

*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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## HAPPY EASTER

*Thank the Good Lord for giving us the  
ultimate gift of His Son  
CAMP DIXON MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2022 -- 6:30 pm  
Shiloh Assembly of God Church in Shiloh*



## PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR APRIL 21

### PROGRAM

*A Separate Country*

### PRESENTER

*Lady Sharon Red*

### REFRESHMENTS

*Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red*

## 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*

## FROM THE COMMANDER

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: Greetings to one and all. The officers of your camp would like to invite you to attend this month's muster of our unit. It was with a little disappointment that when we met last month that our attendance was extremely low. It was quite an eye opener owing to the fact that our past 2 meetings before had been put on hold for obvious reasons. I hope that each and all are well and will find time to attend this meeting. This past year has been a difficult one for everyone and with the current world situation it seems to not hold any positive outlook ahead of us. We face a government spending that is out of all control, inflation, wars as numerous as that of the Roman empire and the promise of food shortage to boot. And do not forget our open border policy that the globalists have engineered for us. It is getting harder and harder to be optimistic about this picture of our nation and the rest of the world. I almost forgot about the decline in free speech in the western world in addition to all the other woes. The only bright forecast is that GOD will win in the final countdown. From Genesis until the present time mankind has proven his rebellion against his creator and his ability to mess things up as he determines to conduct his affairs in his own way. Pray without ceasing, as I fear the times are short. Until our meeting, GOD Bless.

*Confederately,*

*John Stanton*

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## I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives.  
He lives, He lives who once was dead. He lives, my everlasting Head.  
He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.  
He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior, still the same.  
What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MARCH 17, 2022 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp # 1962, S.C.V., conducted their monthly muster at 6:47 p.m. on March 17, 2022 at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church, Shiloh IL; this being the 1<sup>st</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. 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.

**PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:** None.

**ROLL CALL (12)** (Adjutant Red). *Please ensure everyone has signed in with Sharon Red.*

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.** N/A – not needed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Gale Red).** \$6,175.74. The report was approved by a motion to accept by Steve Wilson and seconded by Jim Lumma with a unanimous all-voices-agreed vote.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**COMPATRIOT ERIC FUNKHOUSER** is not doing well and is in significant back pain. He has spinal stenosis and is currently not able to be with us. Surgery is not a good option now because of a bad outcome of becoming a paraplegic, per Gale Red.

**LADY CHRIS KICKLIGHTER** is in somewhat better health, per Johnny Kicklighter – no serious bleeds but has severe leg pain and has bulging in her back. Scheduled for an epidural.

- (Gale Red) I was scheduled for this but opted out.
- (Gale Red) Please be generous with your prayers. Let me know if someone needs prayers, and I'll pass the word out.



### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) (Front Row) Jane McKee (with Sophie), Janice Beasley, R. Lee, and Betty Lawrence  
(Back Row) John McKee, Gale Red, Mike Biekert, Steve Wilson, Jim Lumma, John Stanton, and Phil Tate

Photographer: Sharon Red

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

### OLD BUSINESS

**MUSKET AND POWDER SHOOT (Steve Wilson).** If a group, need a certificate of insurance. Thinking of joining a gun club (Highland) so I can bring guests. I'll continue the quest.

- (Jim Lumma) No go for Jerseyville.

**COLLECTING FOR CHURCH POWER FOR CHAPLAIN BIEKERT.** Steve Wilson passed the hat. (*Collected \$20.50 – gave Mike \$20 -- \$.50 placed in kitty*)

### NEW BUSINESS

**BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR THE TAKING (Lady Janice Beasley).**

**JEFFERSON BARRACKS IN ST. LOUIS (Commander Stanton).** Really neat and huge – last fort to the west – used for basic training. Motion made for Commander Stanton to brief and seconded by Mike Biekert.

**IN FEBRUARY, BRIEFED “STONE RIVER” TO WAETI CAMP (Steve Wilson).** Brother Biekert and I went to St. Peters and briefed the Waeti Camp.

- (Gale Red) Maybe we can get them to brief our camp.

**REFRESHMENTS SIGN-UP SHEET (Gale Red).**

- Need June – *John McKee volunteered. Thanks.*
- Need November – *Jim Luma volunteered. Thanks.*

**BIG HOLE IN THE PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE (Gale Red).**

- June
- July \_
- August – Steve Wilson on Perryville
- September \_\_\_\_\_
- October
- December – *Steve Wilson volunteered with Mike Biekert*

**STILL NEED A CARDMASTER (as requested 3 months ago). (Gale Red)**

- (John Stanton) Thought Lexy had volunteered.
  - (Gale Red) She did but is no longer available. She and Ron divorced.

**STILL NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR (as requested 3 months ago). (Gale Red)** Drew Wilson had volunteered and then got busy.

**If you have interest in volunteering to be the Cardmaster or Newsletter Editor, or have an inclination, please let me know.**

**REFRESHMENTS:** Lady Betty Lawrence provided homemade soup, sandwiches, chips, cookies, and beverages. Thanks, Betty, for taking such good care of us.



Gale Red, Janice Beasley & R. Lee



Betty Lawrence

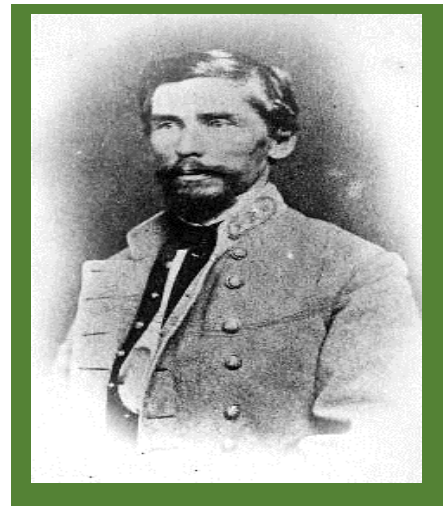


## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ MARCH 17, 2022 Muster (cont'd)

**PRESENTATION:** U-Tube Video on Major General Patrick Cleburne by Adjutant Gale Red (with grateful computer/screen capability by John McKee).



**Gale Red**



**Major General Patrick Cleburne**

Patrick Cleburne was born in County Cork, Ireland, on St. Patrick's Day, March 16, 1828. He began his military career in the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot in the British Army before purchasing his discharge and emigrating to America in 1849. He settled in Helena, Arkansas, in June 1850 and became an American citizen in 1855.

In 1861, Cleburne joined the Confederate Army and was elected colonel of the 15<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry. In March 1862, he was promoted to Brigadier General and led a brigade into battle at Shiloh (April 1862), Richmond, Kentucky (August 1862), and Perryville (October 1862) and Stones River (December 1862). Cleburne was promoted to Major General on December 13, 1862, leading a division with distinction at the Battle of Chickamauga (September 1863) and the Battle of Missionary Ridge (November 1863) for which he and his troops received an official thanks from the Confederate Congress.

Concerned that the Confederacy was losing the war due to limitations of its manpower and resources, Cleburne, on January 2, 1864, gathered the leadership of the Army of Tennessee and presented a plan to emancipate slaves, arm them and enlist them in the Confederate Army to secure a victory for the South. He stated that slavery was the Confederacy's "most vulnerable point, a continued embarrassment, and in some respects an insidious weakness." The proposal was met with silence during the presentation, and was never officially recognized by Confederate officials.

In the spring of 1864, the Army of Tennessee moved towards Atlanta, Georgia, where Patrick Cleburne led his men at the Battles of Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Pickett's Mill, Ringgold and Kennesaw. On November 1864, at the Second Battle of Franklin, Major General Patrick Cleburne was killed leading an assault on the Union lines.

**BENEDICTION:** Chaplain Biekert

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Shiloh Assembly of God Church.

- **Presenter:** Lady Sharon Red **Program:** A Separate Country.
- **Refreshments:** The Reds.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*  
Adjutant

## WHAT DID THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS HAVE ON EASTER?

Sunday will be Easter. For many of us, there will be Church and then gathering with loved ones, family and friends, for an Easter Sunday meal. There will be ham or turkey or lamb for some with lots of salads and vegetables and desserts. As we sit down to such a sumptuous meal, we need to consider what did the soldiers on both sides have on Easter.

We must remember that many soldiers went days without food and subsisted on water and what they could find. So on these Easters they did not enjoy the meals we do today. Here are a few accounts of the meals Confederates and Federals had on their Easter Sunday. They seem so thankful for what they got.

April 20, 1862

USA "This is Easter and a pretty day. We had 2 eggs a piece this morning" Alexander Gwen

April 5, 1863

CSA Warrenton, Mississippi

"Captain Carter and myself have just finished eating a hearty dinner of crawfish (the first I've ever tried)."  
William Chunn

April 5, 1863

CSA Camp Gregg near Guiney Station Va.

"We get plenty to eat. Each man gets 2 ounces of meat a day, but it's thick that 2 ounces will do a man generally about two days. It is fully one-half-inch thick and on half that is pure skin and you know that we ought not grumble. They say the next meat we draw will be a mule. I told the commissary to be certain and get a hind quarter." G.J. Huntley

April 5, 1863

CSA Camp of the 23rd NC Reg. Near Guinea Station, Va.

"The snow is about seven or eight inches deep. I don't think we will have a very gay Easter today as game is scarce, and we can get no eggs." Jer Coggin

March 27, 1864

CSA "Rations- bacon, meal, rice, sugar, coffee, candies, soap, and salt. Tom cooked so I had nothing to do." James Payton

March 27, 1864

CSA "Had a cup of genuine coffee this morning for breakfast -- something unusual." John Jackman

March 27, 1864

CSA "Bacon or pork & cornbread." JP

March 27, 1864

USA "The beautiful Easter Sunday finds us all OK for it is as pretty and warm day, but we have no eggs. We could have them at 40 cents per doz but I guess we will do without this time." Daniel Chisholm

[www.civilwartalk.com](http://www.civilwartalk.com)

## When Was Easter During The American Civil War?

Posted on April 4, 2021 by Sarah Kay Bierle



Easter moves around on the calendar—on different Sundays in spring each year. So when was the religious holiday during the years of the American Civil War?

March 31, 1861

April 20, 1862

April 5, 1863

March 27, 1864

April 16, 1865

The April 19, 1862 edition of *The Brooklyn Eagle* newspaper in New York gave this summary and observation on the celebrations during this period of American history, reflecting the religious observances and the “German tradition” of Easter eggs:

Tomorrow will be Easter Sunday—the anniversary of the resurrection of the Savior of the world—of the day that proclaimed to the world that to the good man “death has no sting” and over him “the grave no victory.” Today closes the season of Lent, and tomorrow the Episcopal and Catholic Churches signify by special services the great event that the day is set apart to commemorate.

The eggs that are supposed to have accumulated during the season of fast, are used on Easter Sunday; among the Germans more especially the eggs are colored in various fanciful ways and presented to the little people, who are supposed to labor under the pleasant delusion that the significance of this day is not confined to man alone, and that the eggs on that day are not indebted to human agency for the variegations....

Wishing you a bright and peaceful Sunday. Happy Easter!

[www.emergingcivilwar.com](http://www.emergingcivilwar.com)

## THE BATTLE OF FORT SUMTER

*During the American Civil War, April lived up to the moniker later bestowed by T.S. Eliot as the “Cruelest Month.” The start of hostilities at Fort Sumter in 1861 initiated the war that defined America and President Lincoln’s assassination in 1865 both occurred in April. The Battle of Shiloh and the Fall of New Orleans both in 1862, certainly proved to be cataclysmic events. Shiloh was so bloody and destructive that it set the stage for the terrible things to come. Later that month, the Fall of New Orleans proved to be a mortal blow for the Confederacy.*



*Bombardment of Fort Sumter by Currier & Ives*

[www/historywithmarkbielski.com](http://www.historywithmarkbielski.com)

The **Battle of Fort Sumter** (April 12–13, 1861) was the bombardment of Fort Sumter near Charleston, South Carolina by the South Carolina militia. It ended with the surrender by the United States Army, beginning the American Civil War.

Following the declaration of secession by South Carolina on December 20, 1860, its authorities demanded that the U.S. Army abandon its facilities in Charleston Harbor. On December 26, Major Robert Anderson of the U.S. Army surreptitiously moved his small command from the vulnerable Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island to Fort Sumter, a substantial fortress built on an island controlling the entrance of Charleston Harbor. An attempt by U.S. President James Buchanan to reinforce and resupply Anderson using the unarmed merchant ship *Star of the West* failed when it was fired upon by shore batteries on January 9, 1861. South Carolina authorities then seized all Federal property in the Charleston area except for Fort Sumter.

During the early months of 1861, the situation around Fort Sumter increasingly began to resemble a siege. In March, Brigadier General P. G. T. Beauregard, the first general officer of the newly formed Confederate States Army, was placed in command of Confederate forces in Charleston. Beauregard energetically directed the strengthening of batteries around Charleston harbor aimed at Fort Sumter. Conditions in the fort deteriorated due to shortages of men, food, and supplies as the Union soldiers rushed to complete the installation of additional guns.

The resupply of Fort Sumter became the first crisis of the administration of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, inaugurated March 4, 1861, following his victory in the election of November 6, 1860. He notified the Governor of South Carolina, Francis W. Pickens, that he was sending supply ships, which resulted in an ultimatum from the Confederate government for the immediate evacuation of Fort Sumter, which Major Anderson refused. Beginning at 4:30 a.m. on April 12, the Confederates bombarded the fort from artillery batteries surrounding the harbor. Although the Union garrison returned fire, they were significantly outgunned and, after 34 hours, Major Anderson agreed to evacuate. There were no deaths on either side as a direct result of this engagement, although a gun explosion during the surrender ceremonies on April 14 caused the death of two U.S. Army soldiers. The event often regarded as the "First Bloodshed of the Civil War" was the Baltimore riot of 1861, one week later.

Following the battle, there was widespread support from both North and South for further military action. Lincoln's immediate call for 75,000 volunteers to suppress the rebellion resulted in an additional four Southern states also declaring their secession and joining the Confederacy. The battle is usually recognized as the first battle of the American Civil War.

<https://en.wikipedia.org>

**TWAS A PLEASANT HOME OF OUR SISTER  
DEDICATED TO OUR LADY FRIENDS  
By Joseph H. Dunavan, Co. D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Cavalry  
(composed and arranged in Camp Douglas)  
From Compatriot J. C. Gideon**

I (*J. C. Gideon*) came across the words to this song written (no music) by a lonely Confederate soldier far away from home in a cold and sickly prison camp:

**Just a pleasant home of our sister, in the springtime of our life.  
In those happy days when bright and gay we knew no sorrow or strife ...  
But time has sadly changed, dearest, those happy days are gone  
And the playground of our childhood, ah, it's sad to look up-on.**

**That dear old home I've left sister, I've obeyed my country's call.  
To defend the land we so love and win our freedom or fall.  
Though not a joyous lot is mine. All dark with clouds is my sky  
And within a prison's close embrace the hours pass sadly by.**

**Yet despair, not of success, sister, which will bless our cause so grand.  
All we ask from God above is a great free southern land.  
Oh, heaven may grant that prayer to us and victory and peace may come.  
Then joyful shall be my glad return to that dear old happy home.**

*Records reveal little information about Joseph H. Dunavan. His enlistment papers gave no age, indicating only that he joined Co. D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Cavalry in Morgan's Command. He arrived at Camp Douglas on August 18, 1863 and left on March 2, 1865 for exchange, but it was too late. His beloved Confederacy was breaking up. Authorities held him at Point Lookout MD long after the war because he refused to take the oath of allegiance. The Army finally gave up and released him on June 24, 1865 at Charleston, West Virginia. Nothing more is known of him.*



## *News From Around the Camp*



**APRIL 27  
HAPPY 42<sup>nd</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
TO  
KNIGHT DOUG & LADY BETTY LAWRENCE  
(of Keyesport IL)**

Congratulations and best wishes to a wonderful couple who deserves the best. Hope their anniversary celebration is full of fun and happiness. Many more blessed years to them!

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

## CAMP 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### APRIL

10 Palm Sunday  
15 Good Friday  
17 Easter Sunday  
21 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**

### MAY

8 Mother's Day  
19 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**  
21 Armed Forces Day  
30 Memorial Day

### JUNE

16 **6:30 CAMP MEETING**  
21 Summer Begins  
30 Father's Day



### HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

1 J. C. GIDEON (Belleville IL)  
2 NATHAN ZIEBOLD (Twin Oaks MO)  
5 DOUG LAWRENCE (Keyesport IL)  
7 JOHN KRUSE (East Setauket NY)  
10 CHRIS ZIEBOLD (Chesterfield MO)  
17 DON YOUNG (Advance MO)  
25 CHARLES LEE (Mascoutah IL)  
28 JOHN McKEE (Shiloh 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  
Program Chairman  
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Sgt of Arms  
Asst Sgt of Arms  
Door Greeter

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Ronald Joseph Lakin  
John Wayne Kicklighter  
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