

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp # 356
December 9, 2017

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander and Patriotic Officer Floyd; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Beckman; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Bowyer; Camp Council Member Walls; and GAR Records Officer Kolb. In all, seven brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: There were two corrections on the minutes. The poem title is "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone." The information about the Eagle Scout Court of Honor should be omitted. The minutes were approved as corrected.

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

Brothers in Distress: Brother Winters is not well.

Applications Received: The camp received the application of Travis Matthew Doto, who derives his membership from his ancestor Thomas J. Chapman, who served as a private in Company E of the 124th Indiana Infantry.

Old and New Business:

* **Ball Caps:** Brother Kolb talked to the Quarter Master about our ball caps. We can buy the emblems for [REDACTED] and then have the hats embroidered and the patches ironed on. We need to talk to an embroidery shop and see if we can get them to do our hats and glue on the patches.

* **General Orders:** Commander Floyd read General Orders #7 - 11.

During the break for lunch, Brother Kolb gave a presentation on the recent Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. After lunch we continued with:

* **Midwinter Encampment:** We will start outside with a GAR ceremony at the graves, reading "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone," the laying of flowers and a wreath, the firing of a volley and playing Taps. The SVR will bring the colors inside to start the official meeting. We are preparing a bag to give those who attend, which will include the poems of the ceremonies. During lunch, we will have a brief video of a GAR veteran singing a portion of The Vacant Chair, which will honor both the GAR and SUV members who have passed. Sister Thompson will give the presentation on her book. Brother Bowyer will present a certificate to the Boy Scouts who are assisting. Brother Beck will be in charge of the book raffle. The following will bring things to display: Brother Thomas, Brother Bowyer, Brother Beckman, Brother Beck, Commander and Sister Floyd, and Sister Thompson. The Legion will announce the Midwinter Encampment. We need to bring all the ribbons and medals to the Midwinter Encampment.

* **Vicksburg:** Brother Adams will give an update on the Vicksburg Monument at the Encampment.

* **Greencastle:** We have no update of this monument.

* **Upcoming events and lectures:** We discussed who will be giving presentations in our upcoming meetings.

* **Waitress:** Our waitress has requested our upcoming meeting dates.

* **Gettysburg and other Civil War:** Our group at Gettysburg found that there was nothing put on the Indiana graves. Commander and Sister Floyd bought some flags to put at Indiana graves at different places they visited during this trip. Commander Floyd shared about some of the sites they visited during their two trips to the D.C. area. They saw an inspiring illumination at Antietam.

* In Memoriam Ribbons: We decided we will have extra material at the top of the ribbons and use gold inlay for the wording. Commander Floyd will send the pictures of the ribbons to the ribbon company and will order two hundred ribbons if the cost is less than [REDACTED] per ribbon. He hopes to have the ribbons by the Midwinter Encampment.

* Next Year's Remembrance Day: We will contact the Department to make sure we have flags and wreaths to place at the eighty Indiana graves and the Indiana monuments next year. Commander Floyd will make sure they are placed at the graves and the monuments.

* Upcoming Events: The Lincoln Boyhood event will be on February 11, 2018. The Lincoln Tomb event will be on April 14, 2018

* Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd shared about Thomas Nast's picture of Santa in the 1863 Harpers Weekly.

* Installation of Officers: Brother Kolb installed our 2018 officers.

* PA System: Commander and Sister Floyd donated a P.A. speaker system to the camp for the Midwinter Encampment, Crown Hill Cemetery, and other events.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date