

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp #356  
Saturday, February 11, 2012  
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 Bowyer; Junior Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor Winters; Guide Waldroup; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Beck; and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, eleven brothers and one sister 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:**

- Membership Update: Brother Thompson called some of the brothers who have not renewed. One complained that all we do is have a business meeting without any presentations. Another elderly brother in Connersville lacks transportation.
- Winter Encampment: Our camp will host next year's winter encampment on January 26, 2013. We need to reserve the room at the Legion for this meeting.
- Civil War Memorials: Brother Beck is adding photographs and more information to the files. We may add this to our web site.
- Eagle Scout: Six certificates have been sent since the first of the year.
- Patriotic Instructor: Brother Winters is working on getting speakers to come to give presentations. He is still working on his graves project in Clinton County.
- Civil War Show: We voted to reserve two tables for the show. Brother Winters brought some SUV wooden nickels he purchased. He will order more of these to give out at the show. Next month, we will bring things for the show.
- Lincoln Boyhood Home: The Lincoln Boyhood events will be held on February 19. The SVR will be in attendance.
- Post Donation: We voted to donate [REDACTED] to Post 500 for allowing us to meet here.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Meeting Activities: Because our camp is very active, our meetings do need to cover a lot of business. Brother Winters has been talking to two people about giving presentations next year. We used to give ancestry reports. Brother Winters will coordinate what will be presented each month.
- Challenge Coin Raffle: To encourage monthly attendance, Brother Winters suggested we hold a challenge coin raffle each quarter. Tickets would be given each month to those in attendance for the opportunity to win a different coin each quarter. Brother Beck will purchase the first coin to be raffled.
- Cemetery Cleaning: We are cleaning Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville on May 12. We will post information on the website and discuss this more at the April meeting.
- Gettysburg Address: Brother Beckman read the history of the Gettysburg Address.
- Lithographs: Brother Beck showed us a Civil War lithograph he purchased and explained how those were prepared.

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

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

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Garry Walls, Commander

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Date