

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
June 20, 2020  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

**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 Memorials Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson and Bruce Kolb. In all, fourteen brothers were present.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve February minutes as distributed made by Raymond Brown and seconded by Jerry Thompson. Motion passed with two minor change.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve as distributed was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Raymond Brown.

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** None

**Membership Application Received:** Motion to accept the applications of our three new members Jordan Vaughn, Keith Turpin, and Bradley Swain was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Raymond Brown.

**Initiation of New Members:** New members initiated: Jordan Vaughn, Keith Turpin, and Bradley Swain

**Reports from Committees:**

\* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update

\* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Not able to hold the camp annual cemetery cleaning day in May due to the pandemic. Mike Beck has been working with an Eagle Scout to restore the Hurricane Cemetery located in Johnson County. There are 24 or 25 veterans buried in this cemetery, 14 are Civil War veterans. A discussion was started about the merits of Wet and Forget and D2. Brother Raymond Brown instructed the camp about a new local supplier of D2 located in Richmond, IN. This would be a cheaper alternative than paying for shipping from an out of state supplier.

\* Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: Wayne Sharp updated the camp about the ongoing issue with the dismantlement of the PAX cenotaph (Camp Morton POW Monument) at Garfield Park. It was dismantled and removed to a storage facility on June 8, 2020. A federal restraining order was served to the City of Indianapolis on the same day the monument was removed to keep the city from further damaging the monument. The ██████ Cemetery (████████ County) has agreed to accept the monument, but no timeline for the reinstallation has been reported.

\* Community Public Relations Committee: No Report

\* Sultana Monument Committee: Waiting for the pandemic to pass to start working again with Marion National Cemetery. No other updates at this time.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Floyd reminded us that we are draped in honor of the passing of a Real Daughter Irene Triplett at the age of 90. Also there were multiple General Orders since our last camp meeting. In addition, Tim Beckman, PDC, talked about the passing of Brother Ronald Gill. Brother Gill was a member of the SUVCW for 46 years and served as the Department of Indiana Commander in 1996 and 1997. Brother Gill passed away on March 12, 2020.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mike Beck presented an overview of the 27th Indiana, Co. D, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The new 2020 27th IN S.V.R. appointments are below:

- Captain Mike Beck - Camp #356
- 1st. Lt. William Adams - Camp #8
- 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb - Camp #356
- 1st/Sgt. Dennis Hutchinson - Camp #2
- 2nd/Sgt. Thomas Schmitt - Camp #17
- 2nd/Sgt. Terry Furgeson - Camp #223
- 2nd/Sgt. Garry Walls - Camp #356
- 2nd/Sgt. James Floyd - Camp #356
- Corporal William Radell - Camp#116
- Corporal Bret Caldwell - Camp #223
- Corporal Dennis Tilden - Camp #17
- Corporal Justin Posey - Camp #223
- Corporal / Petty Officer (navy) Gib Young - Camp #17
- Corporal / Petty Officer (navy)
- Dennis Riggsby - Camp #28

- Corporal Steve Coffman – Camp #223

**2020 Department of Indiana Encampment, VIRTUAL** June 6, 2020.

- National Representative and Installing Officer was Bruce Frail - Council of Administration was the National Representative.
- National Encampment ad approved.
- Elected Department of Indiana Officers for 2020-2021 are:
  - Department Commander - Dennis Hutchinson
  - Senior Vice Department Commander - James M. Floyd, Jr.
  - Junior Vice Department Commander - Thomas Schmitt
  - Council Member - Timothy J. Beckman
  - Council Member - Dennis H. Rigsby
  - Council Member - Michael W. Beck
  - Secretary - William R. Adams
  - Treasurer - Gilbert H. Young, Jr.

\* Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument, Vincennes, IN : No new update.

\* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No new update.

\* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No further work on the digitization of the Farragut Post No. 27 records has been conducted due to the pandemic. The University of Southern Indiana is scheduled to open back up on July 6th. The John W. Foster Camp No. 2 continues to work with the University of Southern Indiana to inventory and digitize all of the Farragut Post No. 27 records.

\* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No new update.

\* SUVCW Grave Marker for Charles Hughes: Camp still needs to select a date to honor our late Brother Charlie Hughes. We will decide if we want to make this an S.V.R. event. If so, then we can move this off of the camp's business.

\* Crown Hill Heritage Foundation: Cancellation of all 2020 season tours and events.

**Upcoming 2020 Camp Meeting Dates and Presentations**

July 11, 2020: To be held virtually and no presentation.

August 2020: NO MEETING [NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT]

September 12: Camp Show & Tell

October 10: Tim Beckman

November 14: Matt Gaudin

December 12 or 19 (depending on the date of the Crown Hill Wreaths Across America): Camp Show & Tell

**New Business**

Brother Raymond Brown will relay the story of a MOH recipient's grave located in Washington, IN at our next camp meeting.

**Upcoming Events**

August 13-16, 2020: National Encampment, Atlanta Marriot Buckhead Hotel and Convention Center, 3405 Lenox Road North East, Atlanta, GA 30326.

September 5, 2020: SGT Jacob Hocker grave marker dedication, Section 43, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN. 11:00 a.m. ET.

November 21, 2020: Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA. 1:00 p.m. ET.

December 14/19, 2020: Wreaths Across America, Crown Hill National Cemetery, Indianapolis.

**Patriotic Instruction:** Commander Floyd presented a video “Warrior Legacy: Lieutenant General Ronald Coleman at New Market Heights Battlefield.”

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Jim Floyd, Commander

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