

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
November 14, 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; and Eagle Scout Coordinator Bowyer. In all, ten brothers were present.

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

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

Brothers in Distress: none.

Reports of Officers and Old Business:

- Midwestern Roots Conference: We will share a table with the Auxiliary at this event held July 15-16, 2016 at the Marriott East. Chris Clark is the person to contact. Society booths are [REDACTED].
- Newsletter: Brother Beck is working on the next camp newsletter. He will be including the Nancy Hanks Lincoln ceremony, the 2016 National encampment in Springfield, the Midwinter encampment, and the Midwestern Roots conference.
- Presentation for Midwinter encampment: Mike could do one of his Merrill rifle during the lunch hour if Bill does not have someone else to do one.
- Springfield: We need a list of those planning to attend the National encampment in Springfield. Bob Winters is staying at the [REDACTED].
- Camp medals: Mike needs to know who wants a medal and how many medals they want, so we can determine how many to make.
- Mailing list: We need to know who does not have email, so we will know how many newsletters we need to send out for the camp and department newsletters.

During the break, Brother Bowyer shared the second half of his presentation on his Civil War family member from a diary account of Andrew Johnson.

- Slate of officers: The slate of officers includes Mike Beck for Camp Commander, Jim Floyd for Sr. Vice-Commander, Tim Beckman for Jr. Vice-Commander, Jerry Thompson for Secretary and Treasurer. We will vote them into office and install them at the next camp meeting in December.
- Upcoming presentations: We have no meeting in January. Jim Floyd will give a presentation on his five Civil War relatives in February. Tim Beckman will give a presentation on his great great grandfather in March. Mike will give a presentation in April.
- Cemetery cleaning: For the next two years, we will be cleaning the Old Shelbyville City Cemetery. Brother Beck will make a list of which stones need to be cleaned, moved, or replaced. There are some unmarked graves needing headstones.
- Crown Hill Cemetery: Brother Beckman talked about the history of Crown Hill Cemetery.
- Old Ironsides: Brother Kolb will give a presentation on Old Ironsides at the Hamilton County Round Table on December 9.
- Barton Mitchell ceremony: Brother Beck shared about the ceremony on November 11 at Hartsville Baptist Cemetery honoring Barton Mitchell, who found Lee's lost orders. After

the war, he lived and worked at the sawmill in Hartsville. They put flowers and the flag out at the ceremony and fired three volleys.

- Vicksburg: Brother Beck will be traveling with the Madison Indiana Round Table to Vicksburg on April 1.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Mike Beck, Commander

Date