

*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](http://www.scvcamp1962.org)



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**FEBRUARY 2021**

**Show off your Valentine  
and bring her/him to the**

**CAMP MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 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:** *The Widow of the South*

**PRESENTER:** *Lady Sharon Red*

**REFRESHMENTS:** *Compatriot Phil Tate*

## 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 every faithful member of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV Camp #1962.

February is designated the month of love – a special time to remember your loved one on Valentine's Day. The token might be flowers, chocolates, or dinner but whatever it may be, it will be special because it came from you. What could be better than to bring your sweetheart to the next Camp Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> and celebrate Valentine's Day early?

Since love is the theme for February, and I want to tell you I have another love besides Wendy, and it's the camp. You have made me proud to be your Commander and you have made this camp what it is today – one of rich and proud Confederate heritage, membership warmth and giving, participation in meetings and activities, and love for one another. I have never witnessed a better camaraderie than yours, and I hope you continue to share of yourselves to be kind, please others, spread the word about your Confederate spirit, seek the younger and older fold as future members, and make Camp Dixon proud today and many tomorrows to come. God bless you and your Valentine.

*Confederately,  
John Stanton*

## Congratulations

**Camp Dixon's Newly Elected Officers  
January 2021 – January 2023**



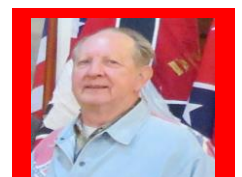
**JOHN STANTON, Commander**



**MATT KING, Lt Commander**



**RON LAKIN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander**



**GALE RED, Adjutant**

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## **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JANUARY 12, 2020 Muster**

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:37 p.m. on January 12, 2021 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 1<sup>st</sup> Muster of the year 2021.

**CALL TO ORDER:** With the absence of our Commander, Adjutant Gale Red called the meeting to order.

**WELCOME:** Adjutant Red 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin led everyone in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

- (Adjutant Red) This may be the last time we'll be able to do this. Be extremely careful of what you say on Social Media. Be careful!

**SWEARING IN:** None.

**ROLL CALL (22) (Adjutant Red).** *Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll.*

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

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES (Adjutant Red).** The minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Steve Wilson and seconded by Drew Wilson with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red).** Reported the financial report of \$6,395.48. The report was approved by a motion to accept by Drew Wilson and seconded by Andy Novara with a unanimous all-hands-agreed vote.



### **GROUP PHOTO**

**(L-R) (Row 1)** Mary Biekert, Drew Wilson, Ralph Oelschlager, Betty Lawrence, Ron Lakin, Bob Herr, Alexis Lakin, Jane Novara, Janice Beasley, Andy Novara, Barb & Jim Lumma, and Gale Red  
**(Last Row)** Doug Lawrence, Dale Rice, Nick & Steve Wilson, John McKee, Eric Funkhouser, Mike Biekert, and Phil Tate

*Photographer: Sharon Red*

## **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JANUARY 12, 2020 Muster (cont'd)**

### **PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**VOTING OF CAMP OFFICERS (Commander, Lt Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander, and Adjutant).** (Adjutant Red) We must vote on the following: Commander John Stanton, Lt Commander Matt King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin, and Adjutant Gale Red.

- (Bob Herr) Made a motion of acclamation to accept the officers as listed. Motion was seconded by Steve Wilson. A unanimous all-hands-agreed vote followed. Those as named are stuck again.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**FORMER MEMBER, JIM FULTON (Adjutant Red).** As noted in the last newsletter, Jim Fulton (Jim Lumma's cousin) passed away on December 30, 2020 from cancer after a month at home. Please keep his wife, Carolyn, and his family in your prayers.

**THANK-YOU LETTER SENT TO RACHEL WORCHESTER, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (Adjutant Red).** We thanked Rachel, the daughter-in-law to the creator of WAA, Mr. Morrill Worchester, for help in getting the wreaths on behalf of our camp.

**MESSAGE FROM DIVISION LT. COMMANDER, MATT EVANS, IN CHICAGO (Adjutant Red).** Matt is also the 516<sup>th</sup> Camp Commander. They participate in firing live ammo with cannons and muskets. They are putting together a museum of Civil War artifacts in the Chicago area. If you have any Illinois relics to place in the museum, contact me. He said a Division Convention is overdue. I think Bob Herr should get involved in this also. We're supposed to have seven camps but only have three (Chicago, Rockford, and us). Last convention was two years ago. Will keep you apprised of updates.

**PRESENTATIONS SIGN-UP SHEET (Adjutant Red).** We don't have a speaker yet for April, July, September, and November meetings. Please volunteer or provide a suggestion or suggested speaker.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, DECEMBER 19 (Adjutant Red).** Sharon, please share your comments.

- (Sharon Red) Gale delivered the welcome, and Matt King and Jim Lumma read poems. We had a small turnout but many thanks to the members who came – Matt King -- John and Jane McKee – Jim and Barb Lumma, and Linda Miesel from the United Daughters of the Confederacy.
- (Gale Red) We also placed a wreath at Smallpox Island, and then Sharon and I placed wreaths on members' and individual graves. We need to clean the gravestones as a future project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BABY ELLA ROSE & JEN WILSON ARE DOING WELL (Drew Wilson).** Ella is doing better – gained a pound, Jen just needs more sleep. Grampa Steve is very proud.

**CANNON SHOOT AT JANICE'S HOME (Steve Wilson).** Really enjoyed going to Janice's place for a cannon shoot. Any chance of having one this year?

- Received approval to schedule on July 18 (Sunday). More details to follow.

**HAVE MEN'S CLOTHING FOR VETERANS HOME (Mary Biekert).**

- (Jim Lumma) Items must be in original package.
- (Gale Red) Hold them until later.

## **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JANUARY 12, 2020 Muster (cont'd)**

**FOR USE OF CHURCH POWER (Adjutant Red).** Please put a dollar or two in the hat on the refreshments table.  
(Collected \$26 ~gave \$20 to Mike ~ \$6 placed in kitty)



***Mike & Mary Biekert***

**REFRESHMENTS:** Compatriot/Chaplain Mike & Lady Mary Biekert brought hot bean soup, cornbread, cupcakes, and beverages. Thanks, Mike & Mary, for taking such good care of us.

**PRESENTATION:** 30-question quiz on American Civil War – A Nation Divided, 1861-1865.



***Gale Red***

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

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church.

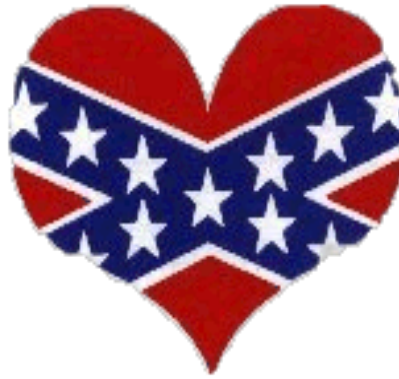
- **Presenter:** Lady Sharon Red. **Program:** Book review of “The Widow of the South”
- **Refreshments:** Compatriot Phil Tate

Respectfully submitted,

***Gale F. Red***  
Adjutant



# A LOVE STORY



*Once upon a time, there was a young couple who fell in love in 1861.  
They were very special ~ their love was inspiring and true and glowed as the sun.  
She was 17 and the oldest of eight children of a Mobile, Alabama, steamship captain.  
He was 24 and a steamboat engineer and auxiliary policeman.  
They called her Elizabeth Queenie "Lizzie" Bennett ~ by her parents was named.  
He was George E. Dixon ~ a dashing young man as history has claimed.  
Before George departed for the war, Lizzie gave him a \$20 gold piece for good luck.  
He was wounded at Shiloh when a minie ball in his leg struck.  
It was this gold coin that saved his leg and possibly his life,  
But the impact seriously damaged his femur causing him to limp the rest of his short life.  
George returned to Mobile to convalesce and see Lizzie, so they spent Christmas 1862 together.  
Fondly growing closer in spirit and in love with each other.  
Lizzie was someone who shared her smile, a tear, and a hand.  
George was someone who cared ~ a heart that could understand.  
Their love was the long-lasting kind although they were together for only a little while.  
Their love was for so many things ~ they shared their voice, their touch, their kiss, their smile.  
With them, there was nothing to resist ~ to each they were irresistible, you see.  
They were drawn in total trust, giving to each other willingly.  
Until in 1864, the Confederate H. L. Hunley submarine was lost,  
George perished with his crew and the war their love cost.  
Their love story continued in the romantic tale of her gold gift  
Until it was proven true when it was found where George lay in the remains of the ship.  
Their sweet devotion never failed ~ they each had a loving heart.  
Their love, no matter what, had been that way from the start.  
There were many reasons why their love endured.  
Despite their many trials, their love was secure.*

**From:** Sons of Confederate Veterans <ihq@scv.ccsend.com> on behalf of Sons of Confederate Veterans <ihq@scv.org>

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 11:05 AM

**To:** rommelsconspiracy@hotmail.com <rommelsconspiracy@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** Reminder: General Order #6 January 20, 2021 Confederate Monuments in Battlefields to be removed!



## **General Order #6 January 20, 2021 Confederate Monuments in Battlefields to be removed!**

Compatriots,

First let me thank Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan for his foresight in seeing what lies ahead for us from the new Congress. The following words come from his letter. I do not think this can be worded any better, thus, I am adopting them as a General Order to the organization. The following is that letter:

“Congress passed a law to create a committee to spend \$2,000,000 to remove all Confederate imagery from our military. Over the next three years, buildings, ships, streets, bases, barracks, fields, planes associated with Confederates will be renamed. In the next round of tyranny and “wokism”, legislators are working feverishly to remove Confederate monuments, plaques, pictures, and literature from American battlefields. Please read the following article here: <https://www.rollcall.com/2020/12/23/confederate-monuments-at-national-parks-get-reprieve/>

This effort will start again now with the transition of power complete. I urge everyone to contact your legislators, early and often to tell them to vote against this horrible bill. If you do not participate, **THE MONUMENTS WILL BE REMOVED AND DESTROYED!** Keep your comments short, to the point, and polite. Letters, calls, texts, tweets, and instagrams are all useful tools. Sign your letters as a concerned taxpayer and voter.

Ideas for your letters:

1. This is a voting issue for millions of Americans.
2. Removing monuments to Confederates will adversely affect tourism and the local economy.
3. The monuments should be protected under the Antiquities Act.
4. Removing monuments will disenfranchise millions of American taxpayers and voters and hurt military recruitment, as most volunteers are from the South per capita.
5. Removing Confederate Monuments is cost prohibitive, money would be better spent on COVID 19 response.
6. Voting to remove monuments enables the movement to remove the rest of American history and culture. Is that what you want your legacy to be?

If you do not know how to contact your legislators, use this link: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

We need everyone to participate in this effort. Talk to your trusted contacts, get them involved. All it takes for evil to win is for good men to do nothing.

Won't you answer this call to action and take the time to write your representatives and stand up for our ancestors.

Deo Vindicie,

Larry McCluney, Jr.  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## **History Book Time: Why Appomattox and Robert E. Lee's Surrender Matters**

Timeless lessons for all Americans.by [Warfare History Network](#)

**Key point:** It was a meeting four years in the making.

When Confederate General Robert E. Lee learned on the morning of April 9, 1865, that Union infantry was both in front and behind of his meager army of 12,500 effectives as it approached Appomattox Court House in central Virginia, he resigned himself to the sad task before him. He must ride to Union lines and request an interview with Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

“There is nothing left me to do but go and see General Grant, and I would rather die a thousand deaths,” Lee told his staff.

### **Disaster at Sailor’s Creek Further Depleted Lee’s Already-Thin Ranks**

A week earlier Lee had ordered Confederate forces in Richmond and Petersburg to retreat west toward a rendezvous at Amelia, a stop on the Richmond and Danville Railroad. At that time his army numbered about 36,000 men, but in a series of desperate clashes at Sailor’s Creek on April 6 a good chunk of his army was captured. Stragglers also took a heavy toll.

Lee set out to meet with Grant shortly after Noon on Palm Sunday. He was escorted by Lt. Col. George Babcock of Grant’s staff and brought with him his adjutant, Lt. Col. Walter Taylor, his secretary, Lt. Col. Charles Marshall, and orderly Sergeant George Tucker. Grant had suggested in his correspondence that Lee choose the meeting place. So, Lee sent Marshall ahead on the important task. Marshall selected sugar speculator Wilmer McLean’s red brick house.

### **Grant Makes Small Talk About Mexican War During Surrender**

At 1:30 PM Grant entered McLean’s parlor and went immediately to shake Lee’s hand. They were a study in contrasts of age and attire. Grant in his early 40s wore a muddy and dusty uniform because his baggage had not caught up with him at the front. Lee in his late 50s was immaculately groomed in a dress uniform with polished brass buttons. Grant had difficulty reading Lee’s dignified demeanor. He did not fathom the deep sadness his adversary felt at having to surrender the remnant of a once formidable army.

Grant made small talk about their having met once in the Mexican War. When Lee asked for conditions, Grant said that the Confederates would be paroled but must pledge not to take up arms again against the U.S. government.

Shortly afterwards Lee rode off to inform his army of the terms, Union cannon began to boom in celebration. Grant ordered the firing stopped immediately, informing his staff, “The war is over. The rebels are our countrymen again.”

Appomattox Court House is situated in central Virginia about 90 miles west of Richmond and 18 miles east of Lynchburg. To reach it from east or west, take US 460. When approaching the town of Appomattox, take State Route 24 north to the National Park Service-administered site.

## Speculators Dismantled McLean House, But Park Service Rebuilt It

Although there are a number of extant buildings within the park, such as Clover Hill Tavern, Meeks Store, and Woodson Law Office, the McLean House was dismantled in 1893 by speculators who concocted a money-making scheme. The speculators planned to reassemble the house in the nation's capital as a war museum but nothing came of the scheme. Subsequently, the National Park Service rebuilt the house on its original foundation in the 1940s.

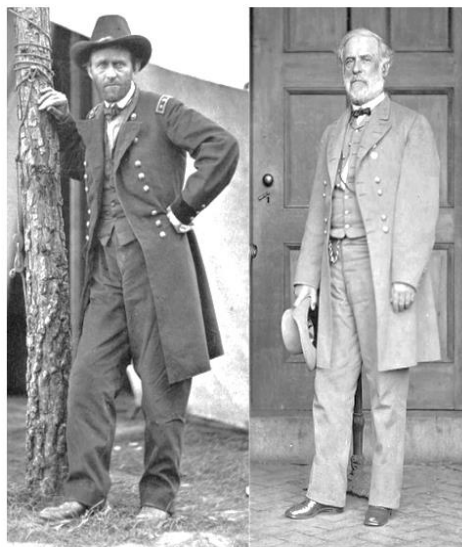
The best place to begin your visit is at the visitor center inside the reconstructed court house. Rangers and volunteers at the visitor center can answer questions about the park and the historical event that occurred on the site. The visitor center has museum exhibits, video programs, maps of the park, and restrooms.

Including the reconstructed court house, there are about 10 buildings (extant or reconstructed) that were in the village at the time of the surrender and are an integral part of the park. These are all within a short walk of the visitor center. Must-see sites are the McLean House and the Clover Hill Tavern. The tavern, which was built in 1819, is the oldest structure in the village. It was where Confederate parole passes were printed. Other key sites are a short drive away. They include the locations of Lee's and Grant's headquarters, which are at the east and west sides of the park, respectively.

### A Tearful Farewell at the Stacking of Arms

On the Richmond-Lynchburg Stage Road, which passes in front of the court house, the surrendering Confederate soldiers on April 12 deposited their cannon, rifles, flags, and accoutrements in a ceremony observed by 5,000 Union soldiers who lined the road. Many tears were shed as Confederate soldiers said goodbye to each other to travel back to their farms and homes.

*This article [originally appeared](#) on the Warfare History Network. This piece was originally featured in September 2018 and is being republished due to reader's interest.*





# *News From Around the Camp*



**GET-WELL WISHES  
TO  
COMMANDER JOHN STANTON  
(of Godfrey IL)**

**John has contracted COVID, is not feeling well, and is in quarantine. He hopes to be at the February camp meeting. Please keep him in your prayers.**

*(The camp sent a get-well card.)*

# CAMP 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## 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 Begins  
 17 St. Patrick's Day  
 20 First Day of Spring  
 28 Palm Sunday  
 29 National Vietnam War Vets Day

## APRIL

2 Good Friday  
 4 EASTER  
**13 6:30 CAMP MEETING**  
 30 Arbor Day



## FEBRUARY

3 CARSON LEONARD (Ingraham IL)  
 14 PHIL TATE (Mascoutah IL)  
 17 HAM LEMMER (Millstadt IL)  
 20 JIM LUMMA (Jerseyville IL)  
 20 RALPH OELSCHLAGER (Belleville IL)



## CAMP DIXON STAFF

Commander  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander  
 Advisor to the Commander  
 Adjutant  
 Asst Adjutant  
 Chaplain  
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 Door Greeter

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 Matthew James King  
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