

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
April 14, 2018

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Floyd; Sr. Vice-Commander, Memorial Officer, and Camp Council Member Beck; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Beckman; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; Chaplain Winters; and Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Bowyer. In all, thirteen brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: There were some minor corrections. The Patriotic Report was filed with the Department. The date of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was April 14. The minutes stand approved as corrected.

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

Old Business:

- * Ball Caps: We would like to replace the SUV emblem with the patch design sold by the Department. We are still working on making this design.

- * General Orders: Commander Floyd read General Order #24 and the revised General Order #24.

- * Web Link to Meeting: We discussed creating some type of web link to connect those unable to attend with our meetings.

- * Contact List: We will send an email to members about possibly creating a membership list of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

- * Cemetery Cleaning: We will be cleaning the north side of the Shelbyville Cemetery on May 12 at 9 a.m. We will need water, D-2, long brushes, gravel, and dirt. Brother Beck will make a news release. We will have our Camp Banner hanging up during the event. We will take before and after photos of the graves.

- * Flags: Commander Floyd purchased Indiana flags that we will use to honor our Indiana soldiers on Memorial Day and at Gettysburg.

During the break for lunch, Wayne Sharp gave a presentation about the Garfield Park Monument for the Confederate Dead. After lunch, we continued with:

- * Eagle Scout Courts of Honor: On March 17, the Bowyers were at a Court of Honor in Greenfield and Commander Floyd was at a Court of Honor for three Eagles. Brother Beck will send photos of these to the Banner.

- * Civil War Show: The snow greatly affected the attendance at this event this year.

- * Bethel Cemetery: Brother Beckman reported that [REDACTED] is still trying to find a place to relocate these graves. We also need to find out who will pay for the records needed to get new stones from VA.

- * No Updates: We had no updates on the Vicksburg monument, the cleaning of the cannon, cannonballs, and mortar at Martinsville, and the GAR Hall in Evansville.

- * Memorial Day: We will meet at Section 16 for this event. We plan to have a procession to each of the five graves while the Lincoln Funeral March is playing. We will hold our usual ceremony with a few additions. Brother Wilson will read the address of Reverend R. Andrus and Brother Winters will read a poem Ode by Collins; both of these items were part of the Evansville ceremony 150 years ago.

- * Web Site Updates: Commander Floyd shared some of the updates to our camp website.

New Business:

* In Memory: We moved to send \$50 to the Riley Children's Hospital fund in memory of Bruce Kolb's mother.

* Roses for Memorial Day: The Auxiliary purchased 25 roses for the Memorial Day event for the children to place at the five graves.

* Restoration of the 17th Indiana Mounted Infantry Guidon: We moved to donate \$50 to the restoration of the guidon.

* Upcoming Events: Commander Floyd will be meeting with the Kokomo camp to discuss the monument mapping project. On April 22, there will be a rededication of a headstone at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Brown County. The Department Encampment will be on June 2. Everyone is invited to the American Legion for their July 4 celebration. The National Encampment is August 9-12 in Massachusetts. Tonight there is a Lincoln Assassination Presentation at the Irving Theater on East Washington Street. The trial of the person who damaged the Garfield Park memorial will be June 26.

* For the Good of the Order: Commander Floyd showed a picture of the display table for the Irish Brigade. We discussed using our projector and screen to show pictures instead.

* New Items: Several members wore their Limited Edition 150th Memorial Medals they recently received. Brother Copeland showed a framed set of memorabilia he recently purchased for the 11th/16th Infantry, Second Division, Fifth Corps.

* Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd showed pictures he took while visiting the Cave Hill Cemetery in Kentucky and showed a video about the updated memorial for the 32nd Indiana.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date