

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp #356  
Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013

**Call to Order:** Camp Commander Bowyer call the meeting to order.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were Commander Bower; Jr. Vice Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary Thompson; and Chaplain Winters. In all, seven brothers were present.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Secretary read the reports in the absence of the treasurer. There was discussion about the negative figures, but the reports stand approved as presented.

**Brothers in Distress:** Brother Thompson's son and Brother Thomas' grandson [REDACTED].

**Midwinter Encampment:** The Department will not reimburse us for expenses we incurred for the encampment.

**Application Received:** The camp was pleased to learn of the application of Thomas Patrick McDuffee, who derives his membership from his great-great grandfather Henry Clay McDuffee, who served in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Heavy Artillery (14<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry).

**Reports of Officers and Old Business:**

- Memorial Day: Brother Bowyer talked about the Memorial Day ceremony and the cleaning of the headstone before the ceremony. The Bio Wash works best, but this last batch didn't seem to work as well. Bio Wash is now called Revive from Prosoco purchased at CMA. He may miss next year's ceremony due to Boy Scout camp.
- Return of Camp Materials: Brother Walls turned in his Rituals and Ceremonies book since he is no longer an officer.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Philadelphia Church Cemetery: If anyone wants the number of Civil War graves in that cemetery, Brother Beck might know the total.

**New Business:**

- Next Midwinter Encampment: We need to find out whether we or Huntington will be hosting the next midwinter encampment.
- Camp Belzer: We need to decide our role in this October gathering and whether we will pass over SUV literature there.
- Appreciation Award: Brother Bowyer presented a certificate of appreciation to Brother Winters for his effort on the Bunnel Cemetery Dedication and cleaning and service there in Frankfort, Indiana this past year.
- Thank you: Brother Walls thanked Brother Bowyer for taking over when he had to step down last year.
- Eagle Scout Project: Eagle Scout Andrew York replaced the flagpole and rebuilt a stone wall and cleaned in the Civil War area in the Greenwood Cemetery located on the west side of Main Street and US 31. We may do a grave rededication for this cemetery.
- Junior Ranger and Web Ranger: Brother Thompson shared about these National Park Service activities for children.
- Flag etiquette: Brother Walls might be giving a lecture to school children about this.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry: Brother Copeland will be gone next month to Fredericksburg with his 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regulars Regiment 152<sup>nd</sup> year Reunion on October 9-12. They will also visit Chancellorsville and Gettysburg (Little Round Top to Rosewood Valley of Death Devil's Den) to step where their first members walked. He will give a report about this at our November meeting.

- Election of Officers: We will need to elect officers in November and they will be installed in December.

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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John Bowyer, Commander

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Date