MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
September 15, 2018

Call to Order: Commander Floyd called the meeting to order.
Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Jim Floyd; Sr. Vice-Commander, Memorial Officer, and Camp Council Member Mike Beck; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Tim Beckman; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Jerry Thompson; and Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member John Bowyer. In all, fourteen brothers and two prospective members were present.
Secretary's Report: The minutes stand approved as read.
Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report stands approved as read.
Brothers in Distress: none
Applications Received: The camp was pleased to receive applications for Landon Blackwell, who derives his membership from his great-great-great grandfather Henry H. James, who served as a first lieutenant in Company G of the 6th Indiana Cavalry, and Ted Schuster, who derives his membership from his great great grandfather Adolf Ahl, who served as a private in the first battery of the Indiana Light Artillery.
Initiation of New Members: With due ceremony, Landon Blackwell was welcomed into the order. Because Ted Schuster arrived late, he was welcomed with due ceremony into the order near the end of the meeting.
Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: We discussed making our own baseball caps using the Department badges or using GAR artwork. We learned that a New York Camp was selling blue caps at the National Encampment, which we can now order from the Quartermaster.

* Confederate Memorial & Monument Committee: Brother Sharp gave an update on Anthony Ventura, whose trial begins September 18. He damaged the memorial in Garfield Park.

Old Business

* Camp By-Laws: Pursuant to General Order # 18 from Commander in Chief Day and Department Order #2 from Department Commander Beckman and to update our By-Laws, we are making a number of changes to meet 501(c)(3) requirements, correct typos and numbering errors, update Preamble services, and change meeting locations and officer terms. Commander Floyd will post them on our web page and send the revised by-laws to the secretary, who will send postcards for brothers to view them online and will send copies to those without internet access. We will vote to approve them at the next meeting.

* Wilder 17th Indiana Mounted Guidon Restoration: Our camp made a [redacted] donation and the state added funds to help meet the goal of restoring the guidon. We also received another fundraising letter from the Battle of Franklin Trust, but we will not be assisting with that project.

* Bethel Cemetery Relocation Project Update: Brothers Tim and Joe Beckman, Beck, Hendricks, Sharp, Floyd, and Copeland, and Mrs. Copeland visited the work site for a presentation and update on the project. The camp has been invited to be part of the re-interment services in late 2019.

* GAR Cannon and Mortar Cleaning and Picnic in Martinsville: Brothers Tim and Joe Beckman, Beck, Hendricks, Winters, Wilson, Thomas, Floyd, and Sisters Thomas and Floyd attend this event on August 4. Two members of the public stopped by. Members ate lunch at Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant across the street. The *Reporter-Times* ran an article about this project

on their front page on July 28, 2018. Commander-in-Chief Day and the Woman's Relief Corps praised the Camp.

* National Encampment: Commander Floyd was one of the Indiana Delegates who attended. Those who attended received encampment badges in their gift bags and special badges honoring "First Call Minute Men: First Martyrs to the Rebellion" badges were sold. Two new brothers were initiated. Department Commander Beckman received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his dedication and work in graves registration. Department Junior Vice-Commander Floyd received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his dedication and work in executing the Indiana Civil War Monuments, Markers, and Sites using a customized Google map, and for authoring *Using Google My Maps for Civil War Monument, Marker, and Site Inventory*. The Department of Indiana placed a full-page advertisement and Commander Floyd placed a full-page advertisement honoring his Civil War ancestors in the program book. Donald Shaw was elected as Commander-in-Chief.

* Gettysburg: After the encampment, the Floyds visited Gettysburg on August 12-14. Sister Floyd visited the monument for Sallie Ann Jarrett, the canine mascot of the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry. Brother Floyd met a new friend, William Frassanito. They both spent hours on the battlefield despite the rain.

* Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair: Brothers Winters and Bowyer and Sister Bowyer will be manning our table at this event on October 27.

* New Ancestors: Brother Floyd found new ancestors for Sister Floyd: her great great grandfather Theodore Mosier, who served in the 12th Indiana Infantry, and her third great uncles Judas and James Levi, who served in the 2nd Indiana Infantry. They found a GAR/WRC monument in East Hill Cemetery and Brother Floyd wrote an article about the monument, which was published in the latest issue of "The Indiana Legion."

* Kimmel Park GAR Monument in Vincennes: This monument is in pieces in an old hanger in Illinois.

* Indiana Monument in Vicksburg; Incorrect Crown Hill Cemetery Headstone; and the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville; Thomlinson Hall marker; and William A. Clark Headstone Installation in Terre Haute: There were no updates.

* Upcoming Camp Presentations: Brother Kolb will give a presentation on October 13. Guest speaker Fred Schaefer will give a presentation on November 10, when we will also hold election of officers. We will have Camp Show and Tell on December 6, when we will also install officers.

New Business:

* 2019 Meeting Dates and Presentations: Our meetings will be held the second Saturdays in March, April, July, September, October, November, and December. Our February meeting will be held the third Saturday because of Lincoln Day. We do not have meetings in January due to Department Mid-winter Encampment, June due to Department Encampment, and August due to National Encampment.

* Crown Hill Letter: Brother Beckman read a letter from a lady who attended our Memorial Day ceremony.

* Camp Debit Card: The Camp voted for the Treasurer to obtain a Debit Card for the Camp checking account to make approved purchases.

* Cemetery Flags: Brother Blackwell has started a patriotic project on his own to buy and place flags on graves. He also has a GoFundMe page for this project. The Camp voted to donate [redacted] to his family to purchase more flags.

* Eagle Scout Letter: Brother Bowyer read a note from the Lions Club about our Certificate of Appreciation, which they have on display.

* Committee Appointments: Commander Floyd appointed Brother Blackwell to chair the Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee, assisted by Brothers Beck, and Tim and Joe Beckman. He appointed Brother Wilson to chair the Public Relations Committee.

* Ancestor Certificates and Reimbursements: The Camp voted to purchase 30 ancestor certificates from the Quartermaster to have on hand for members. The Treasurer will reimburse Brother Beckman for the paint and Sister Floyd for the meal in Martinsville.

* Slate of Officers: Several volunteered to keep their positions. Those interested in taking a position should see the Commander, who will present the slate to the Camp in October.

* Upcoming Events: The John Auten Camp #8 Chartering Ceremony in South Bend will be held September 22. The Central Region Association Meeting in Valparaiso will be held October 6. Remembrance Day in Gettysburg will be held November 17.

For the Good of the Order: We need to find a day when several brothers and sisters can travel to Connersville to visit Brother Hughes.

Patriotic Instruction: Because Constitution Day is September 17, we viewed the video "Constitution Day 2018."

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

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary Jim Floyd, Commander Date