

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp # 356  
October 17, 2015

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were Commander, Patriotic Instructor, and Memorial Officer Beck; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Chaplain Winters; Color Bearer and Guide A. Kolb; Eagle Scout Coordinator Bowyer; and Camp Council Member Walls. In all, twelve brothers 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:** none.

**Reports of Officers and Old Business:**

- Brother Morey: Commander Beck will contact Brother Morey [REDACTED] [REDACTED] sometime after the midwinter encampment.
- Initiation Certificate: Commander Beck presented an initiation certificate to Brother Floyd.
- General Orders: Brother Beck shared some of the recent General Orders with the camp. There is a new fee for members with international addresses.
- VA headstones: The VA has proposed an expansion of the applicant definition and will now consider requests under that proposal on a case-by-case basis.
- Real Sons or Daughters: All Allied Orders need to honor these Brothers and Sisters in life and in their passing.
- Midwestern Roots Conference: Brother Winters will bring information on the 2016 conference so we can decide whether to do this or not
- Passing of James A. Getty: Brother Getty portrayed Lincoln for many years, especially at Gettysburg.

**New Business:**

- Barton Mitchell: Mitchell was part of the group that found Lee's Lost Order. A rededication ceremony for his tombstone will be on November 11, 2015 (5:30-5:45 p.m.) at Hartsville Baptist Cemetery in Bartholomew County.
- Midwinter Encampment: This will be at Max & Erma's, south of Stop 11 Rd. on U.S. 31 at 9 a.m. on January 30, 2016. Commander Beck will bring us a copy of the menu. We will provide coffee and donuts.
- Eagle Scout SUV Patches: Commander Beck showed the new patches we can order through the Quartermaster.

During the break, Brother Bowyer shared the first part of his presentation on his Civil War family member.

After the break, we continued with:

- Election of Officers: Brother Beckman reminded us that election of officers is next month. Commander Beck asked Brothers to contact him if they would like to hold an office.
- Cemetery Cleaning: Commander Beck recommends we clean the City Cemetery at Shelbyville for the next two years. There are about one hundred soldiers buried there and all the stones need cleaning. A few stones need to be ordered.

- Christmas: Sister Bowyer reminded us that the Auxiliary would like to present a gift card to our waitress [REDACTED] in December and asked us to donate next month for that. The Auxiliary will be taking Christmas cards to veterans in Lafayette.
- Frankfort Cemetery Secretary: Brother Winters shared that [REDACTED].
- Book and Paper Show: Brother Kolb announced that Beech Grove High School will hold this show on November 1, 2015 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.). Civil War items, including stamps, postcards, and other items will be on sale here.
- This Day in History: Brother Walls shared that Jimmy Carter restored citizenship to Jefferson Davis on this date.

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

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Mike Beck, Commander

Date