

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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**\*\*\* ONLY YOUR PRESENCE MAKES OUR CAMP WORTHWHILE \*\*\***  
**WE NEED YOU TO PLEASE COME TO OUR NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017, 6:30 P.M.**  
**BELLE-CLAIR EXPOSITION CENTER**  
**At the Fairgrounds in Belleville IL**

### FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Thank you, Camp Dixon Members and Guests, who were the lead Honor Guard and participants in the Smithton IL Homecoming Parade ---- my wife, Chris (and our grandchildren), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton (his grandson, Compatriot Justin Ottolini, and his granddaughter), Pastor Mike and Mary Beth Biekert and daughter, and Compatriot John and Lady Jane McKee. This was a success because of you

Many thanks to those who renewed and paid their membership dues. However, this is a reminder to the 35% we are still missing. Please send your payment to Gale Red as soon as possible. His address is: 5 Hunters Pt, O'Fallon IL 62269-3133.

The homecoming parades have just started, and we need you to actively be a part of our Confederate heritage and show off in the next parades:

Freeburg on August 19

Millstadt on September 2.

Call Gale Red at Cell 618-622-8949 if you're going!

THANK YOU

Confederately,

*Johnny Kicklighter*



The Smithton Parade Honor Guard

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cmdr John Stanton and grandson, Justin Ottolini (see pages 5-6)



\*\*\* NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING \*\*\*  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

**Belle-Clair Exposition Center**  
**200 South Belt East**  
**Belleville IL**

Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building

PRESENTATION: Grierson's Raid

SPEAKER: Alexander Young

REFRESHMENTS: Chaplain Mike Biekert

*Questions? Call Gale Red, Cell 618-622-8949*

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## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 11, 2017 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:30 p.m. on July 11, 2017 at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 7<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year for 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Commander Johnny Kicklighter.

**INVOCATION** was given by Commander Kicklighter. (Chaplain Mike Biekert is not here – he took his dog to the vet who wasn't breathing well and was put on oxygen. Hope he recovers.)

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Salute to the Confederate flag, which were properly displayed at the meeting.

**WELCOME** was given by Commander Kicklighter.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** was conducted by Commander Kicklighter to Ron Royer, our guest speaker.

**PRESENTATION OF SCV WAR SERVICE MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE.** Commander Kicklighter took great pride in making the presentation to the Camp Sgt. of Arms, David Schmitt, for serving in Vietnam. *This is a very deserving recognition for any member who has served in the United States Armed Forces. Adjutant Red said if you show him your DD-214 indicating your service, he will help you submit/receive this award.*



*Camp Sgt. of Arms (Dave Schmitt)  
Receives War Medal/Certificate*

(L-R) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander John Stanton  
Commander Johnny Kicklighter  
Sgt. of Arms David Schmitt  
and Adjutant Gale Red

**ROLL CALL (33).** Janice Beasley, Mike Biekert, Bill Boyd, Don Carnley, Valery Countryman (guest), Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, JoAnn Gideon (guest), Walter Hall, Bob Herr, Robert Hardy, Johnny Kicklighter, Greg Krieg (guest), Ron Lakin, John Long (guest), David McAuley, Ralph Oelschlager, Justin Ottolini, John & Jane McKee, Dwight & Nona Moore, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, Ron Royer (guest speaker), David Schmitt, John Stanton, Phil & Dianne Tate, Al & Robin Wandling, and Chris Ziebold.



### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) First row (seated): Robert Hardy, Valery Countryman, and Janice Beasley (with R. Lee)

Second row: David Schmitt, Ron Royer, Chris Ziebold, Johnny Kicklighter, Jane McKee, Dale Rice, Eric Funkhouser,  
Ron Lakin, David McAuley, Dianne & Phil Tate

Back row: J. C. Gideon, John Long, Don Carnley, Dwight & Nona Moore, Ralph Oelschlager, John Stanton, Justin Ottolini,  
Mike Biekert, John McKee, and Gale Red

(Sharon Red, photographer)

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 11, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**JUNE 13 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion was made to accept the minutes by Dwight Moore, seconded by John McKee. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red).** Amount includes \$300 for holiday community service. Bob Herr made a motion to accept, seconded by Ralph Oelschlager. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**LADY SUSAN HARRIS'S HUSBAND, BUTCH (Adjutant Red).** Has been in and out of the hospital a number of times, lost a toe, and has been very sick, but is now home again and recovering slowly. Please remember Butch in your prayers. (*The camp sent a get-well card.*)

### OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**FUND-RAISING IDEAS FOR FAMILY RELIEF PROJECT FOR THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS (Adjutant Red).** Still need to look and plan to help families either for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Any ideas?

**(Compatriot Chris Ziebold)** The House of Neighborly Service in Waterloo may have other contacts in other cities (Belleville and other neighboring towns). Will check this out and advise.

**(Compatriot John McKee)** Move to feed up to 10 families for Thanksgiving. Seconded by Dave McAuley. Majority agreed.

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton)** Suggest families also include minorities.

**(Adjutant Red)** Before we discuss Christmas, let's build on our first event first.

**(Compatriot Dave McAuley)** Suggest we start bringing canned goods now. **(Commander Kicklighter)** Be mindful of expiration dates.

**(Nona Moore)** The Township Office in Mascoutah has list of needy families. POC: Debbie Moll.

**ANNUAL NATIONAL AND CAMP DUES FOR AUGUST 1, 2017 – JULY 31, 2018 (Adjutant Red).** Are due in by July 31. Please make check payable to: Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962. If for some reason you can't pay, let me know and we'll work it out.

**SCV Members -- \$50 – includes \$30 for National & \$20 for the Camp)**

**Life Members -- \$20 – for the Camp**

**Knights & Ladies -- \$20 – for the Camp**

If you desire, please mail to me at: 5 Hunters Pt., O'Fallon IL 62269-3133

### NEW BUSINESS

**COMMUNITY HOMECOMING PARADES (Adjutant Red).** SHOW 4:00 – parade starts at 5:00 (1 ½ hours timeframe). More specifics to follow.

**Smithton, July 29/Saturday.** Confirmed today with Linda Schram that we will participate in the Saturday parade (not the Friday parade). Commander Kicklighter will manage this. *Adjutant Red cannot attend – it's his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and his daughter, Jenny, from Caldwell ID, and son, Chris, from Mesa AR will be visiting for the weekend.* Line-up: 4:00 (be in place by 3:30). Trailer needs to meet at Historical Museum. For 2 years, we have been the Color Guard leading the parade. If we are the only Color Guard, we will fly the US and First National flags. If not, we will take a step back and fly the American Flag, the Bonnie Blue, First National, Second National and the Battleflag. Maybe best to exclude the Battleflag in their face and fly without it since the Second and Third Nationals show the St. Andrews cross in the corner. Something of a uniform would be fine or the Camp Polo Shirt. In order to make this worthwhile, need 10-12 people. The following people said they would attend: John/Jane McKee, Pastor Mike, Johnny Kicklighter, Justin Ottolini, Ron Lakin, J. C. Gideon, John Stanton, and Phil Tate. Telephone call to follow.

**Freeburg, August 19/Saturday.** Ronnie, please make contact with Freeburg and let me know in the next week.

**Millstadt, September 2/Saturday.** I have tried to contact City Hall.

**NATIONAL SCV REUNION, MEMPHIS TN (Adjutant Red).** I acknowledge Bob Hardy. Tonight, I will give you the credentials letter in order for you to vote for our camp.

**FREEBIE VHS TAPES FOR THE TAKING (Lady Janice Beasley).** After house-cleaning, found these – help yourself.

**IL DIV MEETING IN CHATHAM IL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 (Compatriot Bob Herr).** Talked with Jim Barr, the Division Adjutant, who extended an invite to anyone who has Division interest items to please attend this meeting.

**CONFEDERATE MONUMENT IN FOREST PARK (Adjutant Red).** Protest rally met with Black Lives Matter (ignorant people). Bottom Line: The city never did own it. The UDC passed the deed to the Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks. The museum filed a lawsuit. The museum director, Mark Trout, and St. Louis Mayor, Mayor Krewson, met and concluded the city would agree with the museum to exercise their right to move it. May be more fallout on the Mayor. Mark Trout agreed not to place in St. Louis or St. Louis County. Monument is in storage.

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ JULY 11, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

**TODAY IS JoANN GIDEON'S BIRTHDAY!!!** Everyone sang, she brought cake, and we wished her many happy returns.



**FORMAL PRESENTATION: "A day in the life of a soldier"** by Ron Royer, a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Infantry Reenactment Group (**photo left**). Ron, acting as a Private in the Mississippi Group, said he had brochures with information of his web site plus his phone number. He then proceeded to tell us about a Civil War soldier's basic day in the field: Get up at 0530-0600, roll call, fall in for assembly, duties cited, breakfast, drill, break, drill, supper, roll call, etc.

He said a soldier had to be at least 16, so the young man (wanting to be a soldier) took a piece of paper with "16" on it, stood on it, and when asked "Are you over 16?", he said "Yes, sir."

Then, using Compatriot Dave Schmitt as a model, he outfitted him with the gear of a basic soldier: cartridge box, haversack, knife, fork, spoon, plate, food, candles, rice, tobacco, soap, hardtack, raw meats (salt pork), paper, pencils, coffee, overcoat, forage hat to forage/collect fruit such as apples, and a blanket roll. The average soldier was issued 3 days of food. He said if you could buddy with a fellow soldier or even 3 or 4, the rations went farther. It was even wise to barter with the Northern soldiers according to each other's needs.

Ron also showed various weapons from rifles to handguns. He passed around Minnie balls, bullets, woolen pants and hardtack for all to touch/feel.

Ron said if you plan to sleep on the hard ground, recommend you dig a hole for your hip to rest in, for it will help to provide some comfort. His presentation was very enjoyable and we thank him for showing his many interesting Civil War artifacts.



**REFRESHMENTS** were provided by Compatriot Phil and Mrs. Dianne Tate.

**BENEDICTION** was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

**MEETING** adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** will be held at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center (Belleville Fairgrounds) on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

**Presentation: Grierson's Raid** by Terry Young (Compatriot Harris Young's son). **Refreshments** will be furnished by Chaplain Mike and Mrs. Mary Beth Biekert.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*

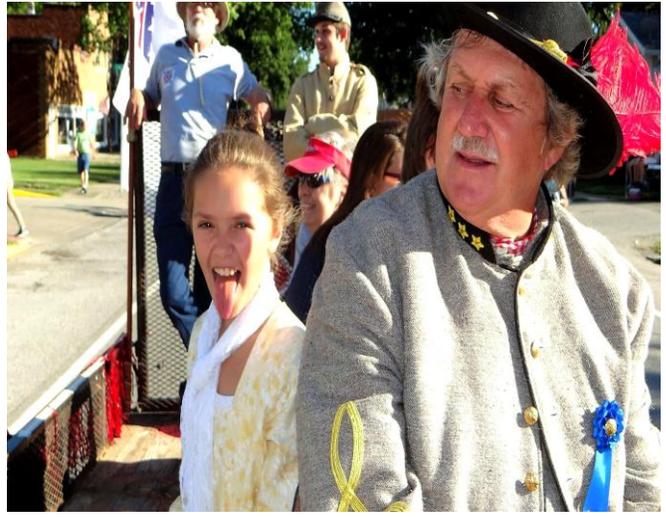
Adjutant

# CAMP DIXON IN THE ANNUAL SMITHTON IL HOMECOMING PARADE SATURDAY, JULY 29

Beautiful 70+ degree weather blessed the following Camp Dixon camp members/guests who proudly flew their Confederate colors, fired the muskets, and threw candy: Commander Johnny Kicklighter (organizer/driver) (his wife, Lady Christine, and their grandchildren), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton (his grandson, Compatriot Justin Ottolini, and granddaughter), Pastor Mike and Mary Beth Biekert and daughter, and Compatriot John and Lady Jane McKee. We are very grateful to John for taking the photos.



**CAMP DIXON IN THE ANNUAL SMITHTON IL HOMECOMING PARADE (cont'd)**





## *My Father's Flag*

**By Tony Johnson**

Born on the battlefield of carnage and loss.  
Patterned from the banner of Saint Andrew's Cross.  
Conceived of the need to distinguish foe from friend,  
Carried by my father 'til the war's bitter end.  
Laid to rest for decades, not thought of or seen,  
A symbol of defiance resurrected again.  
Adopted by evil ones not fit to live.  
Hated by ignorance unwilling to forgive.  
I fly my father's flag, misunderstood though it is,  
I fly it with pride, for once it was his.  
Looking down from above my father would say,  
"It is only my flag, just leave it that way."

*Tony Johnson is a member of the Marshall Rangers Camp 297, Lewisburg, Tennessee*

## News From Elsewhere With Local Confederate Connection

I have heard estimates of 50 million or more Americans who have an ancestor who served in the Confederacy during the “Late Great Unpleasantness”, otherwise known as the War Between the States. Most of those people know or care little or nothing of the Confederate connection.

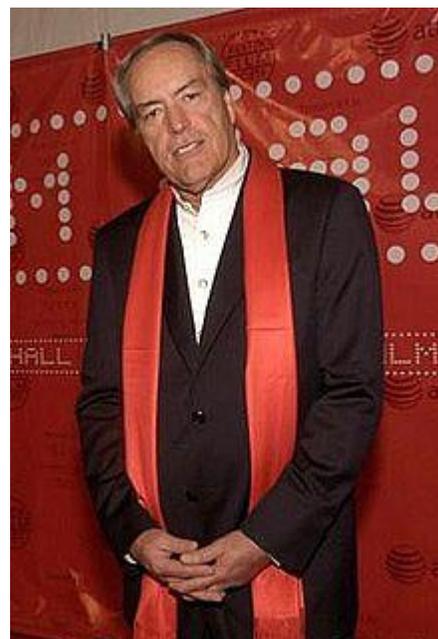
My colleague and long-time genealogy partner-in-crime, Kyle Sims of the Middleton Tate Johnson Camp #1648 of Arlington, TX, just sent me an item of interest. Kyle has for several years been researching for Confederate ancestors of notable people. After reading of the death of Powers Allen Boothe, Kyle found a Confederate ancestor for him.

Powers Allen Boothe had a great-uncle named James A. Wasson who enlisted on 12 October 1862 at Fayetteville, AR as a Private in Company H of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MO Infantry. He fought at the Battles of Farmington, luka, and Corinth. He was wounded and captured at the Battle of Corinth on October 4<sup>th</sup>, and was sent to the military prison in Alton, IL where he suffered severely from the harsh conditions at the Alton Prison where he died, like so many other, from Variola on February 5, 1863.

He is one of the many Confederate soldiers our camp remembers at our annual Confederate Memorial Event. His name is one of 1,354 names listed on the monument, though at least that many others died there or on Small Pox Island. Always remember, there is a story for each one of the over two thousand men who perished there. They were real people with real lives cut short by the cruel and unjust war upon the South.



(Article contributed by Gale Red.)



Boothe at the premiere of *Sin City*,  
March 22, 2005

<b>Born</b>	Powers Allen Boothe June 1, 1948 Snyder, Texas, U.S.
<b>Died</b>	May 14, 2017 (aged 68) Los Angeles, California, U.S.
<b>Cause of death</b>	Cardiac arrest
<b>Alma mater</b>	Southwest Texas State University
<b>Occupation</b>	Actor, voice actor
<b>Years active</b>	1977–2016
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Pamela Cole (m. 1969–2017)
<b>Children</b>	2

### Signature

Handwritten signature of Powers Allen Boothe in black ink.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



**JULY 29**

## **MANY THANKS TO COMPATRIOT JOHN MCKEE**

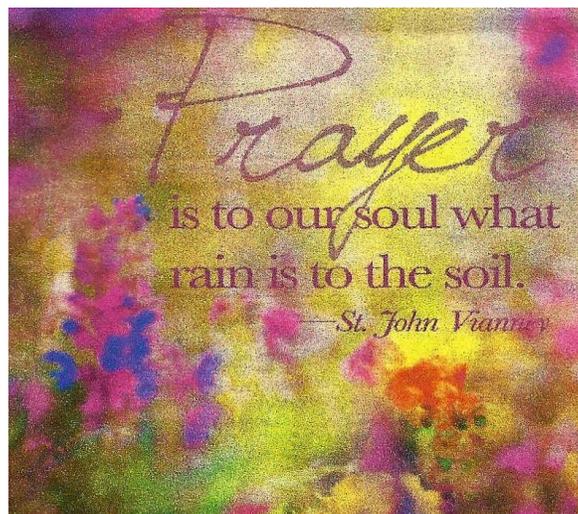
John can always be depended upon for taking photos of camp activities and he surpassed his ability on the 29<sup>th</sup> by taking over 400 pics at the Smithton Homecoming Parade. Sorry, we could only reflect a small number of photographic moments in the newsletter, but, John, we appreciate your photo talents, time, and trouble.



**JULY 29**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ADJUTANT GALE RED FROM HIS CHILDREN**

Adjutant Red celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 29 with two of his children -- his oldest daughter, Jennifer (Jenn Dee) Alaniz (from Caldwell, Idaho), and his son, Chris Red, (from Mesa, Arizona). They enjoyed birthday dinner at the Sidney Street Café and another dinner at Mama's on the Hill, both in St. Louis MO. His children stayed for the weekend and departed on July 31.



# CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## AUGUST

- 8 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 19 5:00 FREEBURG IL HOMECOMING PARADE

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 5:00 MILLSTADT IL HOMECOMING PARADE
- 4 LABOR DAY
- 10 GRANDPARENTS DAY
- 12 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 18 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA, IL

## OCTOBER

- 9 COLUMBUS DAY
- 10 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 16 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA, IL
- 31 HALLOWEEN



## AUGUST

- 3 **Ronnie Ottinger**  
*(from Newport TN)*
- 6 **John Massey**  
*(from Harvest AL)*
- 7 **David Schmitt**  
*(from O'Fallon IL)*
- 19 **Jason Ziebold**  
*(from Savage MN)*
- 23 **First Lady Chris Kicklighter**  
*(from Belleville IL)*
- 28 **Mark Morgan**  
*(from Manchester MO)*
- 31 **Bob Herr**  
*(from Mt. Vernon IL)*

### CAMP DIXON AND SQUAD EAST LEADERSHIP

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Adjutant	Gale Franklin Red	Cell 618-622-8949
Chaplain	Walter "Mike" Biekert	618-972-8190
Sgt at Arms	David Schmitt	Cell 618-334-6148
Program Chairman	Gale Franklin Red	Cell 618-622-8949
Squad East Lieutenant	Robert Neil Marley	Cell 618-662-4765
Squad East Chaplain	Sam Booth	Cell 618-838-3053
Squad East Program Chairman	Larry Weber	Cell 217-663-4804