

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp #356  
July 8, 2017

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were Commander Floyd; Sr. Vice-Commander, Memorial Officer, and Camp Council Member Beck; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; and Chaplain Winters. In all, five brothers and three new prospective members were present.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as read. One error was found during lunch. The Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair will be held October 28.

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

**Brothers in Distress:** Brothers T. and J. Beckman's mother passed away. Her memorial service was held yesterday.

**New Applications:** The camp received the application for Paul Harold Champion, who derives his membership from his great-great grandfather Jacob S. Mizer, who served as a private in Company G of the 80th Ohio Infantry; the application for Christopher Lee Thornsberry, who derives his membership from his great-great-great grandfather Samuel Solomon Hornbeck, who served as a sergeant in Company D of the 28th Kentucky Infantry; and the application for David Allan Wilson, who derives his membership from his great-great grandfather John Arthur McCalmont, who served as a private in Company L of the 4th Ohio Cavalry.

**Initiation of New Members:** With due ceremony, Paul Harold Champion, Christopher Lee Thornsberry, and David Allan Wilson were welcomed into the order. Brother Champion derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Jacob S. Mizer, who served as a private in Co. G, 80th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Brother Thornsberry derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Samuel Solomon Hornbeck, who served as a sergeant in Co. D, 28th Kentucky Infantry. Brother Wilson derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, John Arthur McCalmont, who served as a private in Co. L, 4th Ohio Cavalry.

During the break for lunch, Commander Floyd gave a presentation about a cemetery cleaning project we will start in 2019. After lunch, we continued with:

**Old Business:**

\* Cemetery Cleaning on May 13 Report: Seven brothers (Beck, T. and J. Beckman, Bowyer, Floyd, Walls, and Winters) and two sisters (Bowyer and Floyd) assisted in cleaning and resetting the twenty-six stones. We will finish this project next year.

\* Memorial Day Report: The GAR originally called this Decoration Day. Brother Kolb got the Governor to issue a proclamation designating May 30 as Indiana Civil War Soldiers' Memorial Day. The camp and auxiliary honored General George McGinnis at his gravesite at Crown Hill Cemetery this year. Channel 6 news broadcasted some of our ceremony on the news that night, and Commander Floyd showed that video to us. Brother Beck learned that the son of General McGinnis was killed in service with the Indianapolis Fire Department.

\* Department Encampment: Commander Floyd reported about this encampment. Brother Beck presented Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Shaw one of our Ben Harrison medals. Brother T. Beckman is Sr. Vice Department Commander at this time and will soon be Department Commander.

\* Eagle Scout Court of Honor: Commander Floyd and President Bowyer presented the Eagle patch and certificate to new Eagle Scout Joshua ██████████.

\* Crown Hill Gravestone Error Update: Brothers T. Beckman and Kolb were absent. We are waiting for approval for King's paperwork and for Gunn's enlistment papers.

\* Vicksburg Marker: Brother Beck explained that the 26th Indiana marker is outside Vicksburg property. He is waiting to see if those on the Department committee get this taken care of. If it has not been taken care of by the time Brother Beckman becomes Department Commander, it will become a Department priority with new brothers in charge.

\*Map of Indiana Civil War monuments: Commander Floyd is updating a map showing all markers and monuments in the state that will be placed on the Camp and Department web sites.

\*National Encampment: The Souvenir badges for the encampment are sold out.

\* Rededication of Winchester monument: The SVR will be present at the rededication of the Winchester Civil War monument on October 7, 2017. This is the second tallest monument in the state. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument downtown is the tallest.

\* SVR: Brother Beck explained about the role and responsibilities of the Sons of Veteran Reserves to our new brothers.

\* Greencastle Monument: Brother Champion explained that this monument was originally dedicated on July 2, 1872. They are in the process of restoring this monument and would like to have the SVR there for the rededication, the date for which is unknown at this time.

\*Remembrance Day: The 61st annual Remembrance Day parade will be held November 18, 2017 at Gettysburg. Several members of our camp and auxiliary will be in attendance.

\* Mid-winter Encampment: Our camp is hosting this event on January 27, 2018.

\* IRS and State Tax paperwork: The camp filed our 990N postcard with the IRS and our NP-20 Form with the State.

\* Ball Caps: The license for the camp producing the camp ball caps expired last fall. We will wait until National to find out who will have the license to produce more caps, so we can order more of them.

\* Mailing expenses: The camp voted to reimburse Sister Thompson for the cost of stamps and mailings to Alan Teller.

\* Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair: Our application has been mailed for this, which will held at the Indiana State Library on October 28.

\* Graves Registration Brochures: Brother Winters printed off some of these, but his printer is not printing them correctly now. Commander Floyd will place an order to print more of these, and the camp will reimburse him at our next meeting.

### New Business:

\* Memorial for the mother of Brothers T. and J. Beckman: The camp moved to send the same amount we sent in honor of their father to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Fund.

\* Chain Hoist: Commander Floyd explained some of the things learned at the cemetery cleaning this year. He purchased a new chain hoist for lifting headstones and donated it to the camp. We will need to order more D2 when Brother Beckman is at our next meeting. We also discussed how we can easily reinforce our tripod to make it stronger.

\*Memorial Day Ceremony Needs: We need to buy a pole for our American Flag. Commander Floyd will purchase the pole and the eagle top, and the camp will reimburse him at the next meeting.

\* Martinsville Cannon and Mortar at the Courthouse: We have permission to clean and repaint these items black within the next year. We need to set a date to work on this project.

\* Replacement Ben Harrison Medal: The Camp voted to give Brother Beck a new medal to replace the one he gave to Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Shaw.

\* Abe Lincoln Fellow: The SUVCW Foundation named Sister Floyd as an Abe Lincoln Fellow.

\* Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd provided a video from Penn and Teller in honor of our flag.

Our next meeting will be September 9, 2017.

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

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date