

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, March 10, 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 Wall; Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer; Junior Vice-Commander Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Patriotic Instructor Winters; Color Bearer Copeland; Guide Waldroup; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Beck; and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, ten 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 handed out.

Brothers in Distress: The camp was saddened to learn of the death of Brother Wirey. A condolence card for his widow was passed around and will be sent to her.

Applications of New Brothers: The camp was pleased to receive the application of Andrew [REDACTED], who derives his Junior membership from his great-great-great grandfather [REDACTED], who served in Co. A of the 54th Indiana Infantry; and the application of Forest Thomas, who derives his membership from his great grandfather Wesley Thomas, who served in Co. E of the 52nd Kentucky Mounted Infantry.

Initiation of New Member: With due ceremony, Greg Griffin was welcomed into the order. Brother Griffin derives his membership from the service of his ancestors, Edward Leper, who served in the 46th Indiana Infantry, and Daniel Duckworth, who was drafted into the Union Army.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- Riverside Cemetery: Brother Beck took pictures of the Civil War graves at Riverside Cemetery and pulled names of USCT troops buried there. Brother Beck or Brother Beckman will pre-spray the twenty-eight stones we will clean. Brother Beckman will touch base with the Cemetery representative about us starting our cleaning at 9 a.m. on May 12.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Civil War Show: Brother Griffin gave us some Morgan Raid brochures that we will give out at the Civil War Show.
- Lincoln Memorabilia: Brother Kolb showed a framed piece of cloth from the Lincoln Inauguration carriage. This is when Lincoln met the girl who had suggested he grow a beard.
- Signals Officer: All is going well in this Department.
- Monuments Officer: Brother Beck reported that he found a cannon monument and doughboy monument in need of repair on Kirkwood in Bloomington. To get to these monuments, you take the new 37, make a left on Kirkwood, and the monuments will be on the right hand side about one mile southwest of the court house.
- Eagle Scout: Brother Beck reported that two more certificates have been sent out this year.
- Patriotic Instructor: Brother Winters reported that his computer crashed. He is still continuing his work on the Frankfort Cemetery.
- Civil War Show: We will bring the following items to the Civil War Show: Camp Morton ribbons, Camp Morton medals, In Memoriam ribbons, 56 ICWRT brochures, 250 Ben Harrison camp brochures, a box of small flags, wooden nickels, Brother's Kolb framed Lincoln memorabilia, and Civil War posters. Brothers should send Commander Walls an email if you are planning to be there Friday or Saturday.
- Winter Encampment: We need to reserve the Legion for the 2013 Winter Encampment. We need to figure out how many brothers will be attending. Brother Bowyer moved to have Brother Morey reserve both rooms. Brother Winters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Lincoln Tomb Ceremony: The SVR plan to be at the tomb ceremony on April 14. More details will be announced.
- Frankfort Cemetery: Brother Winters reported that Brother Crawford from Kokomo will be doing a grave rededication on October 20.
- Presentations for next year's meetings: Let Commander Walls know if you have or want to do a presentation for next year's meetings.
- Civil War Days in Danville: We discussed whether the SVR and the camp want to be a part of this on June 22-24. It was very hot last year, so we need to have more shade from the sun.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Garry Walls, Commander

Date