

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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AUGUST 2021

ENJOY EVERY DAY AND BE GLAD TO BE ALIVE

Come share your friendly presence at the next
CAMP MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Shiloh Assembly of God Church in Shiloh



PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 10

PROGRAM Andrew Tucker at Stones River Battle
PRESENTER Compatriot Steve Wilson
REFRESHMENTS Compatriot 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

ANNUAL DUES (August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022)

WAS DUE July 15, 2021

SCV Members \$55 (includes \$35 for National and \$20 for the Camp)

Life Members \$20 (for the Camp)

Knights & Ladies \$20 (for the Camp)

Please make check payable to: Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962

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If not renewing, inform Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949

TODAY'S NOTE FROM GALE

Thank you to the members who paid their dues.

However, for those who have not yet paid, please do so as soon as you can or, at least, call or email me if you're not going to renew.

Email: galered@yahoo.com My Cell Phone is 618-622-8949.

FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings from the officers of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV Camp #1962. The officers of your camp would like to extend to each and every member a cordial invitation to our August muster. Our last July meeting was sparsely attended and we look to a more robust group this month. It was good once again to welcome back comrade John McKee and his wife, Jane. They have been sorely missed and our many prayers have been answered with their return to the ranks. I was recently reflecting on the observation of Gen. Lee after the war in which he stated that he feared that the combined military power of the US following the war between the states would some day prove too much of a temptation to be needlessly wielded. Many years later Gen. Eisenhower likewise reflected upon the pending danger of the military power of the US and the threat it posed to our freedom. Chancellor Bismark, too, foresaw that the power of the US would pose a great threat to Germany in the next generation owing to the fact that its language was English. Our nation has been at war at all times of my life. They have engaged our young men in countless conflicts around the entire globe and have failed in as many as I can recall. Since the end of the draft, the people of our land have paid little attention to these wars as their sons and daughters for the most part are not being placed in harm's way. Most do not realize our military footing in over half of the world's nations. Perhaps if the draft was still in place there would have been greater effort to have guarded against this endless adventure if all citizens' lives were at stake and not just the 1/2%. General Lee held a prophetic crystal ball as he was able to look forward and analyze the nature of humans to be unable to resist the great temptation to utilize such power. Food for thought. Let me know what you think. See you at the muster. GOD Bless

Confederately,

John Stanton

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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 13, 2020 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:45 p.m. on July 13, 2021 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 7th 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 (Compatriot) 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 (13) (Asst Adjutant John McKee). *Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll.*

Those present included: Walter "Mike" Biekert, Eric Funkhouser, Bob Herr, Matt King, Jim Lumma, John & Jane McKee, Andy & Jane Novara, Dale Rice, John Stanton, Phil Tate, and Drew Wilson.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Stanton). The minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Bob Herr and seconded by Andy Novara with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Asst Adjutant McKee). Due to Adjutant Red's absence, the report was dispensed with for this meeting, to be reported on the next meeting.



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (Front Row) Bob Herr, Matt King, Eric Funkhouser, Jane McKee (holding Zoey),
Jim Lumma, and Jane & Andy Novara

(Back Row) Phil Tate, Drew Wilson, John Stanton, Mike Biekert, and Dale Rice

Photographer: John McKee

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 13, 2020 Muster (cont'd)

MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT ATTEND TONIGHT'S MEETING:

- a. Adjutant Red is not here tonight as he is undergoing chemo treatment this week.
- b. Steve Wilson is not here because he has a conflicting meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

TO CONFIRM, CANNON SHOOT IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 AT JANICE BEASLEY'S.

People may also bring their firearms for target shooting.

NEW BUSINESS

COLLECTING FOR CHURCH POWER FOR CHAPLAIN BIEKERT (Commander Stanton). Please put a dollar or two in the hat on the refreshments table. Thanks.

NEW CARD MASTER REQUESTED. Sharon Red has been our card master for the past 13 years and would like to pass that on to somebody else at the end of the year. She has also been the newsletter for us for the past seven years. She needs somebody to take over doing the cards for the birthdays, anniversaries, get-wells, etc. She will be glad to help train a replacement. Please volunteer.

RESCHEDULING MEETING NIGHT TO A DIFFERENT DAY OF THE MONTH. Was discussed and the second Thursday appeared to be a good time for everyone, as the facility will be available.

REFRESHMENTS: Compatriot Drew Wilson provided the refreshments. Thanks, Drew, for taking such good care of us.



Drew Wilson

PRESENTATION: "Civil War Artillery" was briefed by Compatriot Bob Herr.

The presentation was a primer on Civil War artillery. It included an overview of references for artillery drills, historical accounts, technical information (that cannons are referred as "pieces" and not "guns"), types of cannons and ordnance, organization, staffing and training, and reenacting. Handouts were provided illustrating the piece and limber and the piece and caisson, battery wagon, forge wagon, and a diagram on the position of the eight crew members for one field artillery piece. The audience had many questions that were answered to their satisfaction.



Bob Herr

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Biekert delivered the benediction.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church.

- **Presenter:** Compatriot Steve Wilson. **Program:** Andrew Tucker at Stones River Battle.
- **Refreshments:** Compatriot Mike & Lady Mary Biekert.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McKee
Asst Adjutant

WHY GRAY? WHY BLUE?

Why were Confederate uniforms gray?

Possible answer #1: There were actually two official colors for soldiers before the Civil War. Blue was reserved for soldiers serving in the federal army, and gray was for the militia forces serving under state authority. The Confederates believed they were fighting for States' Rights, and they were fighting to be separate from the Federal Government, so they chose to remain with the gray uniforms signifying loyalty to state rather than country.

When President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the Southern Insurrection, they were to serve in the Federal Army. At the first battle, Bull Run, there were Southern troops wearing blue and Northern troops wearing gray militia uniforms, which is part of the reason there was so much confusion.

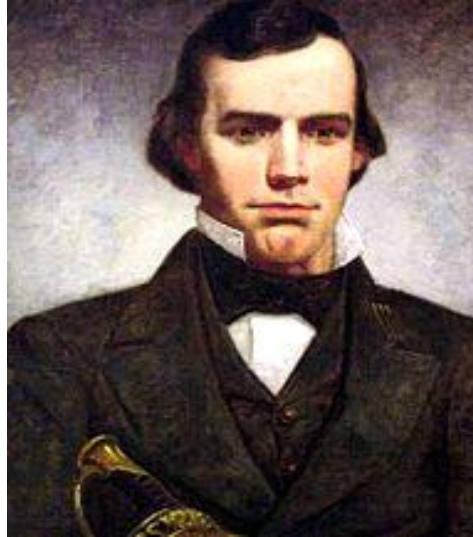
Possible reason #2: The un-dyed wool looks grayish, and it was more expensive to dye wool to change the natural color. Also, the official Confederate uniform adopted in 1863 was based on the West Point (the alma mater of many confederate generals) military academy uniform color called, "Cadet Gray."




The Union uniform was standardized by War Department orders after the first Battle of Bull Run in 1861. In that battle some Union regiments fought in gray uniforms given them by their home states, while several southern regiments wore blue uniforms. No one could tell exactly who was on what side! Clothing and equipment was supplied by state warehouses at first, but then the Federal government took over the duty of supplying uniforms, arms, food, and equipment.

By the second year of the war, almost every Union soldier in a regiment wore the same uniform and carried the same equipment. It wasn't until 1863 that the Confederates had adopted a uniform code with gray as the standard color.



John Quincy Marr



Born	May 27, 1825 Warrenton, Virginia
Died	June 1, 1861 (aged 36) Fairfax Court House, Virginia
Buried	Warrenton, Virginia
Allegiance	 Confederate States of America
Service/branch	 Confederate States Army
Years of service	1861
Rank	 Captain
Unit	Warrenton Rifles company American Civil War
Battles/wars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Battle of Fairfax Court House †

John Quincy Marr (May 27, 1825 – June 1, 1861) was a Virginia militia company captain and the first Confederate soldier killed by a Union soldier in combat during the American Civil War. Marr was killed at the Battle of Fairfax Court House, Virginia on June 1, 1861. Previously one of Fauquier County's two delegates to the Virginia Secession Convention of 1861, Marr initially opposed his state's secession from the Union but ultimately supported secession, as did voters shortly before his fatal skirmish.

Early Life

John Q. Marr was born on May 27, 1825 in Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia. He was the son of Catherine Inman Horner Marr (1797-1879) and John Marr, Esq. (1788-1848), who had married in 1816. The elder John Marr was the grandson of a French immigrant with the surname "La Mar." The elder John Marr had been a Commissioner in Chancery in the Supreme and County Courts, much like a court-appointed trustee in later times, as well as a justice of the peace. He owned enslaved black persons, as would his widow and son

John Q. Marr by 1860.

John Quincy Marr graduated second in the class of 1846 from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). However, his father died on June 3, 1848, and his elder brother Robert Athelstan Marr (1823-1854) was a naval officer. Although John Q. Marr taught at VMI as an assistant professor of mathematics and tactics after graduating, he returned home in 1848 to care for his mother and sisters Sarah/Sally (1819-1895), Margaret (1830-1903), Frances (1835-1918) and Jane (1840-1927), since his younger brothers Thomas Scott Marr (1830-1897) and James Ripon Marr (1832-1879) left home by 1850. The local judges gave him the same appointments held by his father; Marr also served a two-year term as sheriff of Fauquier County.

Road to Civil War

After John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, Marr organized the "Warrenton Rifles" militia company. In early 1861, Fauquier County voters elected Marr as a delegate to the Virginia Secession Convention. Although initially opposed to secession, and called home by a "family affliction" during the deliberations, he later signed the ordinance of secession.

On May 5, 1861, Marr was commissioned as a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia forces, but he never received the commission because it was sent to Harpers Ferry by mistake.

Death

On Saturday, June 1, 1861, a company of Union Army cavalry on a scouting mission entered the streets of Fairfax Court House after driving back one Confederate picket and taking another prisoner. At that time, two companies of cavalry and Marr's Warrenton Rifles infantry company occupied the town. The Confederate cavalry began to retreat and cut off part of the Warrenton Rifles from those who faced the Union cavalry charge. Only about 40 men from the company were in a position to combat the Union cavalrymen.

Lieutenant Charles Henry Tompkins of the 2d U.S. Cavalry Regiment led the Union force of between 50 and 86 men who separated into two groups as they rode through the village. Captain Marr challenged the riders, asking "What cavalry is that?" These were his last words. Scattered shots were fired as the Union cavalry rode through and Captain Marr fell dead. Marr was not in the immediate presence of any of his men on a dark night so soon after he fell, no one knew where he was or what may have happened to him. His body was found later in the morning.

After Marr fell, first appeared former and subsequent Virginia governor and later Major General William "Extra Billy" Smith, who had just resigned his seat in the U.S. Congress. He was from Warrenton and had helped raised the company. He took command in the absence of the company's leaders. Soon thereafter Lieutenant Colonel (later Lieutenant General) Richard S. Ewell, who had just been placed in charge of Confederate forces at Fairfax Court House, came upon the company. Lt. Col. Ewell had received a shoulder wound as he emerged from the village's hotel as the Union force first rode through the streets so he was bleeding as he took charge of the infantry company in the field and redeployed 40 of them. Ewell soon went off to send for reinforcements and Smith redeployed the men again in the same general area but in a less exposed position about 100 yards forward. After the Union cavalry rode through the village, they regrouped and returned through the village streets. A volley from the redeployed men of the Warrenton Rifles turned them back. The Confederates fired additional volleys at the Federals as they tried to pass through town again on their way back to their base near Falls Church, Virginia. After a third failed attempt to ride past the Confederates, the Union men were forced to leave town toward Flint Hill in the Oakton area of Fairfax County to the north of the City of Fairfax with several wounded men.

Confederate casualties in the affair were one dead, four wounded (including Lt. Col. Ewell), one missing, according to their report. A later account states that only two were wounded, but five were captured. The Union force lost one killed, four wounded (including Lt. Tompkins) and three missing, who had been taken prisoner. The Union soldier killed was identified as Private Saintclair. Governor Smith later reported that Marr had apparently been hit by a spent round ball because he had a large bruise above his heart but his skin had not been penetrated.

Aftermath

Captain Marr's body arrived in Warrenton that evening. The following afternoon a large crowd attended a ceremony in the clerk's office yard before his burial in the Warrenton Cemetery.



Marr's grave in the Warrenton Cemetery

Charles Henry Tompkins received the Medal of Honor for his actions at the 1861 battle. His was the first action of a Union Army officer in the American Civil War for which a Medal of Honor was awarded, though not until 1893. His citation reads: "Twice charged through the enemy's lines and, taking a carbine from an enlisted man, shot the enemy's captain. No other account referenced on this page states that Tompkins personally shot Captain Marr.

A monument to Captain Marr was erected on June 1, 1904 near the entrance of the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse, where it remains today. The monument reads: "This stone marks the scene of the opening conflict of the war of 1861–1865, when John Q. Marr, captain of the Warrenton Rifles, who was the first soldier killed in action, fell 800 feet south, 46 degrees West of the spot. June 1, 1861. Erected by the Marr Camp, C.V., June 1, 1904.

First Confederate Casualty

Various authors have claimed that Private Henry Lawson Wyatt of the 1st North Carolina Volunteers (later the 11th North Carolina Infantry Regiment), the only Confederate soldier to die at the Battle of Big Bethel, Virginia on June 10, 1861 was the first Confederate soldier killed in Civil War combat. This claim stands only insofar as a distinction is made between the first officer killed, Captain John Quincy Marr, and the first enlisted man killed, which Private Wyatt appears to have been.

Reference: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

News From Around the Camp



**SINCERE SYMPATHY
TO
MARILYN BOYD & HER FAMILY
(of Columbia IL)
ON THE
PASSING OF HER HUSBAND, COMPATRIOT BILL BOYD
JULY 17, 2021**

Compatriot Bill Boyd passed away in his sleep on Saturday, July 17, 2021. He wasn't feeling well after dinner out and dancing with Marilyn. He thought he had eaten too late in the evening. When Marilyn found him in the morning, he had expired. Bill was a charter camp member and will be truly missed. The camp sent a condolence card. (Camp members Johnny & Chris Kicklighter and Gale & Sharon Red attended the viewing on July 23, 2021, and Walter Hall attended the funeral service on July 24, 2021..)

William Boyd, 80 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on July 17, 2021 in Columbia, IL. He was born September 26, 1940, in East Saint Louis IL to Harold Franklin and Laurretta Corine (Steiner) Boyd. He married Marilyn Day, she survives.

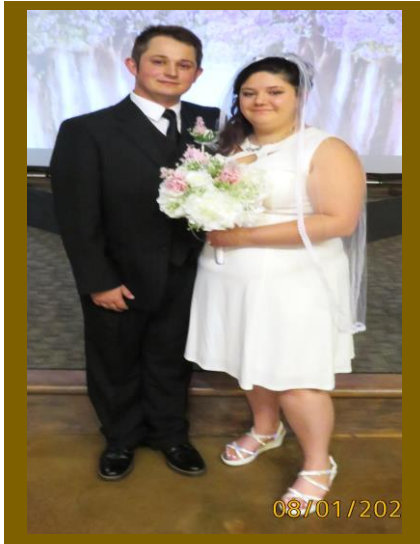
Also surviving are son, Steven Harold Boyd; daughter; Robin (Bill) Lacefield; his sisters; Donna (Stewart) Frisch and Kathy Harres; brother-in-law, Donald Day; eight grandchildren: Andrew (Carly) Krump, Audrey Krump, Katherine Lacefield, Stephanie Boyd, Seth Boyd, Samantha Lacefield, JC and John Boland; one great-grandchild; Harper Krump, along with other relatives and friends.

William was a veteran of the US Army, having served from 1958 until 1962. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1968 and went on to become a teacher with the Valmeyer School District #3 for 32 years. He enjoyed photography, camping, and traveling along with dancing, reading, listening to music, and history. William was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a Civil War reenactment group in O'Fallon, Illinois.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Laurretta Boyd, step-mother; Marion (Pieper) Boyd, and two sisters; Betty Sedlack and Carol Parker.

Visitation will be Friday, July 23rd at 4PM-8PM at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia, IL. Services will be held at Leesman Funeral Home in Columbia, IL, on Saturday, July 24th at 10AM with Jim Jarvis officiating. Interment will be at a later date at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Columbia Illinois Public Library. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home.



AUGUST 1
2ND LT COMMANDER RON & MRS. ALEXIS LAKIN
 (of Freeburg IL)
CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR 1st WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(The camp sent a congrats card.)



AUGUST 16
1st LT COMMANDER MATT & LADY ANDI KING
 (of Highland IL)
CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR 10th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(The camp will send a congrats card.)

CAMP 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST

- 4 U. S. Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
10 6:30 CAMP MEETING

SEPTEMBER

- 2 V-J Day (1945)
6 Labor Day
12 Cannon Shoot (Beasley's)
14 6:30 CAMP MEETING
17 POW/MIA Recognition Day
18 U. S. Air Force Birthday (1947)
22 First Day of Autumn

OCTOBER

- 11 Columbus Day
12 6:30 CAMP MEETING
18 U. S. Navy Birthday (1775)



AUGUST

- 6 JOHN MASSEY (Harvest AL)
19 JASON ZIEBOLD (O'Fallon IL)
23 CHRIS KICKLIGHTER (Smithton IL)
31 BOB HERR (Mt. Vernon IL)

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