

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, April 13, 2013

Call to Order: Camp Commander Bowyer called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander Bowyer; Jr. Vice Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor, Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator, and Camp Council Member Beck; Color Bearer and Guide A. Kolb; and Camp Council Member B. Kolb. In all, eight brothers were present.

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

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

Reports of Officers:

- Midwinter Encampment: The camp needs to contact Alan Teller and submit receipts from the Midwinter Encampment. Brother Beckman has a receipt for donuts. Brother Morey has paid for these. Brother Beck will get the receipts to Alan, so the department can reimburse them.
- Draped Charter and Badges: Brother Beckman explained that a real daughter and a brother recently died and that is why we are draped today.
- Revoked Charter email: Brother Beck will talk to National about why an email was sent to revoke the charter for the Department of Indiana because of some paperwork.
- Battle Flag Bill: Brother Kolb reported that the Governor signed the flag preservation bill to cover all battle flags in all wars. They designated \$300,000 for this fund and they are not allowed to take the money back in years to come. He will continue to monitor this bill and will write up a sequence of events for the newsletter.
- June Encampment: We will need the camp inventory, letter of events, and reports covering Eagle scouts, Ladies Auxiliary, SVR grave dedication, Civil War Show, and Midwinter Encampment.

Unfinished Business:

- Bio Wash: Brother Beckman bought four gallons of Bio Wash from CMA on Roosevelt Avenue for [REDACTED]. He will bring it to the cemetery cleaning in May and also need to clean Camp Morton markers. Brother Bowyer sprayed some Wet & Forget on Sandy Foster's Crown Hill stone and also did their grandparents' graves. They do look better.

New Business:

- **Grave Dedications:** Brother Beck participated in two grave dedications. He put flags on the graves of Bart Mitchell, 27th Indiana, who found Lee's Lost Orders (Hope, Indiana); and Alexander Gilliland, 15th IN Light Artillery (Hartsville, Indiana).
- **Conner Prairie:** Brother Beck will check to see if we can be part of their Civil War Days on May 18-19 and will email the camp on the status.

After a break for lunch and the ladies joined us, we continued with:

- **Camp Belzer:** We need to decide if we want to be a part of the Boy Scout's Camp Belzer in October.
- **Crown Hill:** Brother Winter is working on the brochure for this Memorial Day ceremony. Brother Bowyer will ask the SVR to be there.
- **Cemetery Cleaning:** The Philadelphia Church Cemetery is located on U.S. Highway 40, east of the bridge on the south side of the road. We will meet there at 9 a.m. on May 11.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

John Bowyer, Commander

Date