

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
American Legion Post No. 500, Speedway, Indiana
October 9, 2010

Call to Order: Commander Beckman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander, Signals Officer and Graves Registration Officer Beckman; Senior Vice-Commander Walls; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Patriotic Instructor and Guide Bowyer; Color Bearer Copeland; and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, eight brothers and two sisters, were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as handed out.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as handed out.

Initiation of New Member: With due ceremony, Kevin Waldroup was welcomed into the order. Brother Waldroup derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Harrison P. Waldroup, who was a private in Company B of the 149th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- Camp Council: We need to fill the vacancy in the Camp Council, left when David Wiley passed away in July. Article 4, Section 4 of the CNR states the next person in the line will fill that position. John Bowyer will fill that position until the end of the year.
- Civil War Show: The last Civil War Show held at the Fairgrounds was held the same day that President Clinton visited the Fairgrounds. Security would not allow anyone to enter or leave the building, so dealers lost money that year and refused to return. We have a new location at Beech Grove High School on Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2011.
- Letter from David Wiley's widow: Brother Wiley's widow sent a duplicate GAR commemorative medal and a letter from the Ten O'Clock Museum in Gosport, which Brother Thompson shared with the camp. Brother Walls will get information about the Museum's hours, so that brothers will be able to see their Camp Hughes display.

After a break for lunch, we continued with more business:

- Camp Elections: We will vote on new officers in November and hold the installation of new officers in December.
- Veteran's Headstone Medallion: Brother Thompson discussed a new medallion available from VA.
- Per Capita Increase: We will discuss whether to increase our camp dues next month.
- Civil War Show discussion continued: We discussed whether we want to sell fund-raising items or hand out items at the Show. We might get a digital picture frame to show pictures.
- Grave Cleaning Products: Commander Beckman discussed D2 and Biowash, two products available for cleaning graves. These products are being used in National Cemeteries. Brother Thompson moved to have the camp purchase five gallons of Biowash, which was seconded by Brother Kolb. We can sell some to the Daughters and those wishing to clean other graves.
- Eagle Scout Project Cemetery Rededication: We will try to schedule this rededication in the Spring.
- Indianapolis Civil War Round Table: Brother Thompson shared the topics for the next meetings of the Round Table.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the Camp.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Tim Beckman, Commander

Date