

*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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DECEMBER 2022

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

*We wish you a blessed and holy season  
and much happiness in the New Year*

**CAMP MEETING, DEC. 15, 2022**  
**Shiloh Assembly of God Church in Shiloh**



## PROGRAM INFO FOR DECEMBER 15

**PROGRAM** Christmas Presentation  
**PRESENTERS** Compatriots Steve Wilson & Mike Biekert  
**REFRESHMENTS** Compatriot Jim Lumma

### 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

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**We invite you to honor our dead by laying wreaths  
on WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

**DECEMBER 17, 2022**

**Meet at N. Alton Confederate Cemetery, 10:00**

**Also, the following members' graves will be visited:**

Ron Doran  
Brett Warner  
Harris Young

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings to the faithful members of the Lt. George E. Dixon SCV Camp. The officers of the camp would like to wish each and every member and their families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Pray remember our fellow camp members who are facing illness along with infirmities. I contacted Eric Funkhouser and he is facing surgery this month along with a most difficult prognosis. Many others in our fold likewise can no longer attend our monthly muster, but I know they would stand with us in person if possible. The camp has proposed a Christmas benefit gift again this year and we will collect contributions for the same at our December meeting. This time of the year can and is a mixture of requirements that all combined deceive one to fail to properly pause and reflect as to why all this bustle in itself is meaningless. We have all failed at many times to pause and reflect at the true object of all this confusion. Sharon Red once had a lecture about the origins of the Christmas traditions starting from the war between the states until its present forms. It is quite a story of how corporate ingenuity coupled with the collusion of the churches in America created this madness we all witness today. I am often confused as to why people who are not believers in Messiah celebrate a holiday about a deity in which they do not worship. Take time this year to pause and contemplate your humble response to this gift from the Father to his fallen creation and give thanks. Until our next muster, GOD Bless.

*Confederately,*

*John Stanton*

## **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2022 Muster**

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:55 p.m. on November 17, 2022 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 9<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 (11)** *(Please ensure everyone signs the muster roll – Adjutant Gale Red)*

Those present included: Mike Biekert, Johnny Kicklighter, Jim & Barb Lumma, John & Jane McKee, Gale & Sharon Red, John Stanton, Phil Tate, and Steve Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF CAMP MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 20, 2022, AS REPORTED IN THE NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER.**

- (Commander Stanton) Any comments on the newsletter?
  - (Steve Wilson) Thank you, John, for the great pictures!

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



### **GROUP PHOTO**

**(L-R) (Front Row)** Jane McKee, Steve Wilson, Johnny Kicklighter, Barb & Jim Lumma, and Mike Biekert  
**(Back Row)** Gale Red, John McKee, John Stanton, and Phil Tate

*Photographer: Sharon Red*

## **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2022 Muster (cont'd)**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** \$4,123.74. Still haven't completed the dues process. Need to do dues cards. The report was approved by a motion to accept by Jim Lumma and seconded by Steve Wilson with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**LADY JANICE BEASLEY'S FRIEND, RON BRIGHT (Commander Stanton).** Suffered a stroke while in the grocery store four days ago – had a terrible headache and couldn't see out of one eye. He may lose sight in that eye. Janice isn't here tonight because she's caring for him and asks that you keep him in your prayers. *(The camp sent a get-well card to Ron via Janice.)*

**COMPATRIOT ERIC FUNKHOUSER (Adjutant Red).** Will undergo serious back surgery on December 6 (slipped from Nov. 29). May have less pain or become a quadriplegic. Please pray for him.

- (Steve Wilson) Talked to Eric a month ago – was in so much pain he couldn't hardly talk on the phone.
- (Gale Red) Talked to Eric on November 28. His surgery is now scheduled for December 6 and he is looking forward to a good outcome. He's been in touch with a pain management doctor who has him on only Tylenol. After surgery he will be admitted to the hospital for hopefully only 3 days. *(The camp sent Thinking of You and Get-Well cards.)*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**THANKSGIVING FAMILY AND CHRISTMAS FAMILY (Commander Stanton).** Gale contacted Mr. Dotson from the St. Vincent DePaul Society in O'Fallon – received names of families and will make contact for delivery. Please be generous in your donation to support mothers and their children this special time of year. *(We have already received a generous contribution from a special camp member who wishes to remain anonymous.)* Passing the hat. Thanks. *(Collected \$88)*

**CHURCH POWER – COLLECTION FOR CHAPLAIN BIEKERT (Commander Stanton).** Please contribute \$1 or two for Mike. Thanks. *(Collected \$23.21 – gave Mike \$20 – placed \$3.21 in kitty)*

**PRESENTATIONS SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2023 (Commander Stanton).** Since no one has yet to sign up, placed your attendance names in the hat and will be drawing tonight one name per month to make "your choice" presentation. *(Time ran out for the drawing – planning for December meeting.)*

**REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2023 (Commander Stanton).** You are always very accommodating in bringing refreshments so passing this around for your sign-up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER TO BE EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER (Commander Stanton).** Sharon Red has been preparing the newsletter for eight faithful years and will retire the end of December. Need someone to volunteer in a month. *(Johnny Kicklighter showed an interest and requested a word.doc of the newsletter)*

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER TO PREPARE/MAIL BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, GET-WELL, SYMPATHY, etc. CARDS TO MEMBERS (Commander Stanton).** Sharon Red has been preparing cards for 14 faithful years and will retire the end of December. Need someone to volunteer in a month. *(Barb Lumma showed an interest and requested paper backup copies.)*

**NEED SIGN FOR CHURCH (Compatriot Johnny Kicklighter).** We have benefitted in being here for our meetings. Propose \$500 to have a better, more legible sign made. Motion to accept by Johnny Kicklighter and seconded by John McKee with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote. Mike, we need you to look at this and provide more specific input.

Motion to accept to table this in the near future by John McKee and seconded by Steve Wilson with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote.

## **CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2022 Muster (cont'd)**

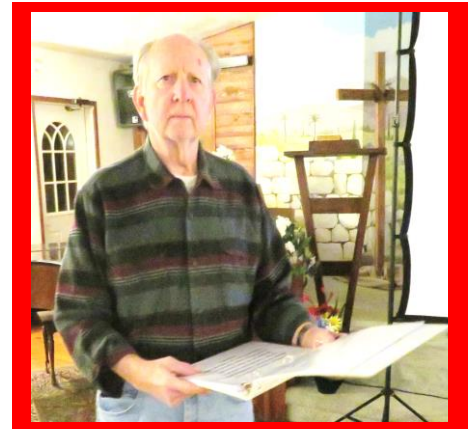
**REFRESHMENTS:** Compatriot Phil Tate provided chili, crackers, cheese, homemade sausage, cookies and beverages. Thanks, Phil, for taking such good care of us.



**Phil Tate**

**PRESENTATION:** "Native American Confederates" by Adjutant Gale Red.

Gale went over the Confederate Native American Heritage Month Proclamation presented by SCV General Headquarters on Nov. 4, 2022:



**Gale Red**

Whereas, the Confederate States of America was a mosaic of strong, vibrant cultures from all corners of the world which made the Southern Way of Life prosperous and unique.

Whereas, the Native American culture is a proud and diverse culture with its people originating from all points in the Americas.

Whereas, an estimated 5,000 Confederate Native American soldiers served with pride, courage and distinction all across the Southland in defense of their country and homes in the War for Southern Independence.

Whereas, the Confederate Native American soldier served at levels from Private to General.

Whereas, Confederate Native American Heritage Month reflects the significant contributions, sacrifices, and valor made to the Confederate States of America.

Now, Therefore, I, R. S. Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, proclaim November 2022 as:

Confederate Native American Heritage Month

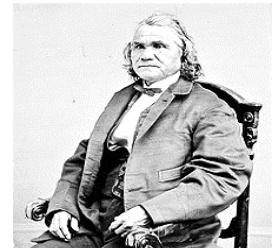
Let us reflect and honor the spirit, dedication, and fearlessness of the Confederate Native American men and women for their devoted patriotism and for the richness of their contributions to the Confederate States of America.

R. S. Jason Boshers  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Then Gale presented a 16-minute video celebrating Native American contributions to the Confederate military presented by Ron Kennedy Chief of Heritage Operations, National Sons of Confederate Veterans.

This was followed by information on Brigadier General Stand Watie taken from the Wikipedia. There is considerable information on BG Stand Watie and the over 5000 Native Americans who fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Much of this can be found on the internet or in many available books.



**Stand Watie**

**BENEDICTION:** Chaplain Biekert

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

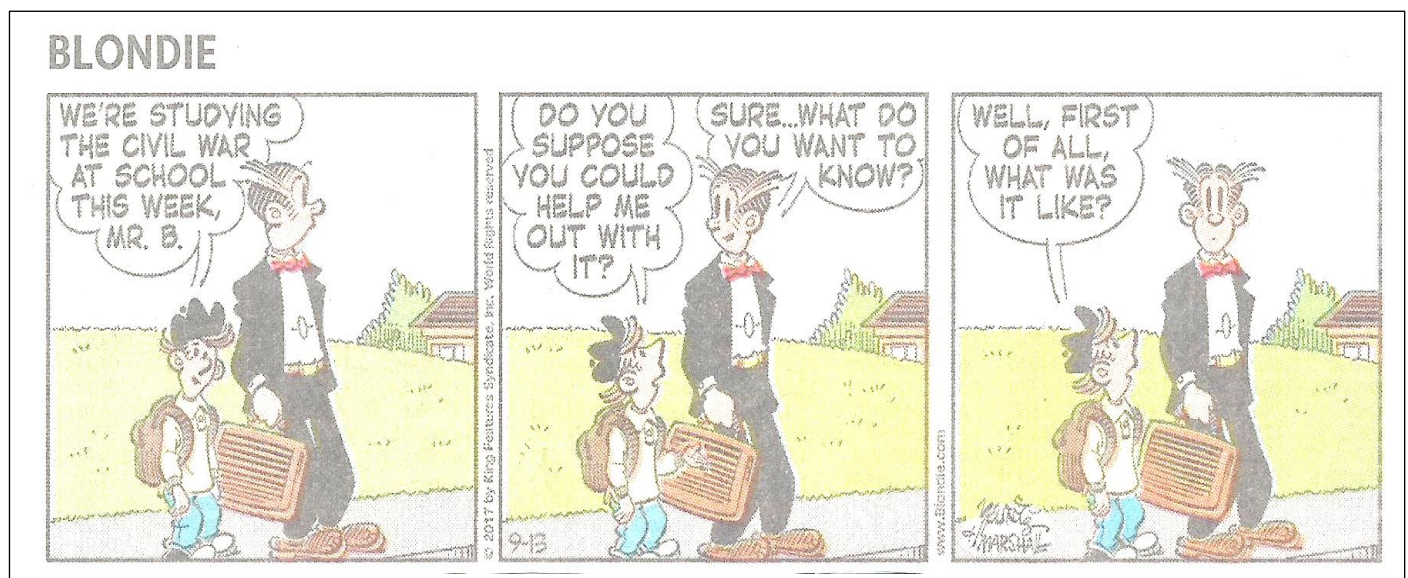
**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, December 15, 2022, Shiloh Assembly of God Church.

**Presenter:** Compatriots Steve Wilson and Mike Biekert.

**Program:** Christmas Presentation

Confederately,

*Gale F. Red*  
Adjutant



# Thanksgiving Food Basket For The Petrovich Family

(November 22, 2022, O'Fallon IL)

**Two days before Thanksgiving, Gale and Sharon Red represented Camp Dixon in presenting many boxes of Thanksgiving food products to Casey Petrovich.**



**Gale Red and Casey Petrovich**

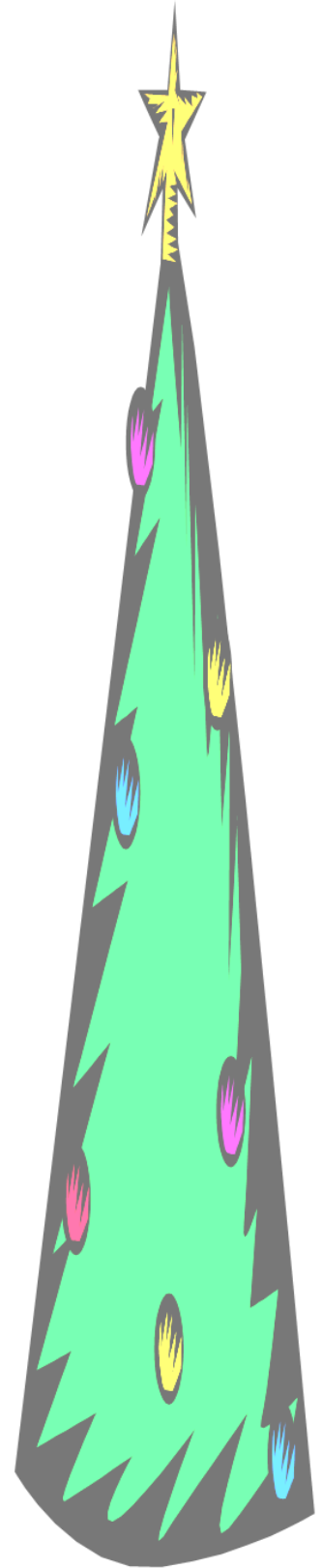
**The goodies included a ham, instant mashed potatoes, canned green beans, canned corn, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, gravy, pumpkin pie, whipped cream, chocolate chip cookies, a gallon of 1% milk, and fruit basket.**

**Gale had made contact with Mr. Dotson from the St. Vincent DePaul Society in O'Fallon and obtained Casey's name/address. Then Gale called her and found out what her family would like for Thanksgiving dinner. Gale and Sharon shopped and brought to Casey. She was very appreciative and thanked them over and over again for the camp's kindness in feeding her and her four children, Alex (14), Lela (9), Jeremiah (1), and Timothy (10 months).**

**Many thanks to all of our special members who contributed so generously.**

## T'was the Night Before Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the camp,  
Dixon rebels were busy working from a small lighted lamp.  
Adjutant Gale Red pronounced it's time to help and to care.  
For, two special families nearby were found hungry out there.  
Commander John Stanton made a motion, and they gave what they could;  
Came up with enough money for food and gifts as good Confederates should.  
The Baby Jesus has blessed our camp with a member who starts us off with a prayer.  
It's our faithful Chaplain Mike whose inspiration will always for us care.  
We are also blessed and fortunate that Mike has so generously let us monthly use  
His beautiful and quiet Assembly of God Church nestled in Shiloh (where the Commander doth snooze)  
Assistant Adjutant John McKee, a brilliant briefer, talked of serious Civil War trivia  
As Adjutant Gale prepared for the annual Wreaths Across America.  
Then, Compatriot Jim Lumma, dressed in pristine PJs, readied for bed,  
While his bride, Barb, our new Card Master, had visions of sugarplums dancing in her head.  
In this night, the stars in the sky were so bright  
That David McAuley's long red Santa beard could be seen in the light.  
When what to our amazement we did see a tall drink of water.  
Compatriot Justin Ottolini stood at attention; he knew this event did matter.  
Then we heard carol music floating in the evening air, you see.  
It was Compatriot Steve Wilson singing and strumming on his ukulele.  
Soon, a young man did appear by the name of Funkhouser from the dark night.  
Eric had researched genealogy and did it just right.  
Lo and behold, then came Compatriot Bob Herr and his cannon and artillery crew.  
Bob's a life SCV member and can talk about big guns, it's true.  
And who's that handsome fellow by the name of Ralph?  
It's Penny Oelschlager's husband sitting attentively all by himself.  
Then, it's a must to mention a regular meeting attendee so very nice  
We're proud of him being here ... he's called Dale Rice.  
When out in the hallway there came such a clatter,  
We closed the door and said it doesn't matter.  
But lo and behold, Lady Calamity Jane McKee had done it again.  
She stumbled and gracefully fell but was OK and could still bend.  
Then, Lady Janice Beasley and her sidekick, R. Lee,  
Are faithful regulars till she has to take him out to pee.  
Meanwhile, our fearless Commander John Stanton stands ready to lead  
Very knowledgeable of history that he yearns to share and read.  
A loyal Confederate that we all know as a learned presenter to us all.  
He is also known as a former regular attendee that will find his way back ... it must be Walter Hall.  
Special mention to Phil Tate – his warm heart and good nature – it's true.  
Often volunteered to drive the group and bring delicious goodies too.  
In the judicial books of the camp can be found our legal beagle named Dwight.  
He gave legal advice and inspiring briefings day and night.  
And good friend, Compatriot Talley Bailey, living way behind enemy lines indeed.  
Took pocketbook in hand to hire goats to eat on his property many a weed.  
Someone with computer experience needs credit and more, as you can see  
For Compatriot Johnny Kicklighter will grace us as the new Blue Light News editor in 2023.  
When what to our wondering eyes should appear  
It's Compatriot J. C. Gideon in his Confederate uniform with a Santa Claus beard.  
In the words of this poem, the message is clear –  
All of our Camp Dixon members, even those not specifically mentioned, are each very dear.  
So, hope you are blessed with His benevolence and good cheer,  
For we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.





# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



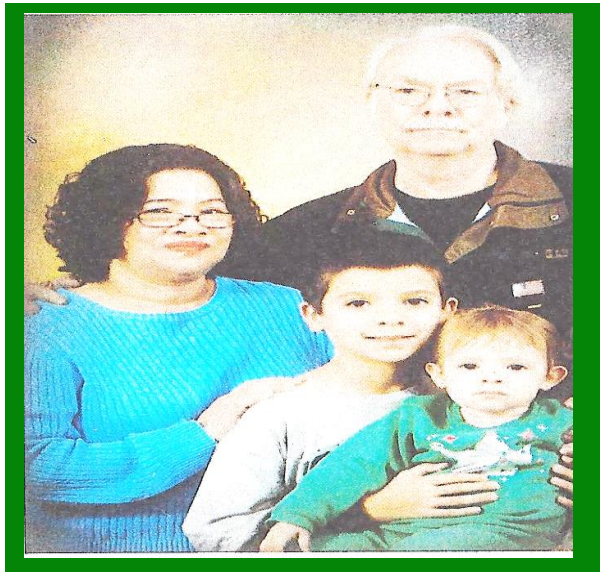
**Congratulations  
First Time Great-Grandparents  
Compatriot Jim & Barb Lumma  
(of Jerseyville IL)  
November 11**

**Their great-granddaughter, Gabrielle, was born on Veterans Day to Jennifer and Ross Quintero. *Jim and Barb are busting their buttons with pride!***



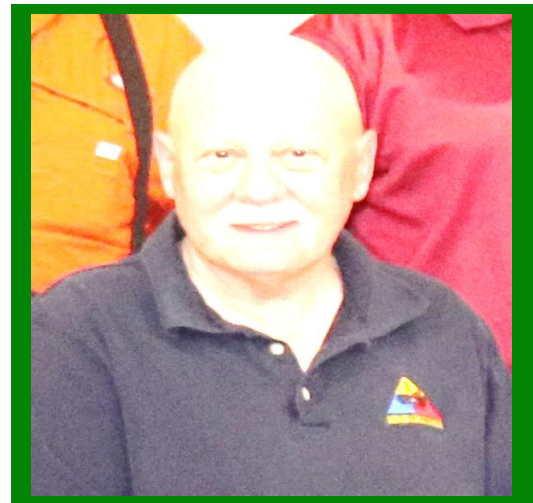
**Many Thanks  
Compatriot Chris Ziebold  
(of Chesterfield MO)**

**Chris was one of our very generous contributors from Camp Dixon for the Thanksgiving and Christmas families. (The camp sent a thank-you card.)**



**Many Thanks  
Compatriot David Runells  
(of Victorville CA)**

**Boonthom, Dave's wife, convinced him to be a generous contributor from Camp Dixon for the Christmas families. (The camp sent a thank-you card.)**



**Get Well Soon  
Compatriot Eric Funkhouser  
(of Belleville IL)**

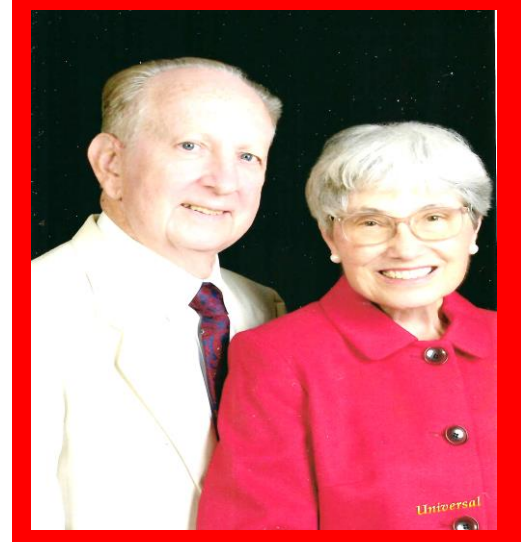
**Eric underwent back surgery on December 6, so please keep him in your prayers for an excellent outcome. (The camp sent thinking of you and get-well cards.)**





**Congratulations**  
**On your 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**Compatriot Mike & Mary Biekert**  
**(of Belleville IL)**  
**December 17**

**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.)*



**Congratulations**  
**On your 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red**  
**(of O'Fallon IL)**  
**December 19**

**Best wishes to a special couple on your Wedding Anniversary. Hope you have many more blessed times.**

*(Also, Sharon will retire from her positions as newsletter editor the past 8 years and Cardmaster for 14 years the end of December.)*



**Congratulations**  
**On your 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**Compatriot Dwight and Nona Moore**  
**(of The Villages FL)**  
**December 28**

**A toast to a special couple for being married 54 years. You're a wonderful example to us all. God bless!**  
*(The camp will send a congrats card.)*

# CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## DECEMBER 2022

- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13 US National Guard Birthday (163)
- 15 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**
- 17 **Wreaths Across America Day**
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

## JANUARY 2023

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

## FEBRUARY 2023

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



## CAMP DIXON MEMBERS

### DECEMBER

- 11 DAVID HAAKE (Cheyenne WY)
- 26 JACK SANDFORD (Brighton IL)
- 26 ARTHUR TULAK (Ewa Beach HI)
- 28 DREW WILSON (LeClaire IA)



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