

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp #356  
Saturday, September 8, 2012

**Call to Order:** Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer; Junior Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; and Patriotic Instructor Winters. In all, eight brothers and two sisters were present.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer did not have access to his report to present it to us.

**Brothers in Distress:** Brother Morey explained how he [REDACTED].

**Applications Received:** The camp was pleased to learn of the applications of David Hoesli, who derives his membership from his great-great-great grandfather John Garrick, who served in Company I of the 81<sup>st</sup> Indiana Infantry; and Jeffrey Martin, who derives his membership from his great-great-great grandfather James Annis, who served in Company G of the 18<sup>th</sup> Kentucky.

**Reports of Officer:**

- Ed Bearss: Park Historian Ed Bearss will bring a presentation on the 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment and the Battle of Antietam at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11 in the Bloomington Library Auditorium as part of the David Wiley Lecture Series of the Monroe County Civil War Roundtable.
- Fifty Year Member: Brother Reed, who is in the Masonic home in Franklin, has ordered his fifty year badge. Brother Bell will be visiting there tomorrow and will present him a Ben Harrison Camp ballcap.
- Civil War Discharge Document: Brother Thompson was contacted by someone in possession of a discharge document for Henry Roberts, who served in the 138<sup>th</sup> Indiana. She was looking for a direct descendant or a museum or organization interested in preserving this record. The document has been sent to him and will become part of the camp's historian collection.
- Resignation: Commander Walls has resigned as Commander due to family issues. Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer will take over his duties.
- Pendleton Civil War Days: Brother Bowyer reported on how Civil War days went.
- Biowash: Brother Beckman has not ordered this yet but will buy more in a few months.
- New Officers: We need to determine the slate of officers by October, vote them into office in November and install them in December. Brother Bowyer will send a notice about this through the Yahoo Email list.
- Billie Creek Village Auction: Billie Creek Village is being auctioned off as one parcel. If there is no acceptable buyer, the property will be divided up and sold.
- Grave Dedication: The camp will hold a grave dedication for three new headstones on October 20 at 11 a.m. at Bunnell Cemetery in Frankfort after two other camps hold a "Last Living Soldier" dedication. The new VA rules prevent us from getting replacement stones for three other graves in that cemetery. This rededication will not count as a sesquicentennial event. We will meet at the cemetery office and walk to the graves.

After a break for lunch, we continued with **Unfinished Business:**

- Winter Encampment: Brothers Kolb and Beck are in charge of this. We need to follow up to make sure everything is still in order to hold this at the Legion on January 26. We need to let them know how many will attend and the menu choice.

- Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville: Brother Bowyer visited the cemetery a few weeks after the cleaning in May and reported the headstones did look cleaner.
  - Auxiliary: We still need to get more member applications before we can start our auxiliary. We hope to have enough applications by next month. The brothers expressed support of starting this auxiliary to the camp.
  - Hartford City Civil War Days: This will be held on October 13, the same day as our next meeting.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the camp.

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

John Bowyer, Sr. Vice-Commander

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