

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp #356  
November 10, 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; Chaplain Robert Winters; Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member John Bowyer; Camp Council Member Garry Walls; and GAR Records Officer Bruce Kolb. In all, seventeen brothers and one guest was present.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes stand approved as read.

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

**Brothers in Distress:** We recently learned of the death of Brother Charles Hughes, who died October 13, 2018. He was a veteran of WWII and Korea. In 2014, he was honored with a bench in the city ceremony for his efforts in maintaining veterans' graves for thirty years. Commander Floyd asked those present to stand and observe a moment of silence and then played a video of a G.A.R. funeral playing the song "The Vacant Chair."

**Applications Received:** none

**Initiation of New Member:** none

**Reports from Committees:**

- \* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: We showed a mock-up cap with the Department badge and the Indiana torch and stars. No further updates on this project.

- \* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Brother Landon Blackwell will check Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin. They may also consider a cemetery north of Fortville.

- \* Confederate Memorial and Restoration Committee: The suspect Anthony Ventura was arrested again for drug possession.

- \* Community Public Relations Committee: Brother Dave Wilson needs to compile a list of good PR contacts for us to send press releases to the radio and TV stations.

**General Orders:** Commander Floyd issued Camp Order 2018-2 draping our charter and web site and the wearing of mourning ribbons for thirty days in honor of Brother Hughes.

**Unfinished Business:**

- \* Membership Plan: Commander Floyd purchased the birthday and thinking of you cards and group stamps for the Auxiliary to send to show our appreciation of our members. We reimbursed him for the expense.

- \* Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair: Brother Winters, and Brother and Sister Bowyer manned our table. They sold 1 Camp Morton medal, 1 Camp Morton ribbon, and 1 Memoriam Ribbon and handed out many brochures and applications.

- \* Eagle Scout Court-of-Honor: Brother and Sister Bowyer presented Eagle Scout Certificates and patches to Eric Carothers and Turner D. Edwards on October 28, 2018.

- \* Memorial Day: Commander Floyd and Sister Thompson are researching Captain Richard Burns, who served in the 3rd Battery, Indiana Light Artillery, and is buried in Section 4 of Crown Hill Cemetery. He began as a private and worked his way up to captain. He was also a member of George H. Chapman G.A.R. Post 209 in Indianapolis.

- \*Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument in Vincennes: The monument is in storage in an airplane hanger in Illinois. Brother Beck is in the process of writing a letter to find out what will happen to it. He and Brother Bill Hendricks will take a trip to see it soon.

\* No updates: There were no updates for the Indiana Vicksburg Monument, the incorrect Crown Hill Cemetery Headstones, or Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville. We also did not have updates of the installation of the William A. Clark headstone in Terre Haute or the moving of Bethel Cemetery.

\* Thomlinson Hall: The 35th Annual Department of Indiana Encampment was held May 6, 1914. Ben Harrison Commander J.E. Martin gave the welcome address. We watched a video about the Thomlinson Hall catacombs.

\* Presentation: Our guest Fred Schaefer gave a presentation on "Indianapolis and the War of the Rebellion." We will have Camp Show and Tell at our next meeting. We also viewed the meeting and presentation schedule for 2019.

**New Business:**

\* Eagle Scout Court-of-Honor: Brother Winters moved to donate [REDACTED] to Boy Scout Troop 233 to help pay for the court-of-honor ceremony for an Eagle Scout whose father passed away. The motion was seconded by Brother Hendricks.

\* SUV Grave marker: Brother Beck moved to purchase an aluminum SUV marker to place on Charlie Hughes grave, seconded by Brother Beck. We voted to purchase five of them, and Commander Floyd will purchase them from the Quartermaster at Gettysburg.

\* Remembrance Day in Gettysburg on November 17: Another threat was made again this year, so the parade will follow the same shortened route as in 2017.

\*Election of Officers: We elected the following slate of officers: Camp Commander Floyd; Senior Vice-Commander Beck; Junior Vice-Commander Beckman; Secretary-Treasurer Thompson; and Camp Council Members Walls, Bowyer, and Beck. Appointed officers include: Chaplain Winters; Patriotic Instructor Floyd; Color Bearer Blackwell; Guide Andrew Kolb; Guard Wilson; Eagle Scout Coordinator Bowyer; Signals Officer Beckman; Historian Thompson; Civil War Memorials Officer Beck; Graves Registration Officer Beckman; and G.A.R. Records Officer Bruce Kolb.

\*For the Good of the Order: Brother Jeff Lilly is the Commander of the Indiana Commandry of MOLLUS (Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States). They will hold a meeting after our meeting today for those who have Civil War ancestors who served as officers.

\* Patriotic Instruction: We recognized and thanked our Camp military veterans. November 11, 2018 is the one hundredth anniversary of the end of WWI. Sons of Veterans Reserves were actual reserve military units; many of them served in the Spanish-American War and WWI. We watched three videos: "United States World War I Centennial Commission," "Sabin Howard: A Soldier's Journey - a World War I Memorial," and "The Sound of Silence - cessation of gunfire on November 11, 1913."

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

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date