

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
September 19, 2015

Call to Order: Commander Beck called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander, Patriotic Instructor, and Memorial Officer Beck, Secretary Thompson, Chaplain Winters, and Eagle Scout Coordinator Bowyer. In all, six brothers and one new applicant were present.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Brothers in Distress: Brother Walls [REDACTED]. Brother Copeland [REDACTED].

Reports of Officers and Old Business:

- Ben Harrison Medals: Brother Winters talked about the medal designs and the cost ([REDACTED] for 100 medals and [REDACTED] for 200 medals). We chose the design with the picture of Benjamin Harrison. Commander Beck will send out a notice in the newsletter to see how many want to buy one to determine how many medals to order.
- **Application of New Member:** The camp was pleased to welcome one new brother: James M. Floyd, Jr., who derives his membership from his great-great grandfather Reuben P. Floyd, who served as a private in Company I of the 13th Kentucky Cavalry.
- **Initiation of New Member:** With due ceremony, James M. Floyd, Jr., was welcomed into the order. Brother Floyd derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Reuben P. Floyd, who served as a private in Co. I, 13th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry.

During the break, Commander Beck gave a presentation on the 26th Indiana Vicksburg Monument that is to be moved next spring.

After the break, we continued with:

- Ancestor presentations: Commander Beck wants brothers to do presentations on the Civil War ancestors.
- National Encampment: The next national encampment will be August 11-14, 2016 in Springfield, Illinois. We need as many as possible from the camp to attend. We will be staying at the Abe Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.
- Remembrance Day Parade: This year it will held on November 21, 2015. Upcoming dates include November 19, 2016 and November 18, 2017.
- General Orders: Commander Beck shared information from General Orders 27, 28, and 29 from the past national commander and General Orders 1 and 2 from the current national commander.
- IRS Acceptance Letter: Brother Teller commended our camp for being one of the two camps who sent the acceptance letter to him and urged the other camps to follow suit.

New Business:

- Eagle Scout SUV Patch: Brother Beck bought four of these and we will order more when they are available through the quartermaster.
- Skype meeting: We discussed the possibility of setting up a Skype call so Brother Morey could join us from his retirement center. We may need to check the legal aspect of holding a Skype meeting. Brother Floyd has an interest in setting up the meeting.
- Winter encampment: We are hosting the winter encampment at Max and Erma's on January 30, 2016 at 9 a.m.

- Good of the Order: Brother Thomas visited his great grandfather's grave and will have a GAR plaque installed in front of the grave. He showed his ancestor's buttons and belt buckle.
- Upcoming presentations: Brother Bowyer will do a presentation in October. Brother Thomas will do a presentation in November. Commander Beck will do a presentation on Remembrance Day in December.
- Grave Rededication: The SVR will be involved in a grave rededication for Barton Mitchell on Veteran's Day, November 11 at Hartsville Baptist Cemetery in Hartsville, Indiana, south of Hope, Indiana.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Mike Beck, Commander

Date