

*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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*Camp Dixon, Congratulations on your 21<sup>st</sup>*



## PROGRAM INFO FOR NEXT CAMP MTG, JAN. 19

**PRESENTATION** *The Hunley*

**PRESENTER** *Compatriot Johnny Kicklighter*

**REFRESHMENTS** *Compatriot Phil Tate*



### CAMP MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and are generally, except as announced, held on the third Thursday evening of 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, a family death, or needs assistance.**

*Adjutant Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949*

*Chaplain Mike Biekert, 618-972-8190*

### CAMP DIXON REMEMBERS

*Lest we forget*

#### 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

#### WELLINGTON "HAM" LEMMER

February 17, 1947-February 17, 2021

#### MARCUS PATTON "PAT" BOOTH

November 1, 1941-February 5, 2022

### Much gratitude and special thanks

to Camp Dixon's long-distance members

Talley Bailey  
Robert Gray  
David Haake  
Amzy Hibler  
James Johnson  
John Kruse  
John Loper

John Massey  
Dwight Moore  
Steven Pike  
Dave Runnels  
Arthur Tulak  
Drew Wilson



### FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings to one and all who remain faithful to the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV Camp. The officers of your camp would like to wish a prosperous new year to all our members and their families. It is without a doubt that the last few years have led to a significant decline in our membership and with attendance at the monthly meetings. The same issue lies with all fraternal organizations as well. Membership and participation in all sectors have declined with the passing years. This alarming trend has hit hardest within the religious community of our nation. Individuals have simply not counted this duty of church attendance to hold the same value as it once did. The faithful in numbers are dwindling as our houses of worship greatly resemble a senior citizens plus center. Time will relate and reveal the dire consequences of this negative trend in our society. When individuals no longer seek a common link between each other of like mind, there will soon usher forth a new common cause for men to rally to. I fear that this new ism will only be the product of darker narrative that will lead us into a Dark Age of human development. I can only ask each of our members to reflect upon themselves as to what is most important in their lives and for the promise of our tomorrow. Pray that we see more of you at the next monthly muster. Until then, GOD bless.

*Confederately,  
John Stanton*

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## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 15, 2022 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:30 p.m. on December 15, 2022 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 10<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year 2022.

**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. 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/INDUCTIONS:** None.

**OTHER PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:** None.

**ROLL CALL (12)** *(Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll – Adjutant Gale Red)*

Those present included: Janice Beasley, Mike & Mary Biekert, Johnny Kicklighter, Jim & Barb Lumma, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, John Stanton, Nick Wilson, and Steve Wilson.



### GROUP PHOTO

#### (L-R) (Front Row)

Gale Red, Mary Biekert,  
Jim & Barb Lumma,  
Janice Beasley, Johnny Kicklighter,  
and Mike Biekert

**(Back Row)** Dale Rice,  
Nick Wilson, John Stanton, and  
Steve Wilson

*Photographer: Sharon Red*

### APPROVAL OF CAMP MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 2022, AS REPORTED IN THE DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER.

The minutes were approved by a motion to accept by Dale Rice and seconded by Steve Wilson with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** \$5,166.44. The report was approved by a motion to accept by Steve Wilson and seconded by Johnny Kicklighter with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**COMPATRIOT ERIC FUNKHOUSER (Adjutant Red).** Had his back surgery on December 6, is home, doing therapy, and has hope to maybe do better with his terrible pain. I talked to Eric and his surgery was successful as far as being completed but he is still in serious pain. The doctor said he will have to live with heavy meds for some time and maybe the rest of his life. Please keep him in your prayers.

- Mike, please make contact with him even though he is in so much pain – and make routine contact with him.

### GENERAL A. P. HILL REMAINS/MONUMENT DESTROYED IN RICHMOND.

- (Steve Wilson) The family is in possession of his remains.
- (Mike Biekert) U-tube revealed destruction and sacrilege manner in digging up remains.
- (Jim Lumma) Renamed Fort Bragg.
- (Gale Red) The leadership of the SCV has bent over and accepted the changes of today. There is little or no heritage of the South.

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 15, 2022 Muster (cont'd)

### OLD BUSINESS

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY TO BE HELD SATURDAY AT 10:00 AT ALTON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY AN SMALL POX ISLAND AND OTHERS AS TIME IS AVAILABLE (Adjutant Red).** Cannot have the program inside the cemetery. VA is keeping us out. We cannot place a wreath inside, but placing large wreaths on the gates. John will check to insure they are still there. If not, will pursue a lawyer. *Head count of those attending: John Stanton, Jim & Barb Lumma, and The Reds (plus a couple ladies from UDC).*

**CHURCH POWER – COLLECTION FOR CHAPLAIN BIEKERT (Adjutant Red).** Please contribute \$1 or two for Mike. Thanks. *(Took \$20 from kitty and gave to Mike, who graciously donated it to the Christmas family fund)*

### NEW BUSINESS

**REPORT ON OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER BASKET (Adjutant Red).** We treated one family to a full dinner and fruit basket for a small price of \$88.11. It was well received. Thank you for being so generous.

**REPORT ON OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS AND GIFTS (Adjutant Red).** We plan to treat two families with meals and presents. Passing the hat for your donations. *(Collected \$140).* Thank you.

**WHO'S GOING TO SIGN UP FOR 2023? (Adjutant Red).**

- **PROGRAMS** (missing Feb., Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, and Nov)
- **TREATS** (missing Feb, Mar and May)

**FOLLOW-UP ON SUGGESTION MADE ABOUT THE MARCH 2023 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE IN ST. LOUIS (Commander Stanton).** John will provide more info.

**WHAT'S THE UPDATE ON THE SIGN FOR CHURCH (Compatriot Johnny Kicklighter).**

- (Mike Biekert) As soon as I hear something, I'll let you know.
- (Gale Red) Need to know where this project is heading.

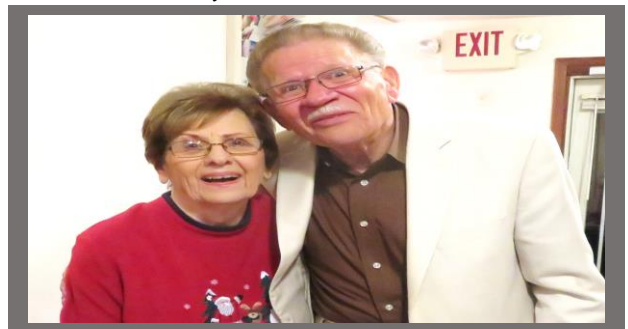
**LAST MONTH FOR SHARON RED AS EDITOR OF OUR BLUE LIGHT NEWSLETTER AND HER LAST MONTH AS CARDMASTER FOR BIRTHDAY CARDS, GET WELL CARDS, SYMPATHY CARDS, etc.**

**(Commander Stanton)** The task of newsletter editor will pass along to Johnny Kicklighter and cardmaster to Barb Lumma. Please be sure to thank Sharon for her many years of service to the camp. *(Johnny said he can't work the newsletter in January since he'll be preparing the January presentation on the Hunley. He becomes the new editor effective February 2023.)*

**REFRESHMENTS:** Compatriot Jim and Barb Lumma provided chili, crackers, cheese, sausage, vegetable tray, cake, pie, and beverages. *(Steve Wilson brought cheesy grits).* Thanks, Jim, Barb, and Steve, for taking such good care of us.



**Steve Wilson & Mike Biekert**



**Jim & Barb Lumma**

**PRESENTATION:** "Christmas Musical Sing Along" by Compatriots Steve Wilson and Mike Biekert

Steve and Mike provided a handout of Christmas songs and everyone chimed in to sing and then close with Dixie.

**BENEDICTION:** Chaplain Biekert

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 19, 2023, Shiloh Assembly of God Church.

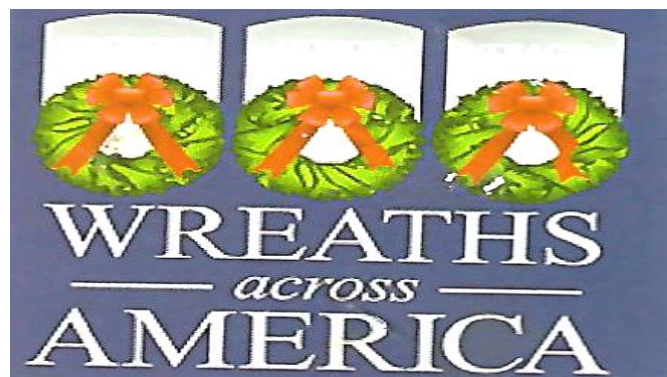
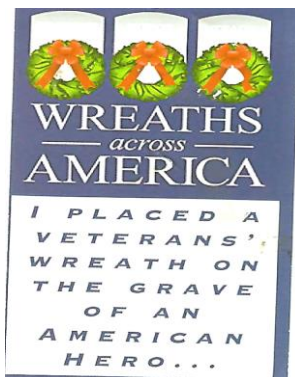
**Presenter:** Compatriot Johnny Kicklighter

**Program:** The Hunley

Confederately,

*Gale F. Red*  
Adjutant





"THANK YOU TO ALL SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA TO FULFILL OUR MISSION."

*Wayne Hanson*  
CHAIRMAN WAA BOARD  
THIS VETERANS' WREATH IS PROUDLY MADE IN MAINE/USA BY



FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

(Saturday, December 17, 2022) The weather was fierce as it always is every year – but there were a few souls that braved the minus-degree cold and gave tribute on the Annual Wreaths Across America Day. Present but freezing under terrible cold and windy conditions where the temperature was 25 degrees (wind chill 17 degrees) were: From Camp Dixon Commander John Stanton, Adjutant Gale Red, Lady Sharon Red, From UDC Linda Mizell (Secretary of the Martha Leah Turner Chapter 2692, United Daughters of the Confederacy), and Peggy & Ray Sternberg (also from the UDC chapter). They commemorated this annual event by remembering, honoring, and teaching Americans to place wreaths on veterans' graves for the 9<sup>th</sup> year, compliments of the Maine Worcester Wreath Company.

### **NORTH ALTON CONFEDERATE CEMETERY**



**The Alton Confederate Cemetery**  
Dedicated by the UDC for 1,354 veterans



Because of the VA rules, no official ceremony was conducted so we placed a large wreath at the base of the monument and Linda Mizell read a poem, "Until We Meet Again"

**UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**  
We think about you always  
especially on Wreaths Across America Day  
We talk about you still.  
You have never been forgotten  
And you never will.  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain  
To walk and guide us through our lives  
Until we meet again.



Two large wreaths were placed on the gates. (L-R) John Stanton, Peggy Sternberg, Linda Mizell, and Gale & Sharon Red.

## SMALL POX ISLAND MONUMENT

Then we traveled to Small Pox Island where it felt even colder – brutal cold to any bare skin -- because of the cold winds coming from the Mississippi River. There was quite a walk from the new Corps of Engineers transformation of the parking lot area to the monument and every step felt the brutal cold. We quickly laid a wreath and Gale read a poem titled “Merry Christmas from Heaven.”



At the Small Pox Monument are  
(L-R) Ray Sternberg, John Stanton,  
Peggy Sternberg, and Gale Red.

### *Merry Christmas from Heaven*

I still hear the songs  
I still see the lights  
I still feel your love on cold wintry nights.

I still share your hopes and all of your cares  
I'll even remind you to please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you, you still make me proud  
You stand head and shoulders above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment to stay in His grace.  
I came here before you to help set your place.

You didn't have to be perfect all of the time.  
He forgives you when you slip  
if you continue to climb.

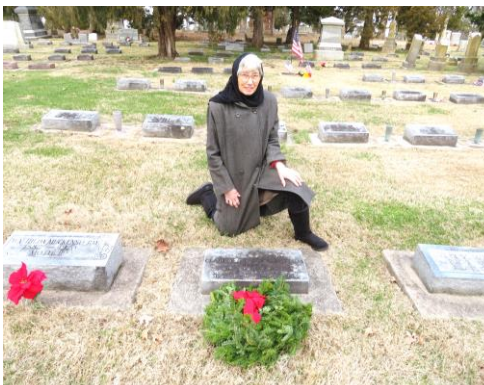
To my family and friends, please be thankful today.  
I'm still close beside you in a new special way.

I love you all dearly  
Now don't shed a tear  
Cause I'm spending my Christmas Day  
with Jesus this year.

We bid adieu and wished everyone a Merry and warm Christmas, and Gale and Sharon traveled to their next stop.

## GREEN MOUNT CATHOLIC CEMETERY, BELLEVILLE IL

Here at Green Mount, Gale and Sharon laid wreaths for deserving veterans long gone.



For Sharon's uncle, 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. CLARENCE  
“Lefty” MUCKENSTURM (26), KIA in  
WWII by the Japs after 3 days arrival in the  
Aleutians.

### *GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED*

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around you and whispered  
"Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and  
saw you fading away.

Although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating;  
working hands were put to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.





For Sharon's father, ROBERT H. MUCKENSTURM, who fought in WWII. Her mother is also resting in peace here.



Gale laid a wreath and spoke some farewell words and recited a poem to Compatriot KEVIN DUFFY whose been gone 12 years.

**DECEMBER 18, 2022**  
**LAKEVIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS IL**



Gale laid a wreath, spoke some farewell Confederate words, and recited a poem to Compatriot REAGAN HARRIS YOUNG whose been gone 5 years. (His wife, Lois, shares this gravesite and has been gone 4 years.)

**WALNUT HILL CEMETERY, BELLEVILLE IL**



WILLIAM J. UNDERWOOD  
Was a Capt in Co. B, 3<sup>rd</sup> GA Calvary, CSA



WILLIAM H. HARRIS  
1842-1907, CSA



COMPATRIOT RON DORAN  
Was a faithful member of Camp Dixon  
who's been gone 7 years



HIRAM DUVALL ANDERSON  
From Missouri, was captured/at Alton prison for a year, then escaped and came to O'Fallon IL – was harbored by a family. After the war, worked in a coal mine--crushed by a coal car.



HENRY E. SCHRADER  
Served with Texas Regiment, captured and taken to Camp Butler for 2-1/2 years before release/parole. Stayed in Springfield area and moved to Belleville. Was a very respected businessman.



**MASCOUTAH COMMUNITY CEMETERY, MASCOUTAH IL**



COMPATRIOT BRETT WARNER  
Was a faithful member of Camp Dixon  
who's been gone 10 years

**COLLEGE HILL CEMETERY, LEBANON IL – DECEMBER 31, 2022**



JOHN BROWN  
Came from Germany to New Orleans – may have  
been a deserter. Moved to East St. Louis, then to  
Belleville, and finally settled in Lebanon.

First editor of the city newspaper.

His wife, Anna, is buried next to him.



**GREENWOOD CEMETERY, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS IL**



JOHN W. JACKSON  
Sgt, Co. G, 10<sup>th</sup> KY Cavalry (Diamond's)  
19 Nov 1839-2 Aug 1922

**MT. HOPE CEMETERY, EAST ST. LOUIS IL**



NINIAN OLIVER BELL  
Pvt, Co. E, 8<sup>th</sup> KY Cavalry, CSA  
15 Apr 1847-30 May 1940

Next to him is his son, Floyd,  
and Daughter-in-Law, Bertie.

**ST. PETER & PAUL CEMETERY, WATERLOO IL**



THOMAS J. PAYNE  
21 Oct 1842-25 Jun 1885  
Compatriot Steve Wilson laid the wreath

**STUDT CEMETERY, RENAULT IL**



TILLMAN A. MCKINNEY  
1 Feb 1830-22 Nov 1905  
Compatriot Steve Wilson laid the wreath



# Christmas Families



## The Thompsons

## The Petrovichs

(December 21, 2022, O'Fallon IL)

**Four days before Christmas, Gale and Sharon Red represented Camp Dixon in presenting food boxes and Christmas gifts to two families. They were so appreciative and thanked them over and over again for the Camp's giving heart and warm generosity. Many thanks to you special members who gave so willingly and unselfishly!**



**Gale Red and Kelsy Thompson**



**Gale Red and Casey Petrovich**

**It was such a thrill for the camp to be so appreciated for all the goodies we gave these two families. Each family received a ham, instant mashed potatoes (or real taters), country crock, cranberry sauce (or not), canned green beans, canned corn, macaroni and cheese, stuffing mix, gravy, pumpkin pie, whipped cream, chocolate chip cookies, a gallon of milk, and fresh fruit basket.**

**Christmas gifts were also provided to each family: The Thompsons received: Kelsy (a smart watch and 4 sets of blue bath towels/hand towels/wash rags), Isaiah, 7 (a Dino Valley dinosaur), Ezekiel, 4 (a Dino Valley truck and smaller dinosaur), and Sinatra, 2 (set of My Little Ponies and Minnie Mouse).**

**The Petrovichs received: Casey (ear buds and 6 sets of blue bath towels/hand towels/wash rags), Alex, 14 (a Game Stop gift card for \$50), Lela, 9 (LOL OMG Lounge Neonlicious Doll, LOL hair doll, and teddy bear, Jeremiah, 1 (Green Toys Transport truck with three cars), and Timothy, 10 mo. (Fisher-Price Laugh & Learn Silly Sounds light-up piano).**

**We gave them a Christmas card explaining our camp and invited them to visit the web site. Again, many thanks to all of our special members who contributed so generously. YOU MADE THIS HAPPEN!**



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



**Congratulations**  
**On your 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
**Compatriot Johnny & Lady Chris Kicklighter**  
**(of Smithton IL)**  
**January 28**

**Only the best of wishes for you on this special day. Hope you will  
have many more happy & healthy years together!**

*(The camp will send a congrats card.)*

## CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023



### JANUARY

1 New Year's Day  
 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day  
 19 6:30 CAMP MEETING

### FEBRUARY

12 Lincoln's Birthday  
 14 Valentine's Day  
 16 6:30 CAMP MEETING  
 20 Presidents' Day  
 22 Ash Wednesday

### MARCH

12 Daylight Savings Time Starts  
 (set clocks ahead one hour)  
 16 6:30 CAMP MEETING  
 17 St. Patrick's Day  
 20 Spring Begins  
 29 National Vietnam War Vets Day



### CAMP DIXON MEMBERS

#### JANUARY

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



### CAMP DIXON STAFF

Commander  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander  
 Advisor to the Commander  
 Adjutant  
 Asst Adjutant  
 Cardmaster  
 Chaplain  
 Program Chairman  
 Newsletter Editor  
 Sgt of Arms  
 Asst Sgt of Arms  
 Door Greeter

John Douglas Stanton  
 VACANT  
 Ronald Joseph Lakin  
 John Wayne Kicklighter  
 Gale Franklin Red  
 John Mitchell McKee  
 Barbara Lumma  
 Walter Michael Biekert  
 Gale Franklin Red  
 Sharon Marie Red  
 Stephen Dean Wilson  
 Eric Jan Funkhouser  
 VACANT

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