

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
October 12, 2019

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 Mike Beck; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Tim Beckman; Secretary/Treasurer and Historian Jerry Thompson; Chaplain Robert Winters; Color Bearer Wayne Sharp; Guide Andrew Kolb; Camp Council Member Garry Walls, and GAR Records Officer Bruce Kolb. In all, fourteen brothers and one prospective member 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. We are draped in honor of Sally Krantz.

Membership Application Received: The camp received the application of Matthew Gaudin, who derives his membership from his great-great-great grandfather Newell Morrison, who served as a private in Company M of the Third Indiana Cavalry.

Initiation of New Member: With due ceremony, we welcomed Matthew Gaudin into the camp.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: no update.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: We are not sure what cemetery to clean next. We discussed the possibility of Knightstown, Old Bethel Cemetery, or Grove Lawn Cemetery in Pendleton. Brothers Bowyer or Beckman will look into Grove Lawn.

* Patty Moy (a member of the DAR and Daughters of the Union) talked about Lick Creek Baptist Cemetery in Beech Grove that was turned into a park with the bodies still buried in the ground. There are at least five Civil War veterans and one from the War of 1812.

* Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: no update.

* Community Public Relations Committee: no update.

*Sultana Monument Committee: Brother Kolb passed around the possible wording for this monument and we looked at several images of the Sultana that might be added to the monument.

Orders, Communications and Bills: Commander Floyd updated us on General Orders 3-7.

Unfinished Business:

*Last Civil War Soldier Buried in Tippecanoe County at Stockwell, Indiana: Orlando Somers Camp #1 hosted this event on September 21, honoring Benjamin W. Cohee of Company K of the Tenth Indiana Infantry. Company D of the 27th Indiana Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserves, presented colors, fired volleys, and sounded Taps. Our camp presented a wreath. Brothers Beck, Kolb, Tim and Joe Beckman, and Commander Floyd participated in this event. We watched a media coverage of the event.

* United Daughters of the Confederacy Event at Darlington, Indiana: The Nathan Bedford Forrest UDC Chapter hosted this event on September 21, honoring 2nd Lt. Noah Brock of Company B of the Tenth Virginia Cavalry. Brother Sharp participated in this event.

* Bethel Cemetery Repatriation in Indianapolis: Brothers Tim and Joe Beckman, Copeland, and Thompson, Commander Floyd, and Sisters Thompson and Wiley attended this event on September 28. Members of the SVR fired volleys with War of 1812 descendents. We

saw pictures from this event. Brother Tim Beckman was involved in this project from the beginning.

- * Kimmel Park GAR Monument in Vincennes: no update.

- * Indiana Monument at Vicksburg: We contacted Senator Young, but received no reply.

- * Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville: Southern Indiana University will digitize the records inside the building.

- * Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis: We have a map of the historical markers in that area. This project to mark the location of the last GAR encampment held in 1949 is on hold at this time.

- * SUVCW Grave Marker for Charles Hughes: The Camp still needs to honor our late Brother Charlie Hughes; we may do this in the spring.

- * 2020 Mid-Winter Encampment in Greenfield: The flyer for this event on January 25 is ready, and registrations will be mailed to Commander Floyd. We will serve a light breakfast and provide a BBQ sandwich, sides and dessert for lunch at the cost of \$15.

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

New Business:

- * Slate of 2020 Officers: The proposed slate of elected officers include: Commander Jim Floyd, Sr. Vice-Commander and Treasurer Mike Beck, Jr. Vice-Commander and Secretary Tim Beckman, and Camp Council Members Garry Walls, Bruce Kolb, and Jerry Thompson. Andrew Kolb volunteered to take the role as Historian.

- * Upcoming Events: Remembrance Day will be on November 23 and Wreaths Across American will be on December 14.

- * Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: This will be held November 11, 2021. Brother Bruce Kolb is a member of the Society of this group. Brother John Copeland talked about three soldiers from his WWII regiment. One of them still needs to be honored.

- * Brother Joe Beckman purchased a flag spreader for our flag, and we reimbursed him for this expense.

Patriotic Instruction: We watched a video The Sultana Steamboat Tragedy produced by Arkansas Tourism.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date