

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, February 12, 2011
American Legion Post No. 500, Speedway, Indiana

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander Walls, Senior Vice-Commander and Patriotic Instructor Bowyer; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Beckman; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Council Member Beck; and Council Member Kolb. In all, ten brothers, one junior, two sisters and one guest were present

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

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted as presented.

Donation to the American Legion Post: Brother Thompson moved that we made a donation of [REDACTED] to the Legion Post, seconded by Brother Kolb.

Applications Received: The camp was pleased to learn of the applications of James DuMond, who derives his membership from his great-great-great-grandfather Jacob DuMond, who served in Company F of the 65th Indiana Infantry; and Howard Smith, who derives his membership from his great grandfather Hector Johnson, who served in Company D of the 3rd Kentucky Infantry. Brother Smith also has three other direct ancestors – Eli Gilpin, Elias Smith, and John Lockard – for whom he is submitting information with his application.

Initiation of New Members: With due ceremony, James DuMond and Howard Smith were welcomed into the order.

Reports and Other Business:

- Indianapolis Civil War Round Table: Brother Thompson mentioned that the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table would like us to have brochures on our table at the Civil War Show. We will do that. There will also be a table for brochures near the door.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Civil War Heritage Days: Commander Walls reported that we can have a booth there at the Danville Public Library on June 25-26. The SVR will provide an Honor Guard on June 25. They are also looking for re-enactors.
- SUV Brochure: Brother Bowyer presented a new color brochure he created.
- Civil War Show: Brother Kolb talked about the show which will be held at Beech Grove High School the first weekend of April. Our camp will have two tables. This is a fundraiser for the school. Dealer set up is on Friday from 8-3 and the show is from 4-8 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Brother Beck will bring the design for the Camp Morton ribbons to the next meeting.
- Cemetery cleaning: We will be cleaning gravestones at the IOOF cemetery in Plainfield at 9 a.m. on May 14.
- Memorial Day: We will meet at 11 a.m. at Crown Hill at the old entrance.
- Newton County Last Civil War Veteran: Brother Conrad would like to have the Ben Harrison and Porter Camps to hold a memorial service to dedicate a plaque that he will install on the gravestone.
- Ranger graduation: Commander Walls reported that his son graduated from Ranger School. He reported that Lincoln is listed in the Ranger Hall of Fame, due to his service during the Black Hawk Wars.

- Email group: Brother Beckman has set up our camp email group.
- Facebook page: Brother Bowyer has set up a Facebook page for our camp.
- John Auten: Brother Kolb reported that on July 23, South Bend will hold a dedication ceremony for a new military headstone for John Auten, the first Hoosier soldier killed in the Civil War. They will also honor all Hoosier soldiers killed. They are looking for donations to help pay the costs for this event. Individuals can send donations.
- Eagle Scout: Brother Beck reported he has sent four certificates. He is issuing certificates, even to those who have already earned Eagle Scout.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Garry Walls, Commander

Date