

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)

www.scvcamp1962.org



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JANUARY 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR – CAMP ELECTION TIME
Start the camp year right, come vote at the first
CAMP MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Shiloh Assembly of God Church in Shiloh
(YOUR ELECTION CANDIDATES, page 9)

*(To protect yourself and others at the meeting,
Please wear a mask or face covering)*



PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROGRAM: Civil War Quiz (for your brain to snack on)
PRESENTER: Adjutant Gale Red
REFRESHMENTS: Chaplain Mike & Lady Mary Biekert

CAMP MEETINGS

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

Shiloh Assembly of God Church
4035 Lebanon Avenue
Shiloh, Illinois 62221

(Parking lot available next to the church)

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 true 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 (12 years or older) descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate military. 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.



WE CARE! PLEASE CALL GALE OR MIKE AND KEEP US NEWS-INFORMED ... if you or a family member is ill, has an emergency, health or family issue, or needs assistance.

Adjutant Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949

Chaplain Mike Biekert, 618-972-8190



DISTANT MEMBERS

Thinking of, appreciating, and thanking you
for your long-distance membership and support

Jacob Bailey
Robert Gray
David Haake
Amzy Hibler
John Kruse
John Loper

John Massey
Dwight Moore
Steven Pike
Dave Runells
Arthur Tulak
Richard Vaught

FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Compliments to the Season to all loyal comrades of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp SCV #1962, from the officers of your camp. We pray that all of our members held a joyous Christmas celebration and that each and all of your families are safe and sound. Please remember that many of our loved ones and friends with neighbors are locked down in senior citizen homes unable to be visited during this crisis. Pray for their physical as well as their mental health in such conditions. I hope to see everyone at our January muster. I would like to express my sincere thanks for your support of my election as your camp commander once again, and for the newly elected officers of the camp as well. Your continued support of this camp is essential to the preservation of our shared common ancestral heritage. You realize that the current political correctness did not just begin in recent memory. I would like to relate a personal story of mine dating back to the Reagan years. I served as a letter carrier for the US postal service many a year ago and it was during a Christmas season way back then that this cancer first began to incubate. At that season we were all called into a meeting by our postmaster and we were read the restrictions placed upon us for the Christmas holidays that year. If you can recall it is when the words Christmas had to be removed from all postage stamps. We were informed at this briefing that all carriers were forbidden to say the phrase "Merry Christmas" to any of our customers on our mail routes. They postmaster asked to kindly reply, "Thank You" if such a greeting was to be addressed to us. We were also told of discipline action if we failed to comply with this separation between CHURCH and state. Needless to say all members of our post office were shocked at an obvious attack on our free speech, especially during the holidays. At the conclusion of the briefing I just could not stand there and take this without my own reply. I walked up to the postmaster and in the front of the assembly of workers, freely I shook the postmaster's hand and heartily wished him a "Merry Christmas". Then I asked him to please write me up as the first violator of this "New Speech" rule. He looked at me and said, "I figured you would be the first". He then retreated into his office. No one was punished for this transgression at that time. Fast forward to the present and witness for yourselves how things have regressed. Hold close to your heart the beliefs and traditions that we as Americans cherish. Our children and our descendant's future depends on all. GOD Bless

Confederately,
John Stanton

CAMP DIXON REMEMBERS

-- Gone yet not forgotten --

Although we are apart

your spirit lives within us forever in our hearts.

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

RONNIE OTTINGER
August 3, 1951-November 8, 2018

SAM BOOTH
December 28, 1942-February 24, 2019

BOB HARDY
July 18, 1928-June 15, 2019

GREG KRIEG
October 2, 1946-September 11, 2020



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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 8, 2020 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 December 8, 2020 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 10th Muster of the year 2020.

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

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

INVOCATION: Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS (Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Confederate Flag): The American Flag was properly displayed. 1st 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: None.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS: None.

ROLL CALL (21) (Adjutant Gale Red). *Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll.*

Those present included: Janice Beasley, Walter "Mike" & Mary Biekert, Eric Funkhouser, Johnny Kicklighter, Ron & Alexis Lakin (guest), Doug & Betty Lawrence, Jim Lumma, John & Jane McKee, Ralph Oelschlager, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, John Stanton, Phil Tate, Nick & Steve Wilson.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Stanton). The minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Jim Lumma and seconded by John McKee with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red). Reported the financial report of \$5,470.48. The report was approved by a motion to accept by John McKee and seconded by Ralph Oelschlager with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (Row 1) Ralph Oelschlager, Dale Rice, Mary Biekert, Jane McKee, Janice Beasley (with R. Lee), Betty and Doug Lawrence, and Gale Red

(Row 2) Matt King, Nick Wilson, Mike Biekert, and Steve Wilson

(Row 3) John Stanton, John McKee, Eric Funkhouser, Phil Tate, and Jim Lumma

Photographer: Sharon Red

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 8, 2020 Muster (cont'd)

COMMUNICATIONS

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE REMOVING CONFEDERATE STATUE (Adjutant Red). Daily, things are getting worse. VMI removed Stonewall Jackson on Monday. What's so sad for me is this is in the South by Southern people but not really Southern people rather by Northerners in the South. Really, reconstruction has lasted 155 years!

CONGRESS TRYING TO RENAME ALL MILITARY BASES WITH CONFEDERATE NAMES (Adjutant Red). The Democratic leaders, not the people, are who are doing this especially the new Administration. Cost is \$723B. This will begin January 20.

PRESENTATIONS SIGN-UP SHEET PASSED AROUND. Open for sign-up is: February, March, July, September, and November. Please volunteer to talk about your ancestor or your favorite topic.

OLD BUSINESS

DONATIONS FOR VETERANS HOME IN ANNA IL (Commander Stanton). Jim Lumma and Gale Red will drive to Anna to deliver check and a couple boxes.

- (Gale Red) Two people will meet us outside to review items.

NEW BUSINESS

CAMP OFFICER ELECTIONS IN JANUARY 2021 (Commander Stanton). Next month we must vote on camp officers (Commander, 1st Lt Commander, 2nd Lt Commander, and Adjutant). We need nominations for consideration

- (Gale Red) Willing to run?
 - To John Stanton: Yes.
 - To Matt King: Yes.
 - To Ron Lakin: Yes.
 - To himself: Doing this for 18 years but will rely more on John McKee (the Asst Adjutant).

FOR USE OF CHURCH POWER (Commander Stanton). Please put a dollar or two in the hat on the refreshments table. *(Collected \$51 ~gave \$20 to Mike ~ \$31 in kitty)*

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA) SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 (Commander Stanton).

- Alton Confederate Cemetery, 10 a.m. Then go to Smallpox Island Monument and member graves in IL. Show of hands of those willing to attend with us: Ron Lakin, Jim and Barb Lumma, John and Jane McKee, Matt King, and Gale and Sharon Red
- VA made an agreement with WAA but WAA who is putting out wreaths beyond national cemeteries on December 19. However, VA has said it has to be done on Friday, December 18, because the 19th is for personal graves. We don't have personal graves at Alton. VA said it may not get word back in time.
 - (Adjutant Red) We're going to do it anyway if need be.
 - To Johnny Kicklighter: Do we have capability on the web site for PAYPAL ... for Alphons Schoots to pay dues?
 - (Johnny Kicklighter) Will check and see and let you know/update the web site.

ELECTIONS IN GEORGIA (1st Lt Commander King). Democrats are acting like representatives encouraging them not to vote. Have billboards for reps not to vote.

MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW (JENNIFER "JEN" WILSON) (Compatriot Steve Wilson). Please pray for Jen and unborn daughter, Ella Rose. Jen is 36 weeks along and is suffering from preeclampsia.

INTERESTED IN DOING A PROGRAM FOR OUR MEETINGS? (Commander Stanton) If so, please let Gale Red know so he can get it scheduled. We need more people involved.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 8, 2020 Muster (cont'd)



Phil Tate

REFRESHMENTS: Compatriot Phil Tate brought chili, bean soup, crackers, cheese, cookies, and beverages. Thanks, Phil, for taking such good care of us.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY STEVE WILSON & MIKE BIEKERT AND SINGING BY ALL.



Steve Wilson and Mike Biekert

PRESENTATION: “Enoch Deason,” his American Revolutionary War veteran, was presented by Commander John Stanton.

Synopsis of Presentation

Commander Stanton delivered a talk about his revolutionary war patriot ancestor, Pvt. Enoch Deason, who served the state of South Carolina as a militiaman. Pvt. Deason enlisted in the military after the battle of Camden whereby the British forces had secured control of all the southern colonies. His unit fell under the command of Col. Francis Marion and served as the only opposition forces left in this region of the states. His unit lived as guerillas in hit and run missions and raids, living in the woods and swamps of the area. Commander Stanton and his grandchildren Justin Ottolini and Maria Stanton, were invited by the state of Tennessee to attend a grave-marking ceremony in honor of his ancestor. Photos were shown of the ceremony.



John Stanton

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Biekert delivered the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church.

- **Presenter:** Adjutant Gale Red. **Program:** Civil War Quiz.
- **Refreshments:** Compatriot “Chaplain” Mike and Lady Mary Biekert.

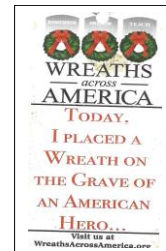
Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red
Adjutant

"Thank you to all Sponsors and Volunteers who make it possible for Wreaths Across America to continue Our mission: REMEMBER HONOR TEACH..."

Wayne Hanson,
Chairman WAA Board

This Remembrance Wreath is Proudly Made in Maine/USA by **Worcester Wreath Company** for Wreaths Across America



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, December 19, 2020 -- Confederate Cemetery, Alton IL



Camp Dixon contributed to the Wreaths Across America national event by remembering and placing Merry Christmas wreaths on veterans' graves. This is the 7th year we've participated in this practice of laying wreaths, compliments of the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine.

Present at Alton on this cool and breezy 48-degree day with the sun shining were: 1st Lt Commander Matt King, Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red, Asst Adjutant John & Lady Jane McKee, Compatriot Jim & Lady Barb Lumma, Linda Miesel (Chapter President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy), and VA representative, Artis Parker.



WELCOME ... Adjutant Gale Red
Welcome, everyone. Just want you to know I had to arrange an agreement with the VA for permission to lay wreaths on Saturday vice Friday, that they arranged with the WAA. Finally got notified on Thursday to do it on Saturday. (We would have done it anyway.)



AUDIENCE AT THE MONUMENT
(L-R) Matt King,
Jane & John McKee,
Linda Miesel, and Gale Red



A PRAYER FOR THEM TODAY
by Jim Lumma

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all.



POSING WITH THE MONUMENT
(L-R) Linda Miesel, Jim & Barb Lumma,
Jane & John McKee, Matt King,
and Sharon & Gale Red



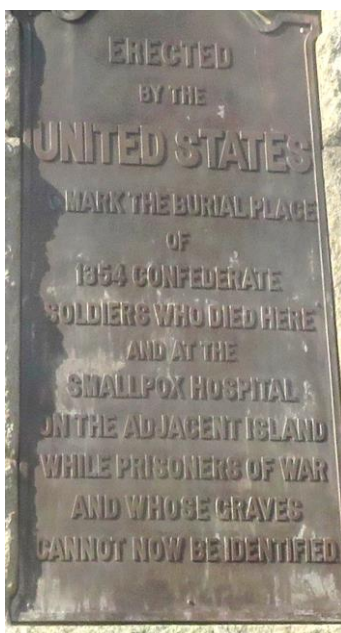
"A TIRED SOLDIER"
by Matt King

*A
Tired
Soldier*

God saw the soldier getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So, He put His arms around him and
whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
and saw him fading away.
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating;
faithful hands were put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.



FINDING HER ANCESTOR
Linda Miesel is pointing to Ambrose Agee,
her great-grandmother's nephew



Inscription on Monument

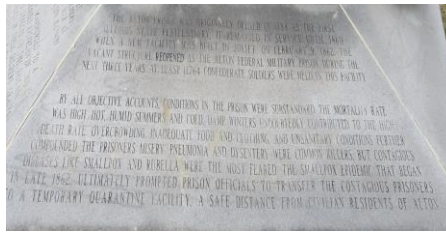
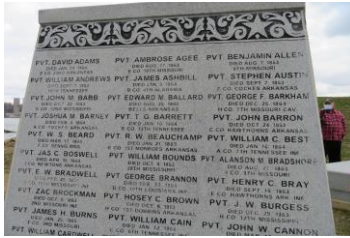
***ERECTED
BY THE
UNITED STATES***

***MARK THE BURIAL PLACE
OF
1354 CONFEDERATE
SOLDIERS WHO DIED HERE
AND AT THE
SMALLPOX HOSPITAL
ON THE ADJACENT ISLAND
WHILE PRISONERS OF WAR
AND WHOSE GRAVES
CANNOT NOW BE IDENTIFIED***



ALTON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY MONUMENT GATE ENTRANCE
(L-R) Barb & Jim Lumma, Jane & John McKee, Gale Red, & Linda Miesel

Saturday, December 19, 2020 – Smallpox Island, Alton IL



Smallpox Island Monument

Smallpox Island Monument Inscription

THE ALTON PRISON WAS ORIGINALLY OPENED IN 1833 AS THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY. IT REMAINED IN SERVICE UNTIL 1860 WHEN A NEW FACILITY WAS BUILT IN JOLIET ON FEBRUARY 9, 1862. THE VACANT STRUCTURE REOPENED AS THE ALTON FEDERAL MILITARY PRISON. DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS AT LEAST 11,764 CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WERE HELD IN THIS FACILITY.

BY ALL OBJECTIVE ACCOUNTS, CONDITIONS IN THE PRISON WERE SUBSTANDARD. THE MORTALITY RATE WAS HIGH. HOT, HUMID SUMMERS AND COLD DAMP WINTERS UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE HIGH DEATH RATE. OVERCROWDING, INADEQUATE FOOD AND CLOTHING AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS FURTHER COMPOUNDED THE PRISONERS' MISERY. PNEUMONIA AND DYSENTERY WERE COMMON KILLERS, BUT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES LIKE SMALLPOX AND RUBELLA WERE THE MOST FEARED. THE SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC THAT BEGAN IN LATE 1862 ULTIMATELY PROMPTED PRISON OFFICIALS TO TRANSFER THE CONTAGIOUS PRISONERS TO A TEMPORARY QUARANTINE FACILITY, A SAFE DISTANCE FROM CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF ALTON.



Opening Remarks and Memorial to the Veteran by Gale Red

In Memorial to the Veteran

If 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 much talking; you didn't ask for praise
But a war really happened, so, thanks for the 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 know your name.
Oh, gentle loving man, so humble in nature.
In your quiet little way you did your best to be kind with every gesture.
Now, God looked around his garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth and saw this soldier's tired face.
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful for 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.

Smallpox Island Monument

(L-R) Jim & Barb Lumma,
Jane & John McKee, and Gale Red



Sunday, December 20, 2020 – Green Mount Catholic Cemetery, Belleville IL



Clarence Muckensturm
September 28, 1917-May 19, 1943



Robert Muckensturm,
June 3, 1919-September 20, 1985



Kevin Duffy
Januarv 6. 1940-October 15. 2010



Reagan Harris Young
November 9. 1924-September 29. 2017

Mascoutah Community Cemetery, Mascoutah IL



Brett Warner
September 29. 1960-March 24. 2012

Sunday, December 20, 2020 -- Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville IL



William Joseph Underwood
1833-1892



William H. Harris
1842-1907



Ron Doran
July 14, 1940-March 24, 2015



Hiram Duvall Anderson
January 12, 1846-December 27, 1910



Henry E. Schrader
August 16, 1839-October
31, 1920



Defenders of the Union Monument
HECKER WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS 207
CIVIL WAR UNION SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL
RE-DEDICATION MAY 7, 2011
105TH ANNIVERSARY
1905-2011

Saturday, December 26, 2020 -- College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon IL



John Brown
October 1844-1912

Saturday, December 26, 2020 -- Greenwood Cemetery, Fairview Heights IL



John W. Jackson
November 19, 1839-August 2, 1922

Monday, December 28, 2020 -- Mt. Hope Cemetery, East St. Louis IL



Ninian Oliver Bell
April 15, 1847-May 30, 1940

Monday, December 28, 2020 -- Marissa Cemetery, Marissa IL



Joseph Frank Arnold
March 6, 1845-October 21, 1934



Richard Newton Collom
August 21, 1839-August 28, 1921



William J. Isgrigg
November 8, 1841-July 2, 1926

News From Around the Camp



DECEMBER 17

Camp Donations

to Veterans Home in Anna IL

Jim Lumma picked up Gale and they drove to Anna IL to present the camp's donations to the Adjutant/Administrator of the Veterans Home, Taylor Barnett. They delivered two boxes and a check for \$850. He was very grateful and said the donations were needed and are very appreciated.

Many thanks to the camp members who contributed, especially the anonymous donor of \$500! We have a wonderful camp composed of very generous and heart-giving folks.



**CONGRATULATIONS
GRANDPA STEVE
& GRANDMA MARY,
on birth of
ELLA ROSE WILSON
Daughter of Drew &
Jen Wilson
(of Moline IL)**

GET-WELL WISHES

to

**2nd Lt Commander Ron Lakin
(of Freeburg IL)**

Ron contracted COVID from work and is quarantined for two weeks. We pray he'll be in good health real soon.

(The camp sent a get-well card.)



**SINCERE SYMPATHY
TO
CAROLYN FULTON
(wife of James Fulton of Sawyerville IL)**

Jim Lumma informed us that his cousin, Jim, passed away on December 30, 2020. Jim was a former camp member.

YOUR CAMP ELECTION CANDIDATES
(for Commander, 1st Lt Commander, 2nd Lt Commander, and Adjutant)
For Term, January 2021 – December 2023



**Commander
JOHN STANTON**



**1st Lt Commander
MATT KING**



**2nd Lt Commander
RON LAKIN**



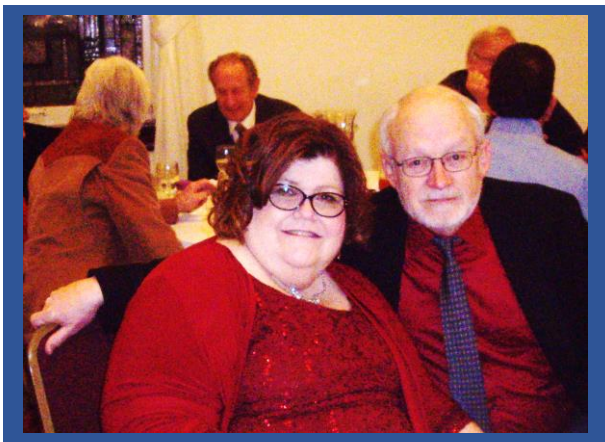
**Adjutant
GALE RED**

ATTENTION: ALL CAMP MEMBERS

PLEASE VOTE ON JANUARY 12

It is your responsibility to nominate or vote for your camp leadership. The above-listed leaders that are presently in office have agreed to run for another term, but need your vote for confirmation.

Please attend the meeting on January 12 to nominate other leaders or indorse these candidates.



**JANUARY 28
COMPATRIOT JOHNNY & LADY
CHRIS KICKLIGHTER
(of Smithton IL)
CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR 48th WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

CAMP 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 12 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 Presidential Inauguration Day

FEBRUARY

- 9 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Presidents' Day
- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 22 Washington's Birthday

MARCH

- 9 6:30 CAMP MEETING
- 14 Daylight Savings Time
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 28 Palm Sunday
- 29 Nat'l Vietnam War Vets Day



JANUARY

- 3 COMPATRIOT (CHAPLAIN) WALTER "MIKE" BIEKERT (Belleville IL)
- 5 JUSTIN OTTOLINI (Godfrey IL)
- 9 DAVID RUNELLS (Victorville CA)
- 28 ROBERT GRAY (Wymore NE)



CAMP DIXON STAFF

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 2nd Lt Commander
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 Adjutant
 Asst Adjutant
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 Program Chairman
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