

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
September 14, 2019

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Jim Floyd; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Tim Beckman; Secretary/Treasurer and Historian Jerry Thompson; Chaplain Robert Winters; Color Bearer Wayne Sharp; Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member John Bowyer; and GAR Records Officer Bruce Kolb. In all, ten brothers 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: Brother Raymond Brown will be having hip replacement surgery on September 19. Two of Glynn Thomas' brothers died within the last three weeks; Glynn and Carol are at the funeral of one of them today.

Membership Applications Received: none

Initiation of New Members: none

Reports of Committees:

- * Camp Baseball Cap Committee: no update.
- * Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: We need to decide what cemetery we will be cleaning in 2020.
- * Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: Brother Sharp spoke about a proposal for a U.S. government grave marker to honor Master Sergeant Orlistus Powell buried in South Mound Cemetery in Newcastle.
- * Community Public Relations Committee: no update.
- * Sultana Monument Committee: We need to figure out the wording for this monument. We would like to put an image of the Sultana on the monument.

Orders, Communications and Bills: Commander Floyd updated us on General Orders 11-19, Department Orders 2019-2, and Camp Order 2019-2.

Unfinished Business:

- * Midwestern Roots Conference: We had a good turnout with questions from visitors. We gave out several applications and need to bring more next time.
- * Bethel Cemetery Relocation: The rededication ceremony will be held September 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Concordia Cemetery, 2703 S. Meridian Street in Indianapolis. We need people to show up to help with this.
- * Private Garrett E. Moyer: Brother Winters attended this gravestone dedication in Constantine, Michigan on August 4, 2019 and posted our Camp flag.
- * National Encampment: Brothers Beckman, Kolb, Beck, and Commander Floyd attended this encampment on August 10 and 11. Alan Teller was appointed Provost Marshal for the encampment and Brothers Kolb, Beck, and Floyd served as Provost Guards at the door.
- * Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument in Vincennes: no update.
- * Indiana Monument at Vicksburg: no update.
- * Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville: Brother Beckman reported that progress is being made to preserve the G.A.R. documents and memorabilia.
- * Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis: Brother Kolb needs history and other information to plot the monument on a map for 2020-2021. Commander Floyd will make a Google map for this.

* SUVCW Grave Marker for Charles Hughes: We still need to make a marker and place it on his gravesite.

* Genealogical Research: Commander Floyd is no longer doing public genealogical research and has discontinued almost all of his genealogical subscriptions.

* 2020 Department of Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment in Greenfield: Dennis Hutchinson has banners to set up and will bring them to the meeting room. We need to send out a flyer to see who plans to come to this.

After a break for lunch where we shared Show and Tell items, we continued with:

* Meeting and Presentation Schedule: Commander Floyd reminded us of the 2019 schedule.

New Business:

* Camp Meeting Format Change: Commander Floyd suggested we change the format of the Camp meeting to hold our business meeting from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., lunch break from 1:15 - 1:30 p.m., and presentation from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Brothers may eat during the meeting or presentation and are free to leave after the business meeting. Brother Bill Hendricks moved to make this change, seconded by Brother Lilly. The motion passed unanimously; this will start October 12.

* Headstone Cleaning and Plaque: Brothers Tim and Joe Beckman cleaned the headstone of Corporal William C. Jackson in Spencer County, Indiana on September 6, 2019. G.A.R. Post 332 in Dale, Indiana, was named in his honor. Their ancestor, Private William Schwartz was a charter member of the Post and Post Commander in 1888. They had a plaque made by Schum Monuments to honor their ancestor, which will be added to the back of his headstone.

* Restoration of a Cannon Monument from closed Howe Military Academy: Brother Beckman shared how Ralph Abston of Howe, Indiana is seeking donations of \$4000 to clean up and move this monument to Howe's Riverside Cemetery. Brother Beckman moved to donate toward this project, seconded by Brother Kolb. The motion passed unanimously.

* Honoring President Benjamin Harrison: Brothers Tim and Joe Beckman laid a wreath at President Harrison's grave at Crown Hill on August 17, 2019.

* Upcoming Events: Commander Floyd shared upcoming events through the end of the year: Last Soldier in Tippecanoe County Ceremony at Fairview (Stockwell) Cemetery north of Stockwell on September 21; Bethel Cemetery rededication at Concordia Cemetery in Indianapolis on September 28; Remembrance Day at Gettysburg on November 23; and Wreaths Across America at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis on December 14. Brother Beckman added that the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be holding a Cross of Honor Ceremony at the Odd Fellow Cemetery in Darlington at noon on September 21.

Patriotic Instruction: The SUVCW has their own march composed by Karl Lawrence King in 1909. We watched a video of the march being performed by the Karl King Band. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date