

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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**WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 12?
NOTHING? THEN COME, BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK
& GIVE GENEROUSLY FOR THE HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS**

**OUR NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, 6:30 P.M.
BELLE-CLAIR EXPOSITION CENTER
At the Fairgrounds in Belleville IL**



FROM YOUR COMMANDER

My heartfelt sympathy to Compatriot Bob Herr and his wife, Sue, on the loss of their daughter, Melissa, on August 2 (ref page 9). Bob & Sue, please call any of us if you need anything.

Thank you, Camp Dixon Members and Guests, who participated and those who were the Honor Guard (2nd Lt Commander John Stanton, Adjutant Gale Red, and Compatriot Matt King) in the Freeburg IL Homecoming Parade --- my wife, Chris (and grandson, Matt), 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin, Lady Sharon Red, Pastor Mike and Mary Beth Biekert and daughters, Emily and Caroline, Compatriot John and Lady Jane McKee, Compatriot Phil and Dianne Tate, Andi King, Compatriot Jim and Barb Lumma, and Compatriot Steve and Mary Wilson. This was our largest camp turnout yet – 21 total -- a truly outstanding success -- only because of you. Please continue to share your Confederate spirit and participate in all our events. Thank you so much.



Camp Dixon Honor Guard at Freeburg (see photos, pages 7-8)



WELCOME, GREG KRIEG, our new member from Millstadt IL. We are very happy he has joined us, hope he enjoys our camp family, and will be an active Camp Dixon member.



Hope you celebrated Labor Day (and will everyday) by respecting the work force of America and buy USA-made products. America is the best country in the world!

Confederately,

Johnny Kicklighter

*** NEXT CAMP DIXON MEETING ***
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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

Parking/Entrance on West Side of Building

PROGRAM: Civil War Quiz

SPEAKER: Adjutant Gale Red

REFRESHMENTS: Commander Kicklighter & Lady Betsy Blake

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

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CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 8, 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 August 8, 2017 at the Belle-Clair Exposition Center, 200 South Belt East, Belleville IL, this being the 8th Muster of the year for 2017.

CALL TO ORDER by 1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin.

INVOCATION – Prayer for Grandchildren was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS by 2nd Lt Commander John 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 to Gregory Krieg, Alex Young (guest speaker), Mary Beth Biekert (daughters, Caroline and Emily), Valery Countryman, and JoAnn Gideon.

SWEARING IN / INDUCTION: Gregory J. Krieg was sworn in as a Camp Dixon Son of Confederate. His ancestor is Capt Jesse Richardson Pratt, Co. N, 15th Missouri Cavalry. Everyone celebrated with a Rebel Yell!



Swearing-In Ceremony for Gregory J. Krieg

(Top, left) 2nd Lt. Commander John Stanton, Greg Krieg, and Commander Johnny Kicklighter

(Top) 1st Lt. Commander Ron Lakin, 2nd Lt. Commander Stanton, Greg Krieg, Adjutant Red, and Commander Kicklighter

(Left) Greg Krieg reciting the membership oath by from Adjutant Red



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) First row (seated): Emily Biekert, JoAnn Gideon, Mary Beth Biekert, Caroline Biekert, Robert Hardy, R. Harris Young, and Valery Countryman

Second row: Jim Lumma, Dale Rice, Jane McKee, Ron Lakin, Steve Wilson, Eric Funkhouser, and David McAuley

Back row: Gale Red, Mike Biekert, Johnny Kicklighter, J. C. Gideon, John Stanton, Alex Young, Don Young, Phil Tate and John McKee

(Sharon Red, photographer)

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 8, 2017 Muster (cont'd)

ROLL CALL (28). The Biekert Family (Mike, Mary Beth--guest, Caroline--guest, and Emily--guest), Eric Funkhouser, J. C. Gideon, JoAnn Gideon (guest), Walter Hall, Robert Hardy and Valery Countryman (guest), Johnny Kicklighter, Greg Krieg, Ron Lakin, Jim Lumma, David McAuley, John & Jane McKee, Gale & Sharon Red, Dale Rice, John Stanton, Phil Tate, Al & Robin Wandling, Steve Wilson, and the Young family (R. Harris, Don, and Alex—guest speaker).

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

JULY 11 MEETING MINUTES (Commander Kicklighter). Noted correction: Guest speaker was with the 11th MS Infantry, Co. G. Motion was made to accept the minutes by John McKee, seconded by Jim Lumma. Motion carried. Minutes accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Adjutant Red). Amount does not include dues paid which need to be processed. David McAuley made a motion to accept, seconded by J. C. Gideon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

REPORT ON SMITHTON HOMECOMING PARADE, JULY 29.

(John Stanton) Thought we would be last – VFW said we're going to honor you and veterans marched behind us. Spectator comments: "We wish you had won the war." "Respect your flag more than the U. S. flag anymore."

(Gale) We are widely accepted in many organizations and we need to do more public relations to help further that image!

(Mike Biekert) A little boy said "all lives matter."

(John McKee) There is never enough candy. *(Gale said if you purchased candy, please provide your receipts for reimbursement.)*

(Ron Lakin) We fired muskets left and right.

TWO COMMUNITY-OUTREACH HOMECOMING PARADES SCHEDULED.

- **Freeburg, August 19.** Ron Lakin said we'll be behind the VFW. Meet at Tom's market/ACE Hardware at 3:30 p.m.
- **Millstadt, September 2.**

SCV 122nd REUNION, MEMPHIS TN, JULY 15. Bob Hardy was our representative and also went to Memphis to celebrate his 89th birthday (on the 18th).



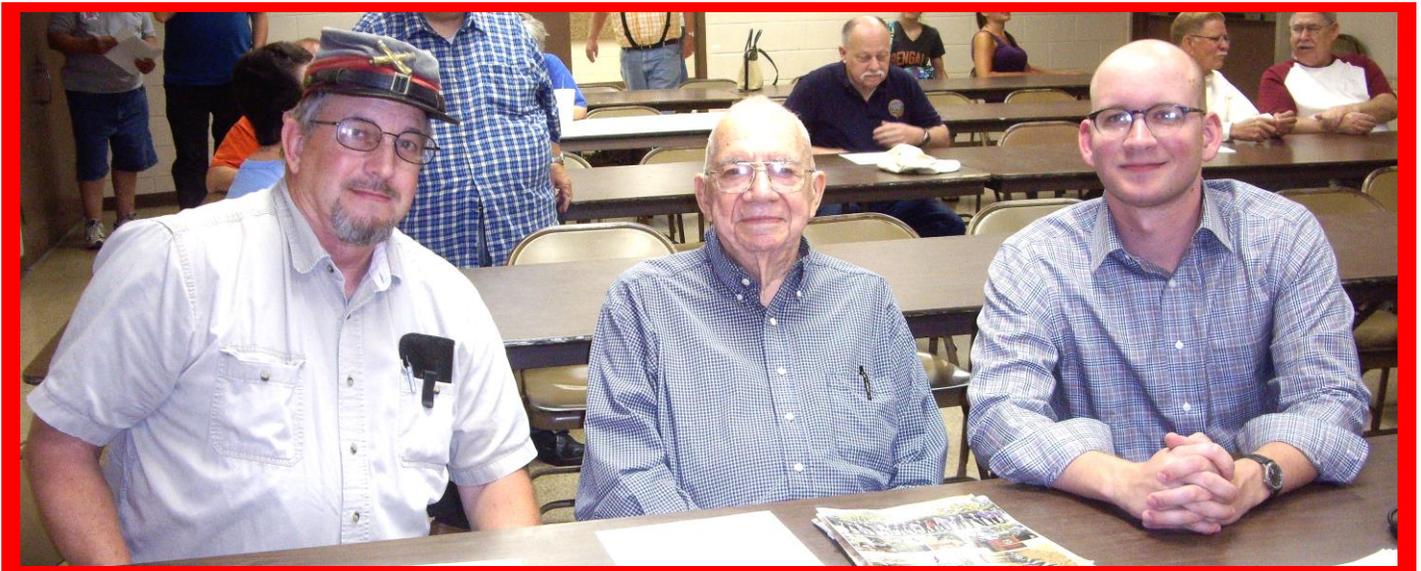
(Valery Countryman) The reunion was held at the Main Convention Center by the Sheraton. Bob placed his votes for the camp. SCV'ers opened the car door for us, opened the door to the convention center, were there to help in every way. Everyone showed true southern hospitality. Received a bag with Bob's business packet including souvenirs.



NEW BUSINESS

NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR CAMP ADJUTANT/TREASURER (Adjutant Red). My CLL is progressing, and I go back to Siteman in 5 weeks to schedule chemo to shrink my tumors. Commander Kicklighter will lighten my load and take on some of my duties. *Pastor Mike initiated a birthday song in honor of Gale's 70th birthday on July 29, followed by cake.*

CAMP DIXON MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 8, 2017 Muster (cont'd)



3 Generations of the Young Family – Son, Father, Grandson
(L-R) Compatriot Don Young, Compatriot R. Harris Young (a Camp Dixon charter member), and Grandson, Alex Young (Guest Speaker)

FORMAL PRESENTATION: “Grierson’s Raid into the Heart of the Confederacy” by Alex Young (son of Compatriot Don Young, and grandson of Compatriot R. Harris Young). Alex briefed on behalf of his father, Terry Young, and presented the flip side to Morgan’s raid (the Union into the Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi, Vicksburg). Grierson’s Raid was named after Ben Grierson, who was the star of the show. He was appointed colonel of the volunteer 6th Illinois Cavalry and promoted as the cavalry brigade commander attached to the XVI Corps of the Army of Tennessee. In following Ulysses Grant’s plan to capture Vicksburg, Grierson led the raid to destroy the key railroad at Newton Station that supplied Pemberton’s Army. He led three regiments and in 16 days, his force marched 600 miles, disabled parts of two key railroads, captured and paroled around 600 Confederates, and destroyed war supplies. What makes this truly amazing as a Union success is that Grierson outwitted and outrode his pursuers to emerge in Baton Rouge LA to the surprise of its occupying Federal garrison. Alex then presented the trailer of the 1959 film, “The Horse Soldiers,” which revisited Grierson’s Raid.

REFRESHMENTS were provided by Pastor Mike and Mrs. Mary Beth Biekert.

BENEDICTION was given by Chaplain Mike Biekert.

MEETING adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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

Program by Adjutant Red: Civil War Quiz.

Refreshments will be furnished by Commander Kicklighter and Lady Betsy Blake.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale F. Red

Adjutant



**GUARDIANS OF THE FORGOTTEN CAMP #2275 MEETING
CHATHAM IL
CONDUCTED BY DIVISION COMMANDER GALE RED**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12



IL Division Commander Gale Red officiated over the Guardians of the Forgotten Camp's August meeting which was attended by Camp Commander Ed Stanfield, Michael Pierpoint, Jim Barr (IL Div. Adjutant), and other members of the Camp. Commander Red and Adjutant Barr presented ideas to possibly help the camp get past some growing pains and get the camp back on track. Following that discussion, Commander Red presented a briefing on General Samuel Cooper who was the senior ranking Confederate General. He has been relegated to relative obscurity and is almost unknown to most people. Though not a line officer, he contributed significantly to the initial organization of the Confederate Army and was the senior advisor to President Jefferson Davis. A career US Army officer of forty-six years, General Cooper gave it all up by resigning and within just weeks accepting a commission as a General in the Confederate Army becoming the Adjutant General and Inspector General. General Cooper was not especially well regarded by many senior General officers who thought that since he was not a line officer that they should outrank him. Of particular note is that he never wore a Confederate uniform but only civilian clothes. He brilliance and know how was indispensable to the Confederate cause. When he surrendered after departing with Davis following the fall of Richmond, he turned over the records of the Confederacy to Union Forces. Those records, combined with Union records, became the basis for the multi-volume History of the Rebellion detailing the daily history of the War Between the States. Following the war, General Cooper was totally broke having given up his US military pension when he resigned and receiving nothing from the "Lost Cause". His son-in-law, a general in the Union Army convinced a prominent Northerner to purchase General Cooper's pre-war home and give it to the General. General Cooper was so indigent that he literally lived off what he grew in his home garden. When he died, General Cooper was buried in a prominent Church cemetery but was virtually lost to history. Following his presentation, the meeting was turned back over to Camp Commander Stanfield. The closing prayer was given by Jim Barr, and the meeting was adjourned. The Guardians' next meeting will be on September 9th at Michael Pierpoint's home.

REMINDER: No Interviews and No Media Contacts

The Illinois Division Commander Red sent the following e-mail to you about the importance of NOT conducting any interviews or talking to reporters or the media regarding SCV issues. This is being repeated for your continuing surveillance:

Gentlemen, the past several days have been filled with much upset with directed attacks by the left on our Confederate heritage and monuments. The events across the country, especially in Charlottesville VA and Durham NC have been horrific and should make every member of the SCV and every Southerner angry as hell. **One of the outgrowths of these events has been calls by reporters and the media (esp. CBS) to try to get members of the SCV to talk to them and to have them be able to twist and turn what gets said into anything other than what was actually said. I need to remind you that the media, newspapers, television and radio are not our friends. The media has become the propaganda arm of those who are seeking to destroy our country and all that it has stood for. They do not report things; rather, they interpret things to suit their agendas. They are NOT our friends.**

I called SCV National HQ today and spoke with our Executive Director, Mike Landree, regarding this matter. He informed me that even the Commander-in-Chief of the SCV, Thomas Strain, is not doing any interviews at this time. **He has put out a news statement which can be found on the scv.org website.**

I am asking that each of your camp commanders pass this message along to every member of your camp for their awareness and information. As Division Commander, I am asking that NO ONE in our division talk to anyone from the media. Just tell the requesting person that you are not available for an interview of any kind. Then, you should refer them to the SCV website at www.scv.org.

Please read and understand the attached news release from our national HQ. These will be trying times that lay ahead, and things will likely get much worse before they begin to get better again. Your help in this is vitally important.

May God protect our beloved Southland,

GALE RED
Commander
Illinois Division, SCV



Camp Dixon in Freeburg IL Homecoming Parade

Saturday, August 19

Compatriot John Kicklighter (Johnny's son) came thru again in volunteering his landscaping wagon to be our float in the parade, and many thanks to Johnny for making the arrangements and being the driver. Much gratitude also goes to those who led the Honor Guard, walked the route, rode the float, threw candy, fired muskets, and participated: **The Kicklighter family**--Commander Johnny (driver), First Lady Chris, and grandson, Matt, **1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin, 2nd Lt Commander John Stanton, Adjutant Gale and Lady Sharon Red, The Biekert family**--Pastor Mike, Mary Beth, Emily, Caroline and her boyfriend, **Compatriot John (photographer) & Lady "Calamity" Jane McKee, Compatriot Matt & Andi King, Compatriot Phil and Dianne Tate, and Compatriot Steve and Mary Wilson.** *Afterwards, a small group gathered for a fellowship dinner at the Mexican Tijuana Restaurant.*



(L-R) John Stanton, Gale Red, and Matt King



(L-R) John McKee, Barb Lumma, Andi & Matt King, Gale Red, and John Stanton



John Stanton and Gale Red



GROUP PHOTO

(L-R) Mike Biekert, Matt & Chris Kicklighter, Barb Lumma, Mary Beth Biekert, Steve Wilson, Jane McKee, Phil & Dianne Tate, Sharon Red, Jim Lumma, Johnny Kicklighter, John Stanton, Jacob Fortner, Ron Lakin, Andi & Matt King, and Gale Red



Commander Johnny Kicklighter (driver)



Commander Johnny Kicklighter and Compatriot John McKee

Camp Dixon in Freeburg IL Homecoming Parade (cont'd)



The Kicklighter Family
Johnny, grandson Matt, and Chris



Compatriot Steve Wilson, Adjutant Gale Red, 1st
Lt Commander Ron Lakin, and Jacob Fortner,
former member



Compatriot Phil and Dianne
Tate



Compatriot Matt and Andi King



Compatriot John and Lady "Calamity"
Jane McKee



Chaplain Mike and Mary Beth
Biekert



Adjutant Gale and Lady Sharon
Red



Compatriot Jim and Barb Lumma



Compatriot Steve and Mary
Wilson

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMP



AUGUST 2
MISS MELISSA KAY HERR
 (daughter of Compatriot Bob & Mrs. Sue Herr)
 Passed Away

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO BOB & SUE

Melissa Kay Herr, 40, of Mount Vernon, Illinois passed away at 2:00 A.M. August 2, 2017 at Thunder Bay in Ontario, Canada. She was born April 20, 1977 in Salem, Illinois to Robert "Bob" C. and Sue (Shufeldt) Herr, III.

Melissa is survived by her parents, Bob and Sue Herr of Mount Vernon, Illinois; brothers, Robert C. Bob Herr IV and wife, Ginny of Jackson, Mississippi and Dustin Herr and wife, Lindsey of Jackson, Mississippi; nephew, Robert C. Herr V of Jackson, Mississippi; uncle, Stephen Herr and wife, Katlyn of Memphis, Tennessee; aunts, Annette Marioni and husband, Al of Orange Beach, Alabama, Mary Ann Shufeldt of Columbia, Missouri, and Linda Shufeldt of Iuka, Illinois; and cousins, Jaclyn Crawford and husband, Sean of Dallas, Texas, Chuck Shufeldt and wife, Brandi of Arnold, Missouri, Albert Marioni and wife, Leza of Munford, Tennessee, David Herr of Memphis, Tennessee, Katie Ericsson and husband, Leif of Memphis, Tennessee, Stacey Herr of Houston, Texas, April Brown and husband, Shawn of Jacksonville, Florida, Greg Shufeldt, Daniel Shufeldt of Columbia, Missouri, Will Shufeldt of Iuka, Illinois, and Robert Marioni, and wife, Brittany of Nashville, Tennessee.

Melissa was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles Chuck and Pauline Shufeldt and Robert C. and Kathryn Herr, Jr.

Melissa graduated with a Bachelor's degree in social work from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She was a member of Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Hartland Desk and Derrick Club of Southern Illinois. She was dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

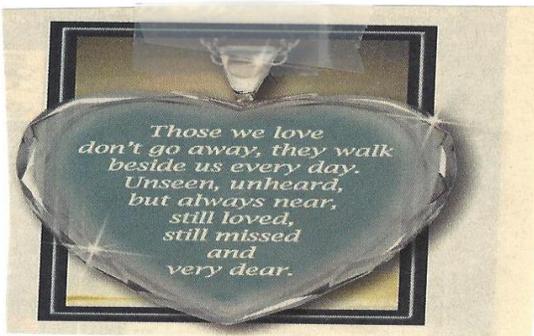
Visitation: Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Funeral Mass: Monday, August 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, Illinois with Father John Iffert officiating.

Interment: St. Mary's Cemetery in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Memorials may be given to Saint Mary School Endowment Fund and will be accepted at the church or the funeral home.

Call Hughey Funeral Home at 618-242-3348 or visit hugheyfh.com for further information.

Published on August 4, 2017

Melissa was traveling with her parents on a trip in Canada and was found unresponsive in her bed. God bless her and her family. *The camp sent a condolence card.*



SPECIAL THANKS TO COMPATRIOT JOHN MCKEE
 For being our official photographer, always being loyal and responsible at the camp's activities, especially at the Freeburg Homecoming Parade!



AUGUST 8
A VERY WARM NEW MEMBER WELCOME TO COMPATRIOT GREG KRIEG from Millstadt IL
 Greg was inducted at the Camp Dixon Meeting on August 8. His ancestor is Capt Jesse Richardson Pratt, Co. N., 15th Missouri Cavalry.



AUGUST 16
CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPATRIOT MATT & ANDI KING ON THEIR 6TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 Hope this special couple had a wonderful celebration and will be blessed with many more happy and healthy years together! *The camp sent a congratulatory card.*



SEPTEMBER 25
CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPATRIOT "SGT OF ARMS" DAVID SCHMITT & YVONNE FRICKES ON THEIR 27TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 Hope David and Yvonne celebrate their special day with fun, great food, and future healthy years together. *The camp will send a congratulatory card.*

CAMP CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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
- 22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

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



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

- 7 **Gordon Hayes**
(from Granite City IL)
- 14 **John Winterfeld**
(from Flora IL)
- 15 **1st Lt Commander Ron Lakin**
(from Freeburg IL)
- 16 **Dwight Moore**
(from Mascoutah IL)
- 21 **Hans Hendriksen**
(from Germany)
- 22 **Matt King**
(from Highland IL)
- 26 **Bill Boyd**
(from Columbia IL)
- 30 **2nd Lt Commander John Stanton**
(from Godfrey IL)
- 30 **Susan Harris**
(from Belleville IL)

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