Confederate government. The Federal Government; i.e., the Union, held almost all the major advantages such as population, industrial might, natural resources, finances, infrastructure, railroads, already established government and international recognition as compared to the South. To prevail over the North, the South would have to fight a defensive war to outlast the will of the Northern people to support the governments aggression against the South. To make matters more difficult, the Lincoln Administration refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of the Southern Secession or the validity of the Confederate Government.

The program talked briefly about several of the significant battles and the limited opportunities for the Confederacy to be able to declare victory beyond a number of battles. The program also discussed The Emancipation Proclamation and what it really did, not freeing a single slave on the South. The role of women and the changes in the societies of the Northern and Southern States was also briefly covered. It was explained that the war did not end, as is put forth by the north, with the surrender of General Lee's Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox. The war actually continued four more months and the surrender of several more major forces in various parts of the South. The war was not officially over until President Johnson declared it to be in July of 1866.

The subject of the American Civil War is far more complex and involved than can be covered in one short presentation. In fact, more books have been written about the American Civil War than any other subject besides Christianity. This review was meant to help acquaint people with some of the issues and give us a starting point for other programs.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Biekert delivered the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center. Presenter will be Compatriot Walter Hall who will discuss “Women Spies of the Civil War.” Refreshments will be provided by Chaplain Mike and Mrs. Mary Biekert.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red
Adjutant

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| | Sign-Up Sheet Refreshments at Camp Dixon Meetings in 2020 |
| Date of Camp Meeting | Name |
| January 14 | Matt & Andi King |
| February 11 | Gale & Sharon Red |
| March 10 | Mike & Mary Biekert |
| April 14 | Craig & Conner Cowan |
| May 12 | Johnny Kicklighter |
| June 9 | Phil Tate |
| July 14 | John & Jane McKee |
| August 11 | John Stanton |
| September 8 | John & Jane McKee |
| October 13 | |
| November 10 | Lexy & Ronald Lakin |
| December 8 | |
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| | Camp Dixon Presentations in 2020 | |
| Date of Camp Meeting | Title | Speaker |
| January 14 | 2019 Scrapbook of Camp Dixon | Sharon Red |
| February 11 | The American Civil War Beginnings | Gale Red |
| March 10 | Women Spies of the Civil War | Walter Hall |
| April 14 | Family History Coat of Arms | Eric Funkhouser |
| May 12 | Enoch Deson in TN | John Stanton |
| June 9 | | |
| July 14 | | |
| August 11 | Stone River, Murphysboro | Steve Wilson |
| September 8 | Alton Prison for Confederate POWs | Gale Red |
| October 13 | Confederate Ancestor | Matt King |
| November 10 | | |
| December 8 | | |
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| | PLANNED PRESENTATION BUT NOT YET SCHEDULED: | |
| | John Wilkes Booth | Commander John Stanton |
| | Unsung Heroes of the Civil War: Women Soldiers of the Union Army | SWIC Speaker: Candy Buechler |
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Top Marine

Orders Confederate Paraphernalia

To Be Removed from All Bases



*H.K. Edgerton (right) gets a hug from a man in front of the South Carolina state house grounds on July 10, 2015 in Columbia, South Carolina. Since the early sixties and until today the Confederate battle flag had flown on the capitol grounds. The flag debate was reignited following the mass murder at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, that June.
(Photo by Sean Rayford/Getty Images)*

As states continue to grapple with the passionate debate over whether to display statues and other tributes to Confederate leaders, Marines have been told the materials won't be tolerated on any of the Corps' installations.

Commandant Gen. David Berger last week instructed top Marine leaders to remove Confederate-related paraphernalia from the service's bases worldwide. The directive is one of several forward-leaning initiatives Berger said he is "prioritizing for immediate execution."

In his memo, a copy of which was obtained by Military.com, Berger also ordered leaders to find ways to move more women into combat jobs, to review the possibility of yearlong maternity leave for female Marines, and to extend parental leave policies to same-sex partners.

The commandant's order came about a week after a congressional hearing on the rise of extremism in the ranks. A recent survey of active-duty troops by the independent Military Times also found signs of white supremacy are on the rise.

Maj. Eric Flanagan, Berger's spokesman, did not specify the types of Confederate paraphernalia the general wants stripped from Marine Corps bases.

"Last week, the Commandant of the Marine Corps directed specific tasks be reviewed or addressed by Headquarters Marine Corps staff," Flanagan said. "Many of the tasks were published on Twitter Friday. Other tasks not published previously are mostly administrative matters."

Top Marine Orders Confederate Paraphernalia To Be Removed from All Bases (cont'd)

Official policy decisions, changes or implementation plans will be published in appropriate orders or service-wide messages, he added.

The debate over Confederate materials and names on military installations has swirled for years. Ten Army bases are named after leaders of secessionist states, a point of contention for many -- especially after a 2015 racially motivated attack on a South Carolina church thrust the debate over honoring Confederate history onto the national stage.

The attack prompted fierce debate over whether state and local governments should remove statues, street names and other references to Confederate leaders. Major retailers announced they would no longer sell Confederate flags.

But the military's response to Confederate names, flags and other materials was less clear. The Defense Department didn't take any immediate action on the issue, Military Times reported at the time, opting to leave it up to individual services to address.

Richard Kohn, a history professor who studies peace, war and defense at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said Berger appears to be modernizing the Marine Corps. Ridding military installations of Confederate materials is long overdue, he said.

"We have the need within the country to try and create as much unity as possible and to suppress white nationalism and racism within the ranks of the military because, every once in a while, it crops up and causes an issue," Kohn said.

Several Marines have recently been punished or booted out of the military over racist social media posts, and lawmakers are pushing the Pentagon to better track extremism in the ranks. Since the Marine Corps' major installations opened after the turn of the 20th century, Kohn said they're unlikely to have overt nods to Confederate leaders.

A 2017 study by the Congressional Research Service found there were no Navy or Marine Corps bases named for Confederate military leaders. The Navy Department follows a procedure for naming streets, facilities and structures on its bases for deceased members of the sea services or those who made significant contributions to the Navy and Marine Corps.

Names of internal portions of buildings can be assigned at the discretion of the local base commander. But even as one member of the Joint Chiefs makes a stance to rid his service's bases of Confederate paraphernalia, Kohn said it's unlikely to result in the Army renaming those 10 bases that have drawn criticism.

"I think the Army would worry about alienating the local population," he said. "... Most of the people joining the military are from areas where these bases are ... so the recruiting people might say, 'You know, you really don't want to do that.'"

Feb. 26, 2020

Military.com | By [Gina Harkins](#) (Gina Harkins can be reached at gina.harkins@military.com. Follow her on Twitter @ginaaharkins.)

News From Around the Camp

**CONGRATULATIONS
COMPATRIOT PAT BOOTH
(from Flora IL)**

**On Your
RECENT RETIREMENT
As Owner/Operator of Booth Resources, Inc.
(a family-owned oil and gas company)**

**We wish a long and happy new life full of good health and happiness.
Pat sold the business to his brother's (Sam's) sons, Anthony and Cal Booth.**



**CONGRATULATIONS
COMPATRIOT BILL & MRS. MARILYN BOYD
(from Columbia IL)
On Your
56th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
March 14**

**We wish you a very happy and memorable anniversary day
and blessings of good health, wealth, and happiness.**

(We miss seeing you at the meetings, Bill.)

(The camp will send a congratulatory card.)

**CONGRATULATIONS
COMMANDER JOHN & MRS. WENDY STANTON
(from Godfrey IL)
On Your
47th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
March 24**

**John and Wendy, we hope you both enjoy your anniversary day and God blesses you with health, happiness,
and wealth.**

John, thank you for being a wonderful camp commander, and, Wendy, for supporting your husband.

(The camp will send a congratulatory card.)

CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH

- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins (set 1 hour ahead)
- 11 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 19 First Day of Spring

APRIL

- 1 April Fool's Day
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 EASTER SUNDAY
- 14 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**

MAY

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 23 10:00 SCV Memorial (Mound City IL)
- 25 **MEMORIAL DAY**
- 10:00 SCV Memorial (Jefferson Barracks)



**Double Luck To You
on Your
Happy
Birthday**

MARCH



- 7 JAMES MOOSE (Mascoutah IL)
- 8 ANDREA KING (Highland IL)
- 10 BILL PRESLEY (Macomb MI)



CAMP DIXON LEADERSHIP

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