

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 2021

*Springtime and Mothers are in bloom
so celebrate life and please come to the
May CAMP MEETING – May 11, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Shiloh Assembly of God Church in Shiloh*

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



PROGRAM INFORMATION

PRESENTATION: Three Battles – W. R. Moore
PRESENTER: Chaplain Mike Biekert
REFRESHMENTS: Commander John Stanton

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

FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings to each and all faithful members of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV Camp #1962 from your camp's officers. I hope to see each and all at our muster during the month of May. It was good to see J.C. at our last muster along with his lovely wife.

The month of May is a national celebration of motherhood. Pray that each one of us reflects upon the women in our own lives that have given us birth along with the nurturing love and admonition that has shaped us in our formative years. I can only relate of the importance of my mother and my grandmother who stand as pillars in my development and stand as foundational supports in my memory. During the war of which our ancestors fought against each other as a nation divided, soldiers from both northern and southern armies drew upon their mothers for emotional support. From the archival record of soldier's letters back home it is evident of the role that such women played out in the soldier's imaginations. The mothers of these soldiers are timelessly recorded by young men who now lie in harm's way as a remembrance of their love and safety that they dearly cherished. It is interesting to conduct an investigation of the sheet music from this period of both sides and to find such thematic musical written of a soldier's devotion to his mother from the battlefield. There is the classical title "Just Before The Battle Mother" which immediately comes to mind. Yet there are many other musical scores that were written upon this concept of one's longing for and missing a devoted mother. It was often recorded by soldiers who had witnessed a dying comrade's final words of the fallen warrior's last thoughts returning back to his mother. In a way it is similar to our Messiah's love and concern for His own mother as He looked down from the cross to the apostle, John, and entrusted the care of His mother unto him as a dying command. Until our next muster. GOD Bless

*Confederately,
John Stanton*

DEAR MOTHER

*On Mother's Day,
I wish you much joy
and pleasure.
Hope all your wishes come true
that you will always treasure.
And when the day is done
as Mothers Days come and go,
Please know how very much
you mean to me
more than you can know.*

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**



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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 13, 2021 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 April 13, 2021 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 4th Muster of the year 2021.

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. 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.

OTHER PROCEDURAL BUSINESS: Oath of Office (Sgt of Arms and Asst Sgt of Arms)



***Commander Stanton and Adjutant Red
conduct the Sgt of Arms Oath of Office
to
Steve Wilson and Eric Funkhouser***



***The Camp's New Sgt of Arms
and Assistant Sgt of Arms***

STEVE WILSON and ERIC FUNKHOUSER

ROLL CALL (16) (Adjutant Red). *Please be sure everyone has signed in with Sharon.*

Those present included: Janice Beasley, Walter "Mike" Biekert, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. & JoAnn Gideon, Jim & Barb Lumma, Andy & Jane Novara, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, John Stanton, Phil Tate, and Drew & Steve Wilson.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES (Adjutant Red). The minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Drew Wilson and seconded by Jim Lumma with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red). Reported the financial report of \$5,280.48. No outstanding bills until next month. The report was approved by a motion to accept by Steve Wilson and seconded by Phil Tate with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 13, 2021 Muster (cont'd)



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (Row 1) Gale Red, J. C. & JoAnn Gideon, Jim & Barb Lumma, Janice Beasley, and Andy & Jane Novara
(Row 2) Dale Rice, Drew Wilson, Eric Funkhouser, and Mike Biekert
(Last Row) John Stanton, Phil Tate, and Steve Wilson

Photographer: Sharon Red

COMMUNICATIONS

MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT ATTEND TONIGHT'S MEETING (Adjutant Red): Matt King is ill and cannot attend tonight nor John McKee, Johnny Kicklighter, or Ron Lakin.

- Chaplain Mike: Please contact John McKee and see how he is.

OLD BUSINESS

JULY 18 CANNON SHOOT AT JANICE BEASLEY'S (Compatriot Steve Wilson). Janice and Bob Herr are so kind to allow us to do this. She even has targets to permit us to shoot our muskets/guns. Please follow gun safety rules and bring your ear plugs. Will email directions to Janice's place ~ (*however, directions are listed below*).

- (Gale to Steve): Please connect with Bob on the safety rules.

Planned agenda:

1:00	Instructions on safety (Bob Herr) (he will bring BBQ pork)
2:00	Move out cannon to allow personal shooting
5:00	Camp Meeting
5:30	Food is served (each will bring a covered dish plus lawn chair)

For July 18: Directions to Janice's Beasley's house, 7894 Schuline Road, Walsh IL

Via Rt. 4. Follow Rt. 4 through Sparta IL. About 2 miles south of Sparta see the green sign: Schuline 4 miles, Walsh 8 miles. Turn right here, this is the Schuline Road. When you get to Walsh continue on 0.3 miles past the Catholic Church and you are at her home. Look for the orange traffic cone by her mailbox.

Via Rt. 3. Follow Rt. 3 south through Columbia, Waterloo, Red Bud, Ruma, to Evansville. When you cross the river at Evansville, turn left off the bridge into Evansville. At the stop sign, turn right. This becomes the Schuline Road. Drive 5 miles. See the orange traffic cone by her mailbox.

From the fairgrounds in Belleville. Leave the fairgrounds turning left and go to the stoplight on Rt. 159. Drive about half mile south on 159 to the ramp for Rt. 13 going east. Take this road through Freeburg, past New Athens. Once past New Athens about 1 mile, see the Baldwin Road. Turn right here. You will drive through Baldwin and on another 7 miles to Walsh. At the stop sign in Walsh, turn right, go 03 miles to her house. See orange traffic cone by her mailbox.

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 13, 2021 Muster (cont'd)

NEW BUSINESS

FOR USE OF CHURCH POWER (Commander Stanton). Please put a dollar or two in the container on the refreshments table. Thanks. *(Collected \$30 and gave Mike Biekert \$20 leaving \$10 in kitty)*

LOW ATTENDANCE IN A LONG TIME (Adjutant Red). Please reach out to your friends and relatives to see if they are interested in the Civil War. Need to make an effort to have new members. Need to share this with our friends.

- (Commander Stanton) Glad to see J. C. and JoAnn!



J.C. & JoAnn Gideon



Mike Biekert

REFRESHMENTS: Mike and Mary Biekert brought cupcakes, bundt cake, cookies, and beverages. Thanks, Mike and Mary, for taking such good care of us.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION The Dent Family Association, Part 2 by Compatriot Jim Lumma



Jim Lumma

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Biekert delivered the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church

- **Presenter:** Compatriot (Chaplain) Mike Biekert.
- **Program:** Three Battles ~ W. R. Moore.
- **Refreshments:** Commander John Stanton.
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Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red
Adjutant

To Someone Dear on Mother's Day



What is Mother's Day?

*On a very special Sunday in the lovely month of May
We celebrate the women who mean more than words can say
The ones we love with all our hearts and feel so grateful for.
The ones who give and share so much,
We couldn't ask for more.
We wish them every happiness a special day can bring.
And hope they know what's always true –
their love means everything.*

*Through a mother's loving eyes, her children see the world.
Through a mother's gentle words,
they learn both trust and sharing
Through all the thoughtfulness she shows
To everybody she knows
They learn just what is meant by love and caring.

Thank you, Mother, for being such a wonderful example of
what every mother should be.*

Grandma

*You're very close in thought so often through the year.
But you're thought of more than ever
when Mother's Day is here.
And so, Grandmother,
you are wished a truly perfect day
And a year that makes you happy
in a very special way!*

Mom

*A mom who is as great as you
deserves to have the perfect child.
Well, guess what? You got me, instead!
But even though you and I may "have our moments,"
I'm smart enough to know that I'm lucky to have you.
I appreciate how much you care
and how hard you try to make my life better.
So, no matter how many times I may challenge you,
I'm still glad you're there.
I mean, come on!
You're my one-and-only Mom.
And I love you.*

"A Mother Is the Heart of Her Family"

**She's a very busy lady
running here and running there.
Doing all the things that mothers do.
To show how much they care.
She's a teacher, she's a helper,
She's a friend that you can trust,
With a way of saying "do your best,"
That makes you feel you must.
She's a dreamer and a planner,
She can be ambitious, too,
And because she is your mother
Who is always sure to be
The very heart and center
Of her happy family!**

Mom-in-Law

**Mother's Day is for all the women
who love with a mother's heart,
Who take the time to reach out with love and
encouragement, to teach, to praise, to protect,
to make a child's life warmer,
safer, richer, better.
You're one of those special women
And you deserve every bit
of love and appreciation
that comes with this special day.**

The Loved and Lost: Mothers in the Civil War

5/10/2015, a Blog by Codie Eash, in “*Ramblings from the Ridges*”

First of all, Happy Mother’s Day to any moms reading this. Thank you for everything that you do. This blog entry is for you all, and a tribute to the contributions of American mothers during the nation’s bloodiest and most destructive hour.

For several generations, many Americans have made a point of thanking not only the men and women who serve in the armed forces, but also their families, who often make incomparable sacrifices of their own.

Perhaps historically it is true that mothers — arguably more than anyone else in a soldier's family — sacrifice, worry, and grieve the most.

“How many Mothers and Sisters and Wives have been made to mourn since this war has been sent upon us[?]” wondered one South Carolina woman in 1863, the third year of the American Civil War. “Numbers on top of numbers and we are not yet through.”

The war would continue for two more years after she penned those lines, adding to the “Numbers on top of numbers.”

By the time it reached its conclusion in April and May of 1865, the Civil War permanently removed more than 620,000 sons from the earth, and therefore from their mothers. As hundreds of thousands of additional wounded soldiers lay in hospitals throughout the nation, it was most often one's mother who the men cried out to see as they suffered, bled, and breathed their last. But of course, thousands of miles from home, most soldiers’ last pleas to be soothed by the women who gave them life could not be fulfilled.

“In military hospitals, nurses frequently cooperated in the search for substitute kin, permitting delirious soldiers to think their mothers, wives, or sisters stood nearby,” wrote Drew Gilpin Faust, historian and president of Harvard University, in *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*.

The frequency of these circumstances led soldiers to write poems and ballads which “expressed gratitude to the women caring for the wounded at the same time that [they] sought to reassure wives and mothers that their loved ones were not dying alone,” according to Faust. Such ballads “represented an interchange, a nationwide conversation between soldiers and civilians, between men and women, as they worked together to reconstruct the Good Death amid the disruptions of war, to maintain the traditional connections between the dying and their kin.”

“The inability to witness the last moments of a brother, husband, or child shattered expectations about an appropriate earthly conclusion to these important human connections,” Faust continued.



An 1861 Charles R. Rees photograph depicts an unidentified Southern woman wearing a mourning dress and brooch bearing the likeness of a Confederate soldier, accompanied by a young boy wearing a Confederate kepi. (Library of Congress)

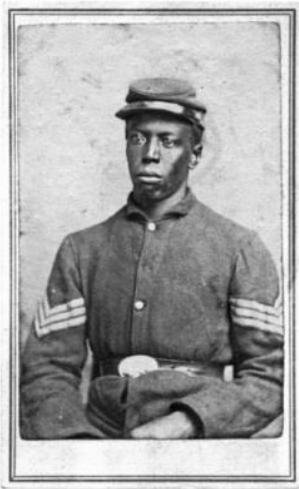
LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS IN THE CIVIL WAR



A Letter from John Sweet, Confederate Soldier, to His Parents
Tennessee - November, 1863

We have just returned from a trip into East Tenn where we got big amounts of everything to eat and everything we eat is so good to me as I had been starved out so long on some bread & beef, all that we got while we were here besieging Chatanooga. up there we got sweet and Irish potatoes, chickens, molassas, wheat bread and everything else that was good for a poor soldier. Oh, how I do wish that I could be at home now, for it is getting late in the evening and I have had nothing to eat since breakfast and no telling when we will get rations for our rations are out, since we left our ration wagons behind in coming here to this place, for I know you have all had a good & plentiful dinner. know you will say poor John, but this is only a chapter in military service which we often read, but I am content and will be more so when we get rations. The independence of the bounty is what I want and I am willing to suffer for something to eat many, many days if it will only send me to my dear parents, a full and independent boy.

- John H. Sweet



A Letter from Samuel Cabbie, a private in the Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Infantry (colored), was a slave before he joined the army. He was twenty-one years old.

Massachusetts, 1863

Dear Wife,

I have enlisted in the army I am now in the state of Massachusetts but before this letter reaches you I will be in North Carolina and though great is the present national difficulties yet I look forward to a brighter day When I shall have the opportunity of seeing you in the full enjoyment of freedom. I would like to no if you are still in slavery if you are it will not be long before we shall have crushed the system that now oppresses you for in the course of three months you shall have your liberty. great is the outpouring of the colored people that is now rallying with the hearts of lions against that very curse that has separated you and me yet we shall meet again and oh what a happy time that will be when this ungodly rebellion shall be put down and the curses of our land is trampled under our feet i am a soldier now and i shall use my utmost endeavor to strike at the rebellion at the heart of this system that so long has kept us in chains ... remain your own affectionate husband until death.

Samuel Cabbie

*Note: Samuel Cabbie returned to Missouri for his wife, and together they moved to Denver, Colorado.



A Letter from William Norton, Union Soldier, to His Mother
Hilton Head, South Carolina

October 8, 1862

My Dear Mother,

Hearing that there is a mail going out this afternoon I thought I would improve the opportunity and write you a few lines. I am sorry to tell you that I am not very well at present. I was taken sick about three weeks ago with chronic diarrhea, and have been in the hospital about a fortnight. I have been pretty sick but I am getting better now and hope to be well in a few days.

I would like to have you send me some things which will come better in a barrel than in anything else. I should like some good fresh eggs, a bottle of preserves, some lemons if you can get some good ones, some ginger root. Some butter would be very nice, it will come better in a tin can than in anything else. I would like some sugar too. I wish you would send a bottle of good Cider Vinegar also - I would like some pickled onions, and some dried apples. Some prepared chocolate would taste first rate, as we do not get good tea and coffee.

A towel and a couple of handkerchiefs will be very acceptable also. If there is any room for anything else I wish that you would fill it up with onions and good sound apples that are not quite ripe that they will get better. Direct to the care of Capt. Sanford, Co C, 7th Regt. Conn Vols.

_____ DD Tompkins Esq Asst. Q M General No 6 State St. N.Y.

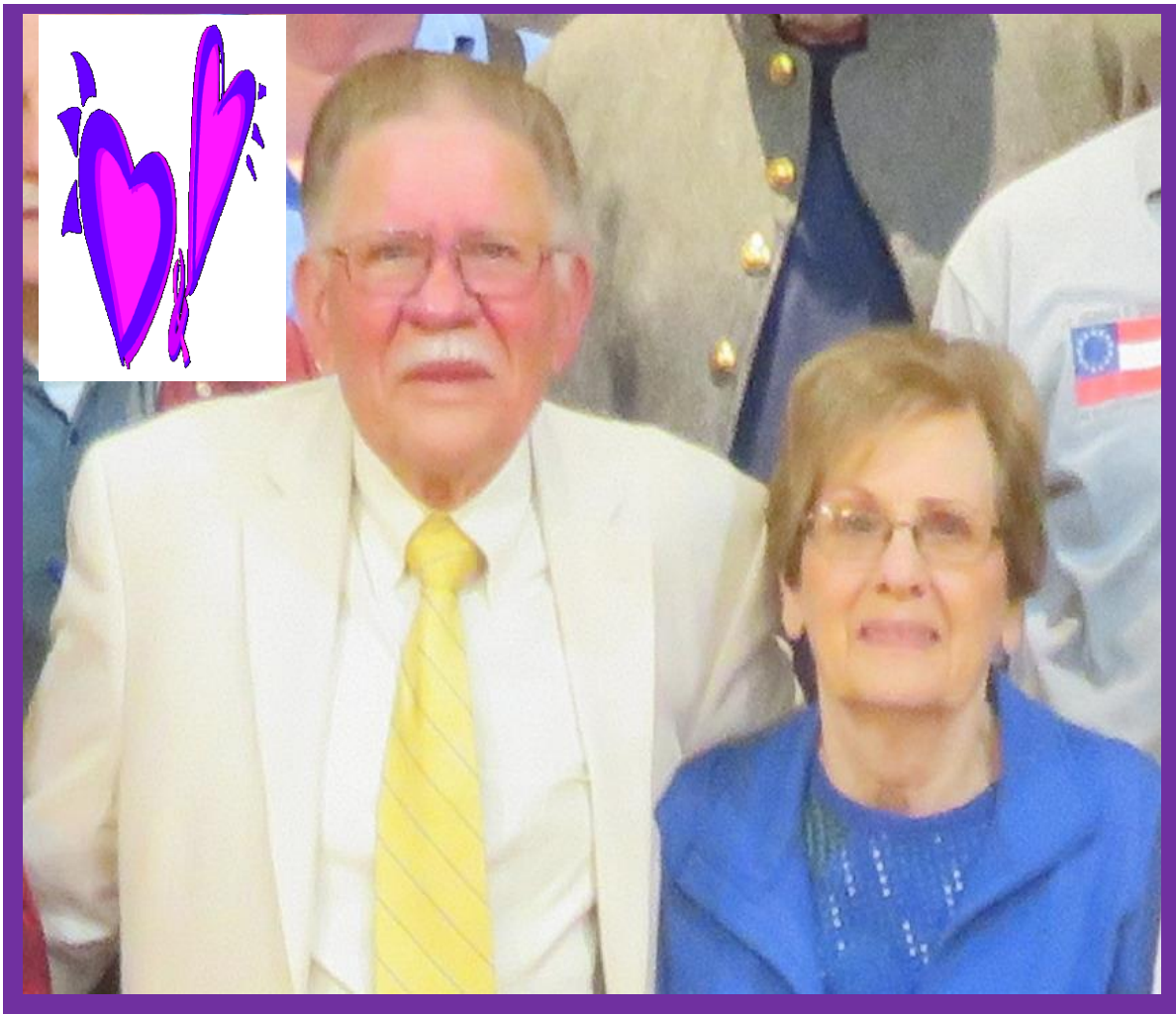
Please send it as soon as possible.

I have not heard from you since I have been here but should like to do so every mail. If convenient please send \$5.00 the next time you write.

*Give love to all enquiring friends, and believe me -
Ever your aff son*

William Norton

News From Around the Camp



**MAY 5
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
TO
COMPATRIOT JIM & LADY BARB LUMMA
(Jerseyville IL)
61st WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**Life bestows love's blessing on a very special few
And we believe it happened when life encountered you.**

(The camp will send a congratulatory card.)

CAMP 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAY

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 8 V-E Day (1945)
- 9 Mother's Day
- 11 6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 8 D Day (1944)
- 8 6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 U. S. Army Birthday (1775)
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 First Day of Summer

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 18 1:00 Camp Cannon Shoot/Picnic and CAMP MEETING (Beasley's)**
- 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS



MAY

- 3 JOHNNY KICKLIGHTER (Smithton IL)
- 5 JOHN KICKLIGHTER (Smithton IL)
- 18 CONNER COWAN (Chester IL)
- 23 GREGORY CARTER (Carbondale IL)



CAMP DIXON STAFF

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 2nd Lt Commander
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 Adjutant
 Asst Adjutant
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 Asst Sgt of Arms
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