

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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**BE GENEROUS FOR THE NEEDY AND THANKFUL FOR YOUR CONFEDERATE ROOTS  
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING**



**CAMP DIXON  
TUESDAY, NOV. 14  
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds**

**6:30 P. M.**

**SQUAD EAST  
MONDAY, NOV. 20  
Flora**



## FROM YOUR COMMANDER

We will celebrate VETERANS DAY on November 11, and this is a great opportunity for us to remember the many veterans in the War Between the States, all past and present wars, and all who are serving today in the United States Armed Forces. Thank you, Patriotic Veterans, for your service. God bless all our veterans -- we respect and salute you!

THANKSGIVING brings to mind how thankful we are and how much we appreciate our many blessings from God -- your membership, activity, friendship, loyalty, caring, and concern for others. We hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving surrounded by loving family, friends, and good food.

When we begin to count our Thanksgiving blessings,  
we must begin with you.

For we cherish and love family and friendships—  
nothing else will do.

As we recall this past year,  
we have so very much to be thankful for.

God blessed us richly,  
and hope He continues to bless us a little more!



**PLEASE NOTE -- Since this is the last time we will meet before Thanksgiving, please be generous for the two less fortunate families' Thanksgiving baskets, feeding approximately 10 people. We're not collecting items from you, since we don't want more of one thing and not enough of another, INSTEAD, PLEASE BRING CASH DONATIONS TO THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 14. We will then purchase the following items: canned hams, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, cranberries, fruit, boxes of macaroni & cheese, pudding cups, miniature marshmallows, frozen bread loaves, Crisco, baking loaf pans, pumpkin pies, butter, cider, and milk. (We only have \$156 to purchase all this, so appreciate you're giving a little more money.)** THANK YOU.

Confederately,

*Johnny Kicklighter*

**\*\*\* NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING \*\*\***

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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

Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building

**PRESENTATION: Life of President Andrew Johnson  
(Lincoln's successor)**

**SPEAKER: Compatriot John McKee**

**REFRESHMENTS: Compatriot J. C. Gideon**

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

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## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2017 at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 10<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year for 2017.

**CALL TO ORDER** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton.

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** was conducted by Commander Kicklighter.

**ROLL CALL (23).** Janice Beasley, Mike Biekert, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, Robert Hardy and Valery Countryman (guest), Johnny Kicklighter, Matt and Andrea (guest) King, Greg Krieg, Ron Lakin, David McAuley, John & Jane McKee, Dwight and Nona Moore, Justin Ottolini, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, David Schmitt, John Stanton, and Phil Tate.

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Kicklighter).** Motion was made to accept the minutes by Dale Rice, seconded by Mike Biekert. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red).** Dwight Moore made a motion to accept, seconded by Phil Tate. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**SECURITY GUARD AT ALTON MEMORIAL (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander Stanton).** I've been overseeing the Confederate monument/cemetery on a regular basis. A VA security detail has been conducting a security watch working 12-hour shifts (day and night). This duty was only going to last a few weeks but now has been extended until after Thanksgiving Day. I've treated the day-shift security officer (Jimmy Crooks) with lunch once a week (haven't met the night guy). Recommend sending thank-you letters to their wives/children ... and framed thank-you certificates for them.



Jimmy Crooks

### OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**SCV RELIEF FUND DONATION (Adjutant Red).** We collected \$1,035. A sincere thank you to all who generously donated to make it happen.

**SPEAKING GRATUITY DONATED TO CAMP DIXON (Lady Red).** I presented my October 3 briefing (in lieu of Gale who was sick in bed) on *Hospital Matrons in the Civil War* to the United Daughters of the Confederacy (Martha Leah Turner Chapter) in Mt. Vernon. In return, the chapter donated a check of \$50 to Camp Dixon.

**NEEDY FAMILY THANKSGIVING BASKET (Lady Red).**

- The latest info on a Mascoutah family – per Pam Hutchison – no family available yet -- will check back with me in November for a planned delivery on Monday of Thanksgiving week.
- Info on O'Fallon family -- Michelle McLean called representing the St. Vincent DePaul Society (parishes of Corpus Christi, St. Clare, and St. Nicholas). Very happy we were thinking of providing a basket. Recipients are usually single mothers with kids. In lieu of a turkey, recommend canned ham. Will get back to me first week of November.

**BOOKS DONATED (Lady Red).** Pick your favorites and please provide donations for the Thanksgiving basket.

- *(Collected \$106 from your generous contributions. Thank you.)*

### NEW BUSINESS

**BIRTHDAY THANK YOU FOR COMPATRIOT AL WANDLING (OCTOBER 20) (Adjutant Red).** Would like to buy him a dinner gift card to thank him for making this room available to us for free. Commander Kicklighter entertained a motion to do this. Motion made by Dwight Moore, seconded by John McKee. Motion carried.

**ALTON MEMORIAL CEREMONY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 11:00 a.m. (Adjutant Red).** God weather hopefully but looks a little spotty. If so, will contact people before you leave. Need everybody to be there. IT'S OUR MONUMENT (buried there are 1,600 Confederates, three women and 29 Union soldiers). If you have a uniform – great. If not, OK too – wear your camp shirt. I will be there at 10:00 (takes 45 minutes to set up). STARTS at 11:00. Does anybody not know where it is? Take 111 Exit to Alton and stay on that till you get to the loop (111) and go left and turn 3 blocks and right on Rozier Street. HEAD COUNT PLANNING TO ATTEND: Johnny Kicklighter, John Stanton, David McAuley, J. C. Gideon, Justin Ottolini, Dave Schmitt, and Phil Tate. *(Commander Kicklighter will send out a robo call.)*

**LEFTOVER CAMP SHIRTS (Compatriot J. C. Gideon).** Three shirts remain to purchase. Please see me on sizes.

## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ OCTOBER 10, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADY JANE.** Thank you, Jane, for spending your birthday with us. Everyone sang the birthday song, she blew out her candles, and we wished Jane a very Happy and many more.



**FORMAL PRESENTATION** on *The Confederate Impact on the U. S. Constitution* by Compatriot Dwight Moore. He explained the South's role in ratifying the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery. Dwight also discussed why the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, destroying states' rights and consolidating power in Washington D. C., was not proposed correctly and was never ratified in accordance with the Constitution, and, thus, is not valid. He provided data and cases to show why it has remained unchallenged for 150 years and discussed prospects for the future.



### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) First row (seated): Gale Red, Robert Hardy, and Valery Countryman

Second row: Phil Tate, Andrea King, Johnny Kicklighter, Jane McKee, Janice Beasley,  
Dale Rice, Ron Lakin, Nona Moore, and David McAuley

Back row: John McKee, Matt King, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, John Stanton, Justin Ottolini, Dwight Moore, and Mike Biekert,  
(Sharon Red, photographer)

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center (Belleville Fairgrounds).

Presentation on the *Life of President Andrew Johnson (Lincoln's successor)* by Compatriot John McKee.

**Refreshments** will be furnished by Compatriot J. C. Gideon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*

Adjutant

# Alton Confederate Memorial

(SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017) Ideal autumn weather blessed Camp Dixon members, participants, spectators, and guests at the Annual Memorial at the Alton Confederate Cemetery in downtown Alton, Illinois. Many thanks to the special 22 who attended and participated: Johnny Kicklighter, John Stanton, Gale Red, Mike Biekert, Bobby Samuel, Dwight & Nona Moore, Phil & Dianne Tate, Jim & Barb Lumma, Matt & Andi King, J. C. Gideon, David McAuley, Dave Schmitt, Robert Hardy, Valery Countryman, Steve Wheat, Justin Ottolini, Bill Boyd, and Paul Buechler. *Photos courtesy of Compatriot Dwight Moore.*



“Erected by the United States to mark the burial place of 1354 Confederate soldiers who died here and the Smallpox Hospital on the adjacent island while prisoners of war and whose graves cannot be identified.”



## Alton Confederate Memorial Program

Welcome- Johnny Kicklighter, Camp Commander #1962  
Invocation – Mike Biekert, Camp Chaplain  
Charge to the SCV – John Stanton  
Poem: *The Thin Gray Line*, Jim Lumma  
“The Rebel Soldier” – Stephen Wheat  
“Dixie” – played by Stephen Wheat, sung by all  
Poem: *A Confederate Soldier’s Prayer* - Johnny Kicklighter,  
Camp Commander

Memorial Remarks – Bobby Samuel, IL Div. Chaplain  
Prayer of Dedication – Mike Biekert, Camp Chaplain

## Presentation of Honors

Draped Sword – Justin Ottolini  
Presentation of Battle Flag – Phil Tate  
Placement of Memorial Bouquet –  
Placement of Red Rose –  
Placement of White Rose – Bill Boyd  
Presentation of Evergreens – Dave Schmitt  
Presentation of Cross –  
Spreading of Southern Soils – John Stanton

“Amazing Grace” – played by Stephen Wheat, sung by all  
Salute of Honor – Moment of Silence

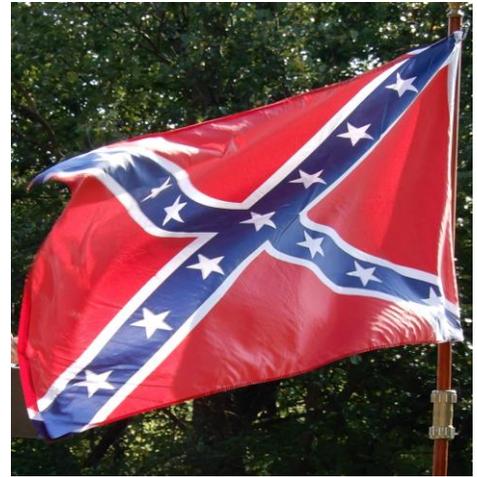
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Benediction – Mike Biekert, Camp Chaplain

# Alton Confederate Memorial (cont'd)



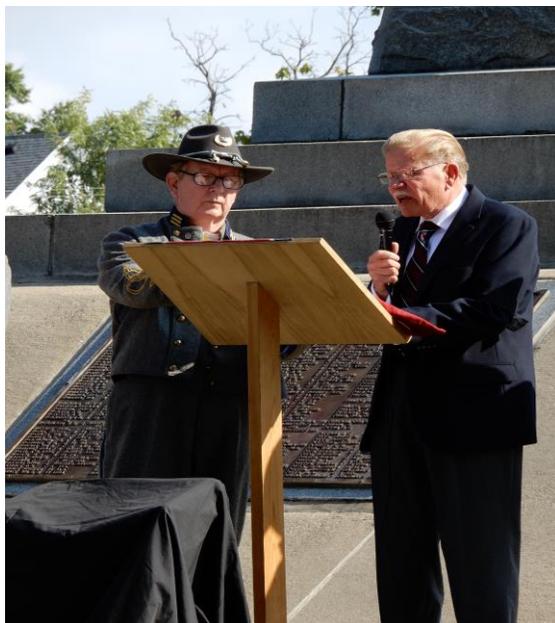
Commander Johnny Kicklighter and Adjutant Gale Red



Invocation by Chaplain Mike Biekert



Charge to the SCV  
by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander John Stanton



The poem, Thin Gray Line, by Jim Lumma



Steve Wheat on guitar – playing ...  
“The Rebel Soldier,” “Dixie,” and “Amazing Grace”

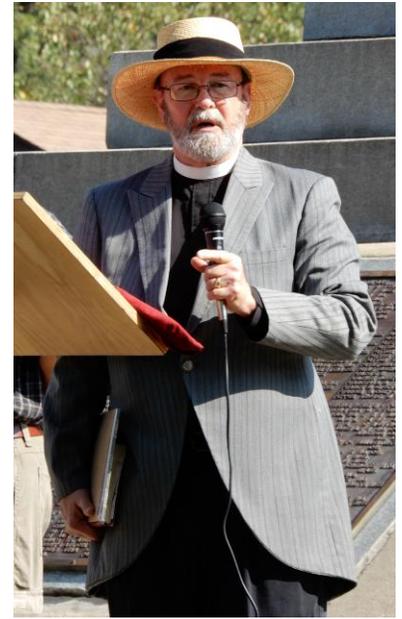
# Alton Confederate Memorial (cont'd)



A poem titled "A Confederate Soldier's Prayer" by Commander Kicklighter



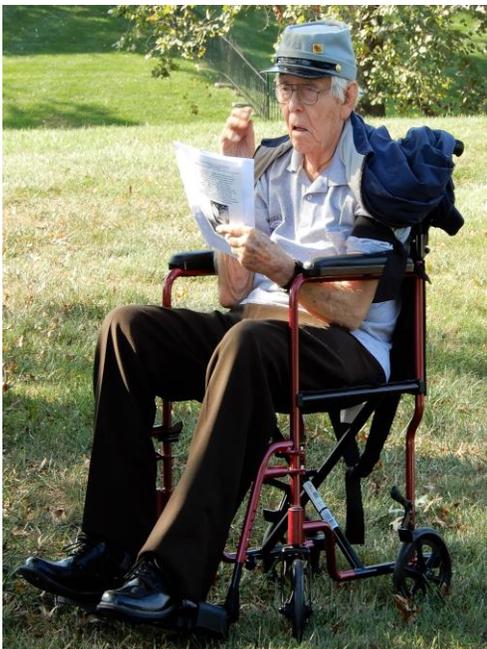
Our Outstanding Photographer (took over 170 photos) Dwight Moore



Memorial Remarks by Bobby Samuel (Illinois Division Chaplain)



Justin Ottolini presents the Battle Flag



Our oldest Camp Rebel Compatriot Robert Hardy



Phil Tate presents the Draped Sword

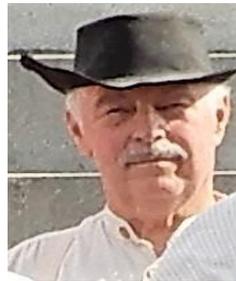
# Alton Confederate Memorial (cont'd)



Barb Lumma ...  
Placement of  
Memorial Bouquet



Nona Moore ...  
Placement of  
Red Rose



Bill Boyd ...  
Placement of  
White Rose



Presentation of  
Evergreens



Dianne Tate ...  
Presentation of  
Cross



## Group Photo

(L-R) Row 1: Matt & Andi King, Robert Hardy, Phil Tate, Steve Wheat, David McAuley, and Paul Buechler (*Union Hecker Camp*)

Row 2: Nona Moore, Barb Lumma, Dianne Tate, and Valery Countryman

Row 3: David Schmitt, Justin Ottonlini, John Stanton, Mike Biekert, Johnny Kicklighter, Bobby Samuel,  
Bill Boyd, J. C. Gideon, Jim Lumma, and Gale Red  
(photographer: Dwight Moore)



Chaplain Mike Biekert delivers the Benediction  
while Commander Kicklighter and Adjutant Red stand in reverence.

## **SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ OCTOBER 16, 2017 Muster**

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:50 p.m. on October 16, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL, this being the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Chaplain Sam Booth.

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS** by 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 (7):** Pat Booth, Sam Booth, Robert Marley, Gale and Sharon Red, Larry Weber, and John Winterfeld.

### **PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion was made to accept minutes by Larry Weber, seconded by John Winterfeld. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ALTON CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE, OCTOBER 14 (Adjutant Red).** 22 attended – beautiful weather – cool wind. Ceremony went well. Bobby Samuel, Div Chaplain, was keynote speaker who spoke about the cemetery – well done. Presently, Camp Dixon cannot use ceremonial firearms at the Alton site. Unsure what this means for the future. Next year event will be held on second Saturday of October (the 13<sup>th</sup>). VA has put two security guards in 12-hour shifts. They will leave November 23 – unknown if replaced. VA has done this all around the country due to the activists. We talked to one security guard from Las Vegas. We've provided periodic lunches to him.

**CHARITABLE CAUSE TO AID HURRICANE VICTIMS (Adjutant Red).** Camp Dixon donated \$1,035 and encourage Squad East to donate too. See me later.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BILL TO ELIMINATE/BAN ANY CONFEDERATE IMAGES, FLAGS, AND SYMBOLS (Adjutant Red).** A bill was introduced into Illinois legislature to eliminate/ban any Confederate images, flags, and symbols to be publicly displayed in the State of Illinois. It was introduced by one of the Democrats. Will obtain a copy of House bill with specifics. We must write to our legislators and stop them in their tracks. Violates Freedom of Speech! It's very dangerous and a horrible precedent if it succeeds (just like California).

**THANKSGIVING DINNER BASKET FOR LOCAL NEEDY FAMILY (Adjutant Red).** Challenge the group to do this. Just a thought.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SQUAD EAST LIEUTENANT RESIGNATION (Lt Marley).** I will resign from office effective January 1, 2018.

**SQUAD EAST CHAPLAIN RESIGNATION (Chaplain Sam Booth).** I will resign from office effective January 1, 2018.

**SQUAD EAST DECISION ON DECEMBER 18, 2017.** Since meeting attendance is at a minimum, it was agreed that members make a decision to either: 1) keep Squad together, 2) members remain as part of Camp Dixon, 3) members only remain part of SCV, or 4) close Squad East.

### **FORMAL PROGRAM**

Adjutant Gale Red presented a **quiz on the Confederate Army**. Fortunately for the Squad, it was multiple choice – some members gave the correct answers. Quiz was educational/entertaining.

**BENEDICTION** was given by Chaplain Sam Booth.

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:35 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **Presentation: Grierson's Raid** by Adjutant Red.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert N. Marley*

Lieutenant

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP

**THANK-YOU TO CAMP DIXON FROM LOIS YOUNG (re passing of her husband, Compatriot Harris Young).**



*To thank you  
for your kindness and sympathy  
at a time  
when it was deeply appreciated*

*Dear Dale and Members of the  
Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962  
Thank you much for  
remembering Harris with  
flowers, cards and such.  
Harris was proud of  
his Southern heritage  
In God's love,  
Lois*

Dear Gale and Members of the Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962,  
Thank you much for remembering Harris with flowers, cards and such. Harris was proud of his Southern heritage.

In God's love,  
Lois

**SINCERE SYMPATHY TO COMPATRIOT GREG REESON** who lost his young wife due to an unexpected allergic reaction. God bless him and his family.



**MURALS PAINTED BY OUR VERY OWN DIANNE TATE (WIFE OF COMPATRIOT PHIL TATE)**

Known as being a very accomplished and talented painter, Dianne was personally requested to paint murals for the American Legion Post 252 Wall of Honor and a church nursery. She's not only a pretty lady but a very gifted one too.



**OCTOBER 3  
THE MARTHA LEAH TURNER CHAPTER  
OF THE  
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY (UDC)  
MT. VERNON IL**

Lady Sharon Red with the Chapter meeting members after her October 3, 2017 presentation on *Hospital Matrons in the Civil War*. (She stood in for her husband, Gale, who was sick with the flu.) Sharon donated her \$50 gratuity to Camp Dixon. (photographer: Ray Sternberg)

**MARY BETH BIEKERT (Chaplain Mike's wife)** will undergo surgery on November 3, so please keep her in your prayers. (The camp sent a get-well card.)



# CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

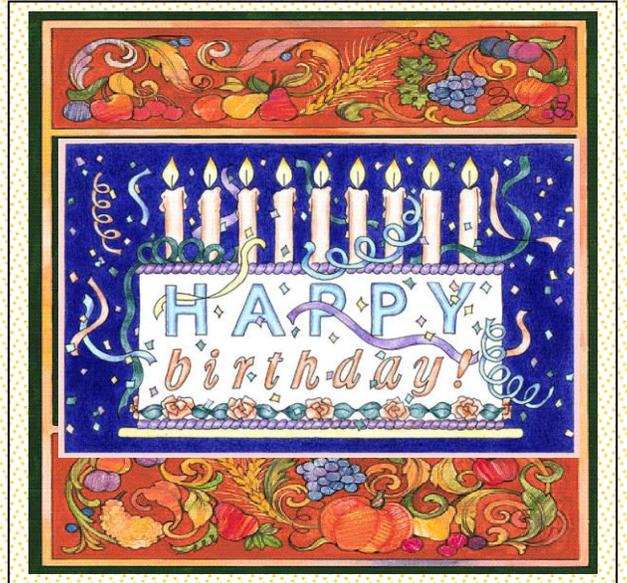


## NOVEMBER

- 5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
*(set clock back one hour)*
- 7 ELECTION DAY
- 11 VETERANS DAY
- 14 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 20 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA, IL
- 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

## DECEMBER

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



## NOVEMBER

- 1 Pat Booth  
*(from Flora IL)*
- 3 Talley Bailey  
*(from Chepachet RI)*
- 4 Janice Beasley  
*(from Walsh IL)*
- 11 Don Carnley  
*(from Highland IL)*
- 13 Dale Halemeyer  
*(from Golden Eagle IL)*
- 14 Jeff Barnes  
*(from O'Fallon IL)*
- 28 Larry Weber  
*(from Effingham IL)*
- 30 Steve Wheat  
*(from Smithton IL)*

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