

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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**THE NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING NEEDS TO SEE AND VISIT WITH YOU ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017, 6:30 P.M.  
BELLE-CLAIR EXPOSITION CENTER  
At the Fairgrounds in Belleville IL**



## FROM YOUR COMMANDER

On a sad note, our deepest sympathy goes to the Young family especially his bride, Lois, sons, Don and Terry, and grandson, Alex, and extended family on the passing of Reagan Harris Young on September 29. He suffered a massive stroke on September 26 and never regained consciousness. We will miss him very much.

On a happier note, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for reaching our goal of \$1,000 collected at the last Camp Dixon meeting. Your generous contributions have been sent to the SCV HQ Emergency Relief Fund – to help those suffering from hurricane and flood disasters in Texas and Florida. **CAMP DIXON IS THE BEST CAMP IN THE WORLD!** THANK YOU SINCERELY.

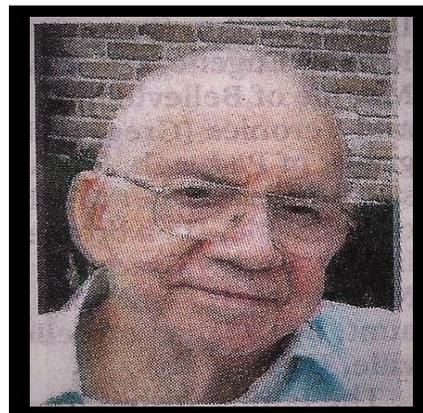
Now I sincerely ask of you to please attend the

### CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL AT ALTON IL ON OCTOBER 14

This is our major annual event and commemoration of our veterans who fought so hard and deserve to be remembered. Program starts at 11:00. Suggest you wear your uniforms and period mourning dresses. Plan to get together afterwards and have lunch. Thank you, Compatriots, Knights, Ladies, and Family Members/Guests.

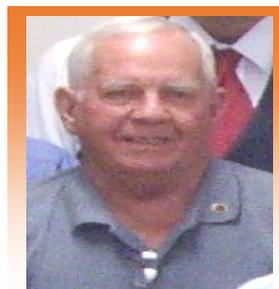
Confederately,

*Johnny Kicklighter*



### FAREWELL, HARRIS YOUNG

Harris, a charter Camp Dixon member for 15 years, joined Our Heavenly Father on September 29. Sincere sympathy to Lois and family. (Page 2)



**WELCOME, ANDREW NOVARA** our new member from Creal Springs IL. We are very happy he joined us on September 12, hope he enjoys our camp family, and will be an active Camp Dixon member.



\*\*\* NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING \*\*\*  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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

Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building

**PRESENTATION:** 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**SPEAKER:** Compatriot Dwight Moore

**REFRESHMENTS:** Adjutant Gale & Lady Sharon Red

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

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# REAGAN HARRIS YOUNG

(NOVEMBER 9, 1924-SEPTEMBER 29, 2017)

## Reagan Young Jr.

Reagan Harris Young, Jr., 92, passed away suddenly on September 29, 2017. He was born in Atlanta, GA to Reagan H. Young, Sr. and Mary (nee Hayward) Young on November 9, 1924.



At the age of three, the Young family moved to Rolla, MO where Reagan Sr. took a position as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (since known as University of Missouri-Rolla and Missouri Institute of Science and Technology). Harris, as he was commonly known to distinguish him from his father, graduated from high school a semester early and entered college; however, he was drafted into WWII immediately upon his 18th birthday. He went to the Army Tank school in Ft Hood Texas. Following that, he was assigned to a special army training program located at the Muskingum College in New Concord, OH. This is where he met his future wife, Lois (nee Armstrong). After assignment to support Patton's Third Army in Europe with the Corps of Engineers, he spent time in Greece and Austria as part of the European occupation. He and Lois were married on July 1, 1946 shortly after his return from Europe. Then, the couple returned to Rolla where he completed his chemical engineering degree. Harris secured a job at the Missouri Highway Dept. in Jefferson

City, MO. They had their first son, Terrill (Terry), in February of 1951. A better paying and more challenging job was found in E. St. Louis later that year and this resulted in their move to Collinsville, IL in August of 1951. Don was born in 1954.

Harris was a 66 year member of the First United Methodist Church of Collinsville, IL and a member of Collinsville VFW Post 5691. Reagan, a veteran of WWII, was an avid target and cannon shooter and he was affiliated with the Sons of Confederate Veterans Southern IL camp Civil War Re-enactment group, a hobby in which he included the entire family covering a period of decades. He was a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri and had a 46 year career at the C.K. Williams pigment plant in East St. Louis, IL.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Lois (nee Armstrong) Young of Collinsville, IL; two sons, Terrill (Elaine Warner) Young of Cincinnati, OH and Donald (Lydia) Young of Advance, MO; 6 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorials are requested to the First United Methodist Church, Collinsville. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.acfuneral.com](http://www.acfuneral.com)

**Services:** Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Monday, October 2, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church, 207 West Church Street, Collinsville. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Scott Carnes officiating. Burial will follow at Lake View Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fairview Heights, IL.

 ALLAN & CIUFERI  
FUNERAL HOME,  
Collinsville, Ill.

It is with great sadness that our good friend and camp member, Reagan Harris, has died following a massive stroke while asleep. He never regained consciousness before passing away.

Harris was 92 years old and we were very proud to have him as a founding member of Camp Dixon when it originated in 2002. He and Kevin Duffy (who passed October 15, 2010), Gale Red, Dale Halemeyer, and Roger Heinrich were the only members in the beginning. In the last 15 years, we have been blessed to have Harris as a loyal and continuing SCV member. He was a Life Member of the SCV and will be missed so very much by all his many friends and acquaintances.

Harris served in the U. S. Army during WWII and crossed the Rhine River with General Patton. He and Lois were married 71 years. He had a full life. Harris was a longtime Civil War enthusiast and cannoneer and ran a Rebel cannon crew with his sons and friends for many years.

*The camp provided a funeral spray and sent condolence cards to Lois, Don & Lydia, Terry & Elaine, and Alex.*



*Compatriot Harris, you were a loyal camp member and a wonderful friend for over 15 years.*

*We remember you at camp meetings, memorials, and grand balls, amidst our many tears.*

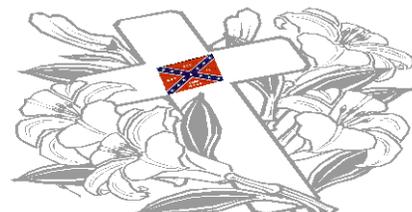
*Little did we know just four days ago that God would call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly;  
in death, Harris, we do the same.*

*It breaks our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone,*

*For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.*

*You shared with us such good times,  
and your love of heritage is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you now, Harris,  
you will always be by our side.*



## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ SEPTEMBER 12, 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 September 12, 2017 at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 9<sup>th</sup> Muster of the year for 2017.

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

**INVOCATION – Prayer for the Hurricane Victims** -- was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

**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 Johnny Kicklighter.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS** was conducted by Commander Kicklighter to Mrs. Jane Novara.

**SWEARING IN / INDUCTION:** Andrew C. Novara was sworn in as a Camp Dixon Son of Confederate. His ancestor is his Great-Grandfather, Corporal John Edna Carter, Co. A, 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion VA Light Artillery.

### Swearing-In Ceremony Photos

Andrew Novara listens to Commander Johnny Kicklighter  
(with 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Ron Lakin)

Andrew gets pinned by the Commander



### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) First row (seated): Robert Hardy, Valery Countryman, Mary Beth Biekert, Janice Beasley (with R. Lee), J. C. Gideon, and Phil Tate  
Second row: Barb Lumma, Andy & Jane Novara, Johnny Kicklighter, Jane McKee, Eric Funkhouser, Ron Lakin, and David Schmitt  
Back row: Don Carnley, Jim Lumma, John Long, John Stanton, John McKee, Mike Mauer, Mike Biekert, and Gale Red  
(Sharon Red, photographer)



## CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

**ROLL CALL (27).** Jeff Barnes, Janice Beasley, Mike and Mary Beth (guest) Biekert, Bill Boyd, Don Carnley, Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, Walter Hall, Robert Hardy and Valery Countryman (guest), Johnny Kicklighter, Greg Krieg, Ron Lakin, John Long (guest), Jim & Barb Lumma (guest), Mike Mauer (guest), John & Jane McKee, Andy & Jane (guest) Novara, Gale & Sharon Red, David Schmitt, John Stanton, and Phil Tate.

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**AUGUST 8 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Kicklighter).** Motion was made to accept the minutes by Jim Lumma, seconded by John McKee. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red).** Amount includes \$320 for holiday community service. Jim Lumma made a motion to accept, seconded by John McKee. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

#### REPORT ON FREEBURG HOMECOMING PARADE, AUGUST 19.

**(Pastor Biekert)** Proud and happy – you were awesome.

**(Jim Lumma)** Fantastic! Best compliments when spectators saluted us.

**(Gale Red)** Freeburg and Smithton always welcome us.

**(Ron Lakin)** Great – all I saw was smoke . . .

**(John Stanton)** Well received.

**(Johnny Kicklighter)** No flat tires this year – my son put on new tires -- weather was great.

### NEW BUSINESS

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (Adjutant Red).** We have raised \$320. However, the SCV HQ Emergency Relief Fund has been depleted. Would like to collect for Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims. We will send contributions to the SCV HQ. Make check payable to the "Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962," send to me, and I will deposit in our account and send check to them. My goal is \$1,000. I will donate \$100. **Commander Kicklighter suggested a motion to divert funds: 1<sup>st</sup> by John McKee, seconded by Jim Lumma.**

**(Mary Beth Biekert)** Our church (Assembly of God Church in Shiloh IL) will send in a \$250 check. Would like to still provide food baskets for Thanksgiving. Could get names of incarcerated in order to do an angel tree for their children's gifts. **(Gale Red)** Not considering Christmas now but looking towards Thanksgiving for one impoverished family. **Commander Kicklighter suggested a motion for a Thanksgiving Basket for one family: 1<sup>st</sup> by Jim Lumma, seconded by Andrew Novara.**



### FORMAL PROGRAM

**Two Civil War Quizzes on the Confederate Army and Jefferson Davis**  
by Adjutant Gale Red.

**REFRESHMENTS** were provided by Commander Johnny and First Lady Chris Kicklighter.

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

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center (Belleville Fairgrounds).

**Presentation on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment** by Compatriot Dwight Moore.

**Refreshments** will be furnished by Adjutant Gale and Lady Sharon Red.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale F. Red*

Adjutant

## SQUAD EAST MEETING MINUTES ~ SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 Muster

Squad East, SCV, conducted their monthly muster at 6:45 p.m. on September 18, 2017 at Anthony's Wild West Restaurant in Flora IL, this being the 7<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 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.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Peggy VanDyke.

**ROLL CALL (7):** Water Hall, Robert Marley, Gale and Sharon Red, Peggy VanDyke (guest), Larry Weber, and John Winterfeld.



### GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) Robert Marley, John Winterfeld, Sharon Red, Larry Weber, Walter Hall, and Peggy VanDyke

(photographer Gale Red)

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

**JUNE 19, 2017 MEETING MINUTES.** Motion was made to accept minutes by Gale Red, seconded by Walter Hall. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ALTON MEMORIAL SERVICE, OCTOBER 14, 11:00 a.m. (Adjutant Red).** Reminder to please attend.

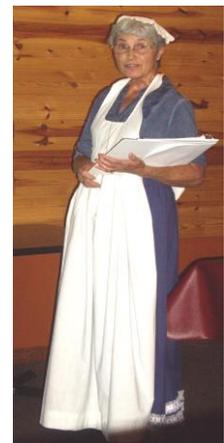
**CHARITABLE CAUSE TO AID HURRICANE VICTIMS (Adjutant Red).** Camp Dixon as already donated \$1,000 and encourage Squad East to donate if they can.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAVID ASH (Adjutant Red).** He underwent eye surgery and is unable to be at this meeting. His mother-in-law passed away on September 6.

### FORMAL PRESENTATION

Lady Sharon Red presented **Hospital Matrons in the Civil War**. Mrs. Red explained the type of care, how the system was developed, and how some of the nurses were paid. Some of the development evolved from what was done during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. It was a system of nurses and matrons, many of whom were basically volunteers, who cared for the wounded soldiers. A number of the matrons and nurses used personal resources to cover the cost of the care that was administered.



**BENEDICTION** was given by Adjutant Red.

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m. **Program:** History Quiz by Adjutant Gale Red.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert N. Marley*

Lieutenant

## What White Supremacists and Racists Get Wrong About the Confederacy

Wallace Hettle, Newsweek 8/27/2017

*(This article first appeared on the History News Network.)*

During a research trip in the 1990s, I worked at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. One morning, after visiting the breakfast bar at my hotel, I sat alone and had my bagel with cream cheese. Overhearing the conversation at the next table, I realized that I had stumbled into a convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). I suddenly felt that I was trapped behind enemy lines.

The SCV traces white Southerners back to a mythic, heroic Lost Cause. This view is in sharp contrast with virtually all professional historians, who view the Confederacy as a rebellion to maintain human bondage. But if the enemy surrounded me, what should I do? I decided to discard my newspaper, finish the bagel, and listen to my neighbors at a nearby table. One, from Ohio introduced himself to his new friends, and noted his pride in his Southern heritage.

Eventually, I sat down next to the Ohio native, and we had a short chat. He told me that he was not just proud of his Southern heritage, but was also a libertarian in his political views. This got my attention. How could someone devoted to “liberty” be so proud of his affiliation with a war to maintain slavery? Feeling irritated, I left the hotel and headed to the archives.

On the way out, I saw an SUV with a bumper sticker: the slogan was, “You’ve got your [Malcolm] X, I’ve got mine” with a picture of the stars and bars of the Confederate battle flag. The sticker was a declaration that Confederate pride was about contemporary politics, not just about tracing one’s heritage to a great-great-grandfather.

The bumper sticker was akin to today’s denunciations of Black Lives Matter in Charlottesville. The SCV would protest that their Robert E. Lee, their marble man on the pedestal, was a man of honor, but we learned in Charlottesville that America’s growing fascist movement views Lee as a symbol of their values.

This connection between reactionary politics and Confederate ancestry is truly unfortunate. In a sense, the desire to seek out one’s heritage seems almost universal.

Today, people across the political spectrum enjoy finding their heritage. One can see this with the popular DNA tests sponsored by the scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. on PBS. The problem is that these men from the SCV really cared about only one of their ancestors: the soldier from the Civil War.

In fact, their heritage is a lot more interesting than these SCV members suspected. Confederate heritage includes Unionists, women, ministers, poor whites, and slaves, not just soldiers and politicians. The remarkable variety of the Confederate people— their diversity— is precisely what makes them interesting.



# Mystery deaths of HL Hunley submarine crew solved - they accidentally killed themselves

Sarah Knapton, The Telegraph, Wed, Aug 23 11:00 AM PDT



The mystery of how the crew of one of the world's first submarines died has finally been solved - they accidentally killed themselves.

The HL Hunley sank on February 17, 1864, after torpedoing the USS Housatonic outside Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, during American Civil War.

She was one of the first submarines ever to be used in conflict, and the first to sink a battleship.

It was assumed the blast had ruptured the sub, drowning its occupants, but when the Hunley was raised in 2000, salvage experts were amazed to find the eight-man crew poised as if they had been caught completely unaware by the tragedy. All were still sitting in their posts and there was no evidence that they had attempted to flee the foundering vessel.



The submarine being raised in 2000Credit: US Navy

Now researchers at Duke University believe they have the answer. Three years of experiments on a mini-test sub have shown that the torpedo blast would have created a shockwave great enough to instantly rupture the blood vessels in the lungs and brains of the submariners.

"This is the characteristic trauma of blast victims, they call it 'blast lung,'" Dr Rachel Lance.

"You have an instant fatality that leaves no marks on the skeletal remains. Unfortunately, the soft tissues that would show us what happened have decomposed in the past hundred years."

The Hunley's torpedo was not a self-propelled bomb, but a copper keg of 135 pounds of gunpowder held ahead and slightly below the Hunley's bow on a 16-foot pole called a spar.

The sub rammed this spar into the enemy ship's hull and the bomb exploded. The furthest any of the crew was from the blast was about 42 feet. The shockwave of the blast travelled about 1500 meters per second in water, and 340 m/sec in air, the researchers calculate.



The bodies of the crew were found sitting in their positions around the central crankshaft which made the submarine move. Credit: Reuters

While a normal blast shockwave travelling in air should last less than 10 milliseconds, Lance calculated that the Hunley crew's lungs were subjected to 60 milliseconds or more of trauma.

"That creates kind of a worst-case scenario for the lungs," added Dr Lance. "Shear forces would tear apart the delicate structures where the blood supply meets the air supply, filling the lungs with blood and killing the crew instantly.

"It's likely they also suffered traumatic brain injuries from being so close to such a large blast. "All the physical evidence points to the crew taking absolutely no action in response to a flood or loss of air. If anyone had survived, they may have tried to release the keel ballast weights, set the bilge pumps to pump water, or tried to get out the hatches, but none of these actions were taken."



A painting of the HL Hunley. Credit: Conrad Wise Chapman

The fate of the crew of the 40-foot Hunley remained a mystery until 1995, when the submarine was discovered about 300 meters away from the Housatonic's resting place.

Raised in 2000, the submarine is currently undergoing study and conservation in Charleston by a team of Clemson University scientists.

Initially, the discovery of the submarine only seemed to deepen the mystery. The crewmen's skeletons were found still at their stations along a hand-crank that drove the cigar-shaped craft.

They suffered no broken bones, the bilge pumps had not been used and the air hatches were closed. Except for a hole in one conning tower and a small window that may have been broken, the sub was remarkably intact. Speculation about their deaths has included suffocation and drowning.

The new study involved repeatedly setting blasts near a scale model, shooting authentic weapons at historically accurate iron plate and calculating human respiration and the transmission of blast energy.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP

**SINCERE SYMPATHY TO COMPATRIOT DAVID AND MRS. DIANE ASH** on the death of Diane's mother on September 6. Her mother was 84 years old, and we are very sorry for their loss. *(The camp sent a condolence card.)*



**SEPTEMBER 12**

**A VERY WARM NEW MEMBER WELCOME TO  
COMPATRIOT ANDREW NOVARA from Creal Springs IL**

Andy and his wife, Jane, traveled many miles to come to our meeting so that he could be inducted on September 12. His ancestor is his Great-Grandfather, Corporal John Edna Carter, Co. A, 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion VA Light Artillery.



**SEPTEMBER 12**

**CONGRATULATIONS, LADY JANICE BEASLEY**

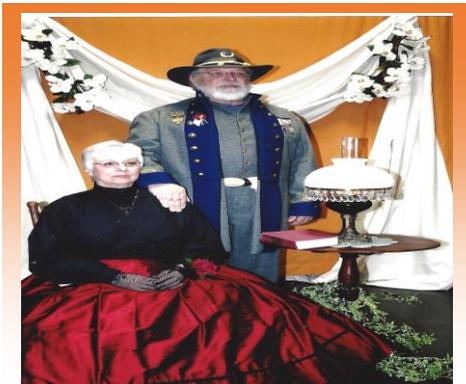
(Camp Dixon Meeting) ... who is now the new Illinois Champion in the Grand Dame Category (the 70+ years of age) at the Paradise Pass Regulators Club in Etna Green, Indiana.



**SEPTEMBER 29**

**COMPATRIOT REAGAN HARRIS YOUNG PASSED AWAY**

Harris suffered from a massive stroke while asleep on September 26 and never regained consciousness. Our most sincere sympathy to Lois and her family for their loss. We will miss him terribly.



**OCTOBER 20**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
COMPATRIOT ROGER & LADY CAROLE HEINRICH  
ON THEIR 20<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Hope they have a wonderful celebration and will be blessed with many more happy and healthy years together! *(The camp will send a congratulatory card.)*



**OCTOBER 31**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
LADY SUSAN & BUTCH HARRIS  
ON THEIR 37<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Hope the Lord will bless them with better times, much happiness, and many healthy years together! *(The camp will send a congratulatory card.)*

# CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## OCTOBER

- 9 COLUMBUS DAY
- 10 6:30 BELLEVILLE CAMP DIXON MEETING
- 14 11:00 ALTON CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL
- 16 6:30 SQUAD EAST MEETING, FLORA, IL
- 31 HALLOWEEN

## 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



## OCTOBER

- 1 John Loper  
*(from Seabrook TX)*
- 2 Gregory Krieg  
*(from Millstadt IL)*
- 10 Jane McKee  
*(from Shiloh IL)*
- 15 Dale Rice  
*(from Bethalto IL)*
- 15 Dave Ash  
*(from West Union IL)*
- 19 Curles Reeson  
*(from Baton Rouge LA)*
- 20 Al Wandling  
*(from Swansea IL)*
- 23 Walter LeGette  
*(from Cottage Hills IL)*
- 25 Betty Lawrence  
*(from Keyesport IL)*
- 31 Philip Leonard  
*(from Effingham IL)*

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