

Deo adjuvanti non timindin (With God's help, we need not fear)

THE DIXON BLUE LIGHT NEWS

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SPREAD A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AT THE NEXT MEETING



CAMP DIXON
TUESDAY, DEC. 12
Belle Clair Fairgrounds

6:30 P. M.

SQUAD EAST
MONDAY, DEC. 18
Flora



I said a Christmas prayer for you
because the season's near.

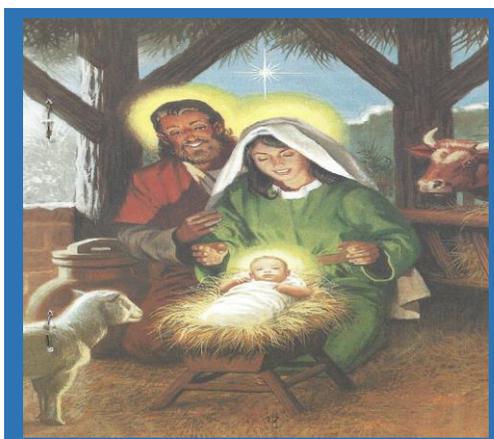
I didn't ask for riches
but for gifts so much more dear.

I asked for joyful gatherings
with your family all around,
And for carols to inspire you
with their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments
in your heart on Christmas morn,
For a special time to celebrate
the Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best
that you might know they care.
I asked for peace and love and hope,
and I know God heard my prayer.

FROM YOUR COMMANDER



To those camp members I love and see each day
And other camp members far, far away
To all Compatriots, Knights & Ladies
who mean so very much and those with whom
I'm out of touch.
I send to you this wish sincere
for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please show your Christmas Confederate
spirit and join us at the
Wreaths Across America Day
on **December 16,**
10 a.m. in Alton.

Confederately,

Johnny Kicklighter



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBER
JACK SANDFORD**
from Brighton IL

His ancestor is
his 2nd Great Grandfather
Corporal Andrew J. Throckmorton,
2nd Co. K. 3rd VA Inf Reg.
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***** NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING *****
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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

Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building

PRESENTATION: *His Ancestor*

SPEAKER: *Compatriot Dave Schmitt*

REFRESHMENTS: *Compatriot Steve Wilson*

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

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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 14, 2017 Muster

The members and friends of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:35 p.m. on November 14, 2017 at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 11th Muster of the year for 2017.

CALL TO ORDER by 2nd Lt Commander John Stanton.

INVOCATION was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS by 2nd Lt Commander Stanton. 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 Johnny Kicklighter.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS BY COMMANDER KICKLIGHTER: Jane Novara, JoAnn Gideon, Valery Countryman, and Andrea King

PRESENTATION OF MEMBER CERTIFICATES TO GREG KRIEG AND ANDREW NOVARA.



(L-R) Greg Krieg, Andy Novara, Gale Red, John Stanton, Johnny Kicklighter, and Ron Lakin

ROLL CALL (27). Jeff Barnes, Janice Beasley, Mike Biekert, J. C. & JoAnn (guest) Gideon, Robert Hardy & Valery Countryman (guest), Walter Hall, Bob Herr, Johnny Kicklighter, Matt & Andrea (guest) King, Greg Krieg, Ron Lakin, Jim & Barb (guest) Lumma, John & Jane McKee, Dwight Moore, Andy & Jane (guest) Novara, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, David Schmitt, John Stanton, and Phil Tate.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

OCTOBER 10 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Kicklighter). Motion was made to accept the minutes by Dwight Moore, seconded by Andy Novara. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red). Amount includes \$156 for Thanksgiving basket. John McKee made a motion to accept, seconded by Dwight Moore. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

HEALTH STATUS FOR MARY BETH BIEKERT (Mike Biekert). Mary had DaVinci stomach surgery and is doing well.

HEALTH CONDITION OF LADY CHRIS KICKLIGHTER (Commander Kicklighter). Chris has been suffering from a bleeding sickness and has anemia. She received two iron infusions in the last week and it boosted her energy but she suffers from major nose bleeds.

UNION HECKER CAMP ENCAMPMENT, NOVEMBER 18, CREHAN'S (John McKee). You are all welcome to come this Saturday. Doors open 4:00, Dinner 5:00. Pay as you go (\$20). Need number count by tomorrow. Call me at Cell 618-416-5072 if you're going.

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

THANKSGIVING DINNER FUND FOR A FAMILY (Sharon Red). Instead of giving baskets to two families as referenced in the Commander's Corner in the last Blue Light, we will be giving to one family of eight, compliments of the St. Vincent DePaul Society (combo of Corpus Christi, St. Clare, and St. Nicholas parishes in O'Fallon). The matriarch of the family is Crystal Pruitt and her family is her son (Dalton, 23), his fiance' (Jacque, 19), daughter (Victoria, 18), great-niece (Ally, 16), great-nephew (Ashton, 9), nephew (Troy, 40), and grandson (Jaxon, 5). We're not sure the \$156 we have already collected will be enough, so passing the hat for your generosity – **received \$219.25 for a grand total of \$375.25. Thank you.**

- Bob Herr made a motion to pull the needed money from the camp kitty. Jim Lumma seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

14th AMENDMENT (Dwight Moore)

FLAG STANDS (Johnny Kicklighter).

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 14, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (Gale Red). For five years, we've participated. Began in small fashion to recognize veterans. Caught on – spread and participation from every state in the country. On **Saturday, December 16**, we will put up wreaths at Alton Confederate Cemetery, Smallpox Island Monument, then Walnut Hill Cemetery where Ron Doran is buried, then Green Mount Catholic Cemetery to revere Kevin Duffy. (Walter Hall commented we need to remember Brett Warner who's buried in Mascoutah.

REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2018 – still have a few openings (Lady Sharon Red). Thank you, Jim Lumma, for taking September. **Still open are November and December. Are you interesting in signing up?**

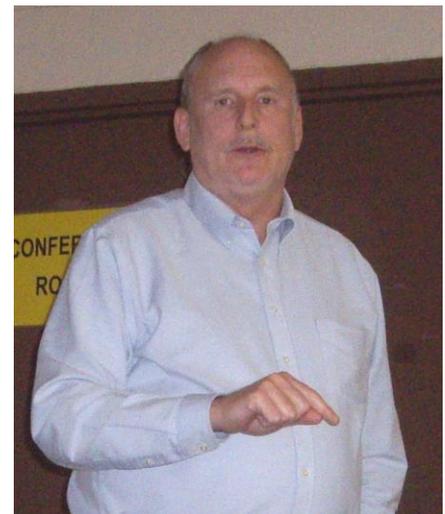
PROGRAMS FOR 2018 (Gale Red). Received the following recommendations:

- Bob Herr – certified as a gunner, will be willing to present artillery/cannon crew drill in a rural area (Janice Beasley volunteered her place in Walsh) on a Saturday instead of Tuesday in May 2018. It will cover loading/firing drill geared toward reenactors.
- Jim Lumma – presentation in the spring.
- Jeff Barnes – will make a presentation.
- Johnny Kicklighter – will dust off ancestor briefing.
- John Stanton – go to the St Louis Civil War Museum some day in January or February?
- Bob Herr – Ft Henry and Ft Donaldson is close -- weekend trip – leave on a Friday, visit on Saturday and return back Sunday. I'll put something together on this.
- Gale Red. Started in 2002. Had a Jeff Davis picnic in June for several years. Propose -- since we don't do the Ball – a sit-down dinner. Interested in doing this? At Bellecourt Place? Will work on the plans for second Saturday in June.
- Janice Beasley – Civil War Museum (St. Louis), Bob's Old Fort (Eversgerd), and Grant's Home (St. Louis).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEFF BARNES. Thank you, Jeff, for spending your birthday with us. Everyone sang the birthday song, he blew out the candles, and we wished Jeff a very Happy Confederate Birthday and many more.



FORMAL PRESENTATION on Andrew Johnson (Lincoln's Successor) by Compatriot John McKee. With the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson became the 17th President of the United States (1865-1869), an old-fashioned southern Jacksonian Democrat of pronounced states' rights views. With the Assassination of Lincoln, the Presidency fell upon an old-fashioned southern Jacksonian Democrat of pronounced states' rights views. Although an honest and honorable man, Andrew Johnson was one of the most unfortunate of Presidents. Arrayed against him were the Radical Republicans in Congress, brilliantly led and ruthless in their tactics. Johnson was no match for them. Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1808, Johnson grew up in poverty. He was apprenticed to a tailor as a boy, but ran away. He opened a tailor shop in Greeneville, Tennessee, married Eliza McCardle, and participated in debates at the local academy. After Lincoln's death, President Johnson proceeded to reconstruct the former Confederate States while Congress was not in session in 1865. He pardoned all who would take an oath of allegiance, but required leaders and men of wealth to obtain special Presidential pardons.



CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 14, 2017 Muster (cont'd)



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) First row (seated): Gale Red, Andi King, Jane McKee, Janice Beasley (and R. Lee), JoAnn Gideon, and Barb Lumma

Second row: Jim Lumma, Ron Lakin, Matt King, Dale Rice, Johnny Kicklighter, Bob Herr, and Dave Schmitt

Back row: Jeff Barnes, Mike Biekert, Phil Tate, John Stanton, Dwight Moore, John McKee, and J. C. Gideon

(Sharon Red, photographer)

REFRESHMENTS were provided by J. C. and JoAnn Gideon.

BENEDICTION was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

MEETING adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center.

Presentation will be given by Compatriot Dave Schmitt on the life of his ancestor. **Refreshments** will be furnished by Compatriot Steve Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red

Adjutant

T'was the Night Before Christmas and All Through the Camp

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the camp,
Dixon rebels were busy working with a small lighted lamp.
Adjutant Gale pronounced it's time to help and to care,
So, a special local Illinois family of eight nearby was found hungry out there.
Commander Johnny suggested a motion, and they gave what they could;
Came up with lots of dollars for food as good Confederates should.
1st Lt. Commander Ronnie talked of his collection of firearms and hats,
While Compatriot Jeff on his bugle reverently played taps.
The Lord has blessed our camp with a member who starts us off with a prayer;
It's our faithful Chaplain Mike who with his inspiration will always for us care.
Compatriot John McKee, a brilliant briefer, talked of Civil War trivia
As Adjutant Gale prepared for the annual presentation of Wreaths Across America.
Then Compatriot Jim Lumma, dressed in pristine PJs, readied for bed
While his bride, Barb, already 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
Justin Ottolini stood at attention because this event does matter.
Then we heard carol music floating in the evening air
It was Steve Wheat singing and strumming on his guitar.
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, Compatriot Don Carnley only looked a little rough
He's really a kind guy and somewhat of a Civil War round-table history buff.
Then Steve Wilson had initially been a Knight but this came to an end
When his discovered heritage made him a Son of Confederate Veteran.
Then in his farmer jeans we did find a man with a strong will
His given name is Boyd and his first name Bill.
While among the members was one that has a few health issues
It's Ralph resting in his easy chair eating cashews.
Then an SCV life member came to tell us all about big guns, it's true
It was Bob Herr and his vast know-how of cannons and artillery crew.
And Compatriot Robert Hardy, in his rocker, did say often and tonight:
"If you're not having fun, you're not doing it right."
Of special mention is a regular camp meeting attendee who is generous and nice;
We are proud of him for never missing . . . he's called Dale Rice.
When out in the hall there came such a clatter,
We soon closed the door and said it doesn't matter.
But low and behold, Lady "Calamity" Jane McKee had done it again.
She stumbled and gracefully fell but was OK and could still easily bend.
While most of us are staying home for the grand holiday season,
Andy and Jane Novara will be Florida snowbirds, and for a good reason.
And 2nd Lt. Commander John with his vast Brigadier General ancestor knowledge
Was well read with extensively studied history and attended many a college.
Then Phil Tate, with warm heart and good nature - generous to a fault, it's true
Often volunteered to drive the group and bring delicious goodies too.
While Compatriot Matt King and his bride, Andi, did cordially appear
Offered to help in any way possible and carry the burden of meeting gear.
A loyal Confederate that we all know as a learned presenter to us all
He is also known as a regular meeting attendee - it must be Walter Hall.
A member who also is a faithful meeting attendee indeed
Known as new to the camp ... it must be Greg Krieg.
In the judicial books of the camp can be found a legal beagle named Dwight
He gives us professional guidance and inspiring briefings both day and night.
Ready and raring to brief he's a man with history background and wit
It must be our Sergeant of Arms by the name of Dave Schmitt.
And though on meeting nights, Lady Janice (with R. Lee) travels a long, long way
It doesn't stop her from coming and bringing generous give-aways today.
Then Compatriot Al Wandling, who has a large generous heart, we all agree,
Gives the camp a free monthly meeting room, charitable indeed.
When what to our wondering rebel eyes did appear
But 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 all blessed with His benevolence and good cheer,
For we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Thanksgiving Basket for the Pruitt Family

(Monday, November 20, 2017) Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red purchased and boxed goodies for our special family, then Jim & Barb Lumma, and Andi King joined them in delivering four boxes to the Crystal Pruitt family.

Many thanks to the members of Camp Dixon who gave very generously to ensure this family will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving meal on November 23, 2017. This is the first time Camp Dixon has donated such a gift, and it was a grand success. All together, the camp gave a total of \$375.25, and this allowed us to buy a Thanksgiving feast of \$125.19 for a family of eight. The boxes of goodies included: ham, fresh white and sweet potatoes, instant potato spuds, cranberries, green beans, corn, black beans, buns, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, cornbread mixes, pumpkin and apple pies, Reddi whip, pudding cups, ringed/crushed pineapple, apples, bananas, grapes, homemade cookies, applesauce, muffin mix, macaroni & cheese, stuffing, marshmallows, margarine, brown sugar, salad/real bacon, ranch salad dressing, milk, apple cider, hot chocolate mix, and sweet tea.

We presented her with a card from the camp, exchanged hugs and Crystal thanked us and said she was very grateful for the food.



Delivery of Thanksgiving Boxes

Gale Red, Barb Lumma, Andi King, and Jim Lumma pose with Crystal Pruitt and her grandson, Jaxson. (Absent from the area was the other family members -- her son (Dalton, 23), his fiancé (Jacque, 19), daughter (Victoria, 18), great niece (Ally, 16), great nephew (Ashton, 9), and nephew (Troy, 40).



Afterwards, Gale treated the helpers to lunch at Bella Milano.

Thanksgiving Basket for the Pruitt Family (cont'd)

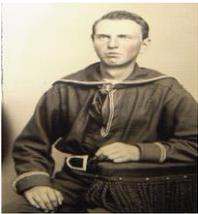
The Thanksgiving card from Camp Dixon said:

*A Happy and Blessed Confederate Thanksgiving
To Crystal Pruitt & Family
(Dalton, Jacque, Victoria, Ally, Ashton, Troy, and Jaxon)*

*November is a thankful time, for every heart is blessed
As we celebrate the harvest when Nature's at her best.
The bounty of ham and all the trimmings are proudly on display
As family comes together in prayer Thanksgiving Day.*

*Confederately,
Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962*

We also provided a little info about our camp:



Lt. George E. Dixon

The Lt. George E. Dixon Camp is one camp of five Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) organizations located in the State of Illinois. It was created in 2002 in Belleville as a heritage, historical, fraternal, educational, charitable, benevolent, patriotic, non-political, non-sectarian, and family-oriented establishment. Qualified members must have a Confederate ancestor and must show proof of their ancestry. Currently membership totals 73 from all over the world. Members honor SCV veterans and participate in annual memorials at the Alton Confederate Cemetery, Smallpox Island Monument, and Confederates buried in Mound City. They also deliver living history presentations at local elementary schools and present annual SCV awards to high schools in O'Fallon, Mascoutah, Dupon, and Alton IL. Members march in community homecoming parades and meet monthly at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Exposition Center.

An auxiliary organization called the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Circle is a part of Camp Dixon and is composed of sympathizers who do not have a Confederate ancestor but support the Southern cause -- total of 15 members.

This is the first time Camp Dixon has participated in a Thanksgiving basket for a special family. It is a pleasure and honor to care and help you enjoy a blessed day.

You're invited to visit our web site, www.scvcamp1962.org.



SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ NOVEMBER 20, 2017 Muster

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:52 p.m. on November 20, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL, this being the 9th muster of the year for 2017 (*since the Squad did not meet in July or August*).

CALL TO ORDER by Lt Robert Marley.

INVOCATION was given by Adjutant Gale Red.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS by Adjutant Red and Lt Marley. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. flag and Salute to the Confederate flag, which were properly displayed.

ROLL CALL (6): David Ash, Walter Hall, Robert Marley, Gale Red, Larry Weber, and John Winterfeld.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

OCTOBER 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES. Motion was made to accept minutes by Walter Hall, seconded by Larry Weber. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

OUTCOME OF SQUAD EAST (Adjutant Red). Squad members are waning and we need to decide what direction we, as a group, will take. Will the Squad choose to 1) keep the squad together, 2) will the Squad members remain as part of Camp Dixon, 3) will the Squad members only remain part of the SCV organization, or 4) will the Squad members choose to close out the Squad East? Come to the next meeting in December with your opinion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAYING OF THE WREATHS (Adjutant Red). Will take place on December 16, 10am at the Alton Monument and Smallpox Island.

FORMAL PRESENTATION

Adjutant Gale Red presented **Illinois Role in the Civil War**. Besides much food production through agriculture, Illinois also produced much of the ship production which included the Iron Clad variety. Illinois was the site of several prison camps that housed captured Confederates.



BENEDICTION was given by Adjutant Red.

ADJOURNMENT 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m. Wives and relatives are invited. **Presentation on Christmas in the 1860's** by Adjutant Red.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Marley

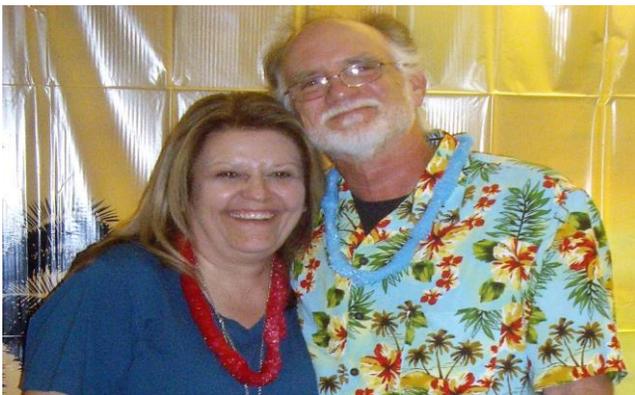
Lieutenant

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



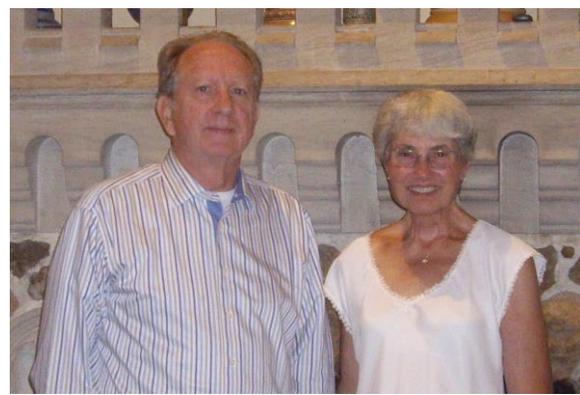
CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY JANICE BEASLEY on her winning the Cowboy Match (first place in her age category of the Grand Dame) in Branson MO in October. Her scores were very good – 380 seconds for 10 stages and just two misses out of 100 rifle, 100 pistol and 20 shotgun shots.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER, JACK SANDFORD. Jack works in Granite City at a brass plant. He is a retired U. S. Army veteran combat teacher/instructor. He lives in Brighton IL and is an accomplished car and motorcycle mechanic. His ancestor is his 2nd Great Grandfather, Andrew Jackson Throckmorton from Halifax County in Virginia, who was a Corporal in the 2nd Co. K, 3rd Virginia Infantry Regiment.



**DECEMBER 17
CONGRATULATIONS
TO
CHAPLAIN MIKE & MARY BETH BIEKERT
ON THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY**

(The camp will send a greeting card.)



**DECEMBER 19
CONGRATULATIONS
TO
ADJUTANT GALE & LADY SHARON RED
ON THEIR 19TH ANNIVERSARY**

“Their 19th on the 19th”



**DECEMBER 22
CONGRATULATIONS
TO
COMPATRIOT AL & ROBIN WANDLING
ON THEIR 27TH ANNIVERSARY**

(The camp will send a greeting card.)



**DECEMBER 28
CONGRATULATIONS
TO
COMPATRIOT DWIGHT & NONA MOORE
ON THEIR 49TH ANNIVERSARY**

(The camp will send a greeting card.)

CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DECEMBER

- 7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
- 12 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 16 9:00 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 18 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA IL
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (HOLIDAY)
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR (HOLIDAY)
- 9 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (HOLIDAY)

FEBRUARY

- 13 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT BEGINS)
- 14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
- 19 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY (HOLIDAY)



DECEMBER

- 11 **David Haake**
(from Grand Junction CO)
- 26 **Arthur Tulak**
(from Ewa Beach HI)
- 28 **Sam Booth**
(from Flora IL)

CAMP DIXON AND SQUAD EAST LEADERSHIP

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