

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Law office of Claire E. Lewis
December 11, 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; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor, Guide and Camp Council Member Bowyer; Color Bearer Copeland; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Council Member Beck; and Council Member Kolb. In all, nine brothers were present.

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

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

Application Received: The camp was pleased to learn of the application of James Andrew Koontz, who derives his membership from his great-great-great-great grandfather Ellis Charles Hicks, who served in Company C of the 114th Illinois Infantry.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- Events attended by our camp: Only one member attended the September 17 POW event at the War Memorial. Three of our camp attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. Four of our camp attended the Miami County Last Soldier event this past fall.
- G.O. #7: The national per capita tax will increase █ in 2011. There is also a █ reinstatement fee, and no reinstatement will be processed without that fee.
- Mid-Winter Encampment: This will be held on January 29 at the St. Joseph Public Library in South Bend.
- Civil War Show: The check has been mailed and received to reserve our tables.
- SVR news: The list of next year's activities was reviewed at their meeting last week. We are scheduled for Memorial Day. The 27th Indiana SVR received a Unit Citation award at Gettysburg Remembrance Day. That is a rare award.
- New Camp: They are trying to form a new camp in Evansville.
- Conner Prairie: Their new program this summer will focus on Morgan's Raid.
- Civil War Show: Our show is the only "Civil War only" show in the U.S.
- Guns of the Old West: Our newest member, Bill Bell, has an article in the current issue.
- Maple Hill Cemetery: This cemetery in Plainfield has several Civil War graves that need cleaning.
- March meeting: We should bring all the display boards and paraphernalia for the Civil War show.
- Kokomo Library: They will be showing a display from the various SUV camps in April.
- Significant Events: There will be a number of significant events planned in April for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Installation of Officers: PDC Kolb conducted the installation ceremony.
- Camp Newsletter: Brother Beck plans to resurrect our newsletter and will send it to the webmaster and will send them to other members by email or by U.S. mail.
- Conner Prairie Civil War Days: Commander Walls will contact them about setting up a meeting with our committee of John Bowyer, Bruce Kolb and Tim Beckman.
- Eagle Scouts Update: The Department probably sent out 45-50 certificates this year.
- Camp Belzer days: This would be another good recruitment tool.
- Patriotic Instruction: Brother Bowyer read about activities that occurred on December 11, 1861 and 1941. Commander Walls read a list of events that occurred in December 1860.

- Treasurer: We are actively trying to recruit a new treasurer to replace Graham. We may buy the Quickbook Pro program for the new treasurer to use.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Garry Walls, Commander

Date