

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
December 21, 2019

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

Roll Call of Officers: 2020 officers present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Jim Floyd; SVC, Treasurer, and Memorial Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Chaplain Bob Winters; Camp Council and GAR Records Officer Bruce Kolb; Camp Council Jerry Thompson; Historian Andrew Kolb. In all, twelve brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve November Minutes made by Tim Beckman and seconded by Glynn Thomas - motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Treasurers Report made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Bob Winters - motion passed.

Treasurer Beck is working to get new checking account opened at PNC bank. We need an "Assumed Name Certificate" to complete the new account enrollment which will cost [REDACTED]. Motion to approve this payment made by Mike Beck and seconded by Jerry Thompson - motion passed.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Brother Raymond Brown-undergoing hip replacement surgery on December 30, 2019. Brother Roger Branch underwent foot surgery. Brother Ted Schuster fell and underwent surgery to repair torn rotator cuff. Brother Bill Hendrick's wife still recuperating from a broken ankle. John Bowyer's paternal aunt died and he is absent today, attending the funeral.

Membership Application Received: None

Initiation of New Members: None

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: No cemeteries to look at as of yet, but there are several possibilities. Will report back at February meeting.

* Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: No update

* Community Public Relations Committee: No Report

* Sultana Monument Committee: Wearly Monument bids for jet black stone is [REDACTED] and gray stone [REDACTED] (with no image). Should be able to get all wording on front side of gray stone. The foundation for the monument will be a separate charge and work order. Motion to proceed with gray stone was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Glynn Thomas - motion passed. Brother Kolb will start working on the application paperwork which will need to be filed with the Marion National Cemetery. After the application is approved, funding sources for the monument will need to be established.

Orders, Communications, and Bills: None

Unfinished Business:

Bruce and Andrew Kolb gave a report of their visit to the James A. Ramage Civil War Musuem in Fort Wright, KY, in early November, 2019.

Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA

- November 23, 2019
- The Indiana section of the Soldiers' National Cemetery was adorned with flags on Dedication day (November 18th).
- The 2 Indiana Solider graves in Evergreen Cemetery, and the 1 Indiana Soldier grave in York, PA were also adorned with flags.
- Flags and wreaths were placed at Indiana State Monument, and at the 6 Indiana Regimental monuments and the 27th Indiana forward advance marker.
- Indiana SUVCW members met at the Indiana State monument for a photo on Friday, November 22nd.
- Indiana SUVCW members then proceeded to Evergreen Cemetery to see Jim and Linda Floyd's cemetery plot.
- At the SVR breakfast, Mike Beck, PDC; Bruce Kolb, PDC; and Jim Floyd, PCC were awarded Sons of Veterans Reserve Certificates of Commendation for serving as Provost Guards at the National Encampment.

- Garry Adelman and Kristopher White of the American Battlefield Trust, and Jim Floyd broadcast the pre-parade preparations on Facebook.
- Garry, Kris, and Tim Smith then live-streamed the parade on Facebook.
- Bruce, Mike, Jim and Linda Floyd had their traditional Saturday evening meal at Shamrock to celebrate another Remembrance Day parade.

Gettysburg Camp No. 112 and Jennie Wade Auxiliary No. 37, Gettysburg, PA

- December 1, 2019
- Jim and Linda Floyd attended the December meeting and Christmas luncheon of the Camp and Auxiliary.
- Jim became a dual member of the Camp.
- Linda joined the Auxiliary.
- The Camp and Auxiliary meet at the GAR post.
- Jim and Linda were invited to tour the GAR post.

Wreaths Across America, Indianapolis, IN

- December 14, 2019
- CAPT Mike Beck; CPL Tom Schmitt; CPL Jim Floyd; PVT Tim Beckman; PVT Bob Winters; Jerry Thompson; Joe Beckman; Matt Gaudin and his wife Kate participated.
- Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve had the honor of firing the volleys.
- 691 wreaths were placed. Donations were down this year and an additional 2,809 wreaths were needed.
- The Daughters of the American Revolution invited the SUVCW to join them for a wreath laying at the tomb of President Harrison.
- A volley firing was featured in the WTHR channel 13 story broadcast about the event.

* Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument, Vincennes, IN : No report

* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No report

* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No report

* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No report

* SUVCW Grave Marker for Charles Hughes: Camp still needs to select a date to honor our late Brother Charlie Hughes.

2020 Department of Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment, Greenfield, IN

- January 25, 2019.
- Flyer has been distributed.
- Registrations are being sent to Jim Floyd.
- Lunch meal will be BBQ sandwich with sides and dessert. A light breakfast will also be served.
- We will meet on Friday afternoon, January 24, 2019 (exact time TBD) to set up.

2020 Camp Meeting Dates and Presentations

February 15, 2020: Tim Beckman

March 14, 2020: Camp Show & Tell

April 11, 2020: Jim Floyd

May, 2020: NO MEETING [CEM. CLEANING & MEMORIAL DAY]

June, 2020: NO MEETING [DEPT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT]

New Business

Item: Do we want to continue sending birthday cards to members? This was discussed and the camp decided not to continue sending out birthday cards to the members.

Item: Recommend we honor CPT Jacob Voorhees on Memorial Day 2020. Jerry Thompson made motion and seconded by Bob Winters - motion passed.

Upcoming Events

January 25, 2020: Department of Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment at Eden, IN. 9:00 a.m. EST

February 9, 2020: Lincoln Day at Lincoln City, IN. 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

April 4, 2020: Union Soldier Grave Rededication Ceremony, Old Shiloh Cemetery – Johnson County, IN.
11:00AM-12:15PM, EDT. Soldier – Pvt, Robert B. Demaree – Co. F. 7th Indiana Vol. Inf.

Installation of Camp Officers

2020 Camp Officers were installed by Bruce Kolb, PDC

2020 Camp Elected Officers are:

Camp Commander: Jim Floyd, PCC

Senior Vice-Commander: Mike Beck, PDC

Junior Vice-Commander: Tim Beckman, PDC

Secretary: Tim Beckman, PDC

Treasurer: Mike Beck, PDC

Camp Council 1: Garry Walls, PCC

Camp Council 2: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Camp Council 3: Jerry Thompson

2020 Camp Appointed Officers:

Camp Chaplain: Bob Winters

Camp Patriotic Instructor: Jim Floyd, PCC

Camp Color Bearer: Wayne Sharp

Camp Guide: Andrew Kolb

Camp Guard: Dave Wilson

Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Camp Signals Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC

Camp Historian: Andrew Kolb

Camp Civil War Memorials Officer: Mike Beck, PDC

Camp Graves Registration Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC

Camp G.A.R. Records Officer: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Honoring Jerry Thompson

- In honor of his years of dedicated service as the Camp Secretary-Treasurer, Camp Commander Jim Floyd presented Jerry Thompson with the SUVCW Certificate of Commendation.
- Additionally, per the authority granted to him by the Constitution & Regulations of the SUVCW, Camp Commander Floyd, with the assistance of Mike Beck, PDC; Bruce Kolb, PDC; and Tim Beckman, PDC bestowed the rank of Past Camp Commander upon Jerry Thompson in recognition of his serving as Camp Secretary for more than 10 years.

Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd presented a slideshow of the Camp activities for 2019

Presentation After Camp Meeting Adjournment: Camp Show and Tell.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date