

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, November 12, 2011
American Legion Post #500, Speedway, Indiana

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander Walls; Sr. Vice Commander and Patriotic Instructor Bowyer; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Color Bearer Copeland; Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Beck and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, thirteen brothers and two sisters were present.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- New officers: Brother Walls discussed the new roster of officers. We are still looking for a new Treasurer and Guide. Brother Beckman will become the new Jr. Vice-Commander. The new slate of officers was accepted.
- Photos: Brother Wiley's widow sent SUV events photos to us that belonged to her husband. They are now in photo albums and we are seeking to identify people in the photos.
- Ball caps and ties: These were brought to the meeting and one of each was sold today.
- Knightstown Children's Home Cannons: Brother Beck has located one of the two missing cannons. It is on display at the World War Memorial.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Maple Hill Cemetery: Brother Beckman is entering more names from this cemetery into the Graves Registration Database.
- Facebook page: There are two Facebook pages. One is a closed group page, and one is an open group.
- Noblesville Cemetery: We will ask some boy scouts to help us with the cleaning of this cemetery in May.
- Monuments: We did find one of the two missing cannons, as mentioned earlier. We found another Civil War cannon in Brook, Indiana during a grave dedication ceremony. Brother Beck has a list of Indiana cannons that was compiled by Stark in 1993. He reported that Winged Victory is back on top of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument and the observation deck is now open again.
- Eagle Scouts: More information and certificates have been mailed out.
- Other historical items: Brother Copeland reported there is a cannon inside the Headquarters of the Indiana National Guard. Brother Walls reported there is a huge Lincoln statue in a covered gazebo in the town park in Odon, Indiana.
- Reenactments: Brothers Leickly and Bell were at the Bull Run/Manassas reenactment in July. It a unique experience and very hot. Brother Beck was at the Wilson's Creek reenactment this summer. It was a great event. Brother Beck also attended the Mumfordsville reenactment.
- Civil War Show: The show on March 30-31 is the same weekend as the Shiloh reenactment.
- Midwinter Encampment: Brother Walls will need the activity list and the inventory list for this meeting in January.
- Gettysburg Remembrance Day: Brothers Beck and Kolb will be attending this next week.
- Patriotic Instruction: Brother Bowyer read a quote about battlefields.
- Books: Brother Bell recently read the historical fiction book, *The Battle of the Crater*, by Newt Gingrich. Brother Walls read the book *Killing Lincoln*.

- ICWRT: The next presentation on Monday, November 14, will be on “The Confederate Flags of 1861: From Secession to War” by Greg Biggs. Brother Beck will be the speaker on February 13. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the camp.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Garry Walls, Commander

Date