

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
October 10, 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 and GAR Records Officer Bruce Kolb. In all, eleven brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve September minutes as distributed made by Raymond Brown and seconded by Jordan Vaughn, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as distributed was made by Raymond Brown and seconded by Bill Hendricks, motion passed.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Luke Jackson's grandmother passed away and the funeral is today.

Membership Application Received: Motion to accept the applications of Jerrod Baugh was made by Mike Beck and seconded by Jordan Vaughn, motion passed

Initiation of New Members: Jerrod Baugh was not able to attend meeting due to work, so he was not initiated at this time.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: No update

* Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: Wayne Sharp spoke to the UDC on September 19 in Middleton, IN about the Garfield Park Monument. Wayne briefed the camp about U.S. House Bill 7608 which will prohibit confederate monuments and flags on National Parks Service battlefields. It passed the U.S. House, but has not passed the U.S. Senate.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No report

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Floyd reminded us about three recently issued General Orders: General Order No. 39, General Order No. 40, and General Order No. 41.

Unfinished Business:

* Washington Township Cemetery (Whitley County) work day on September 26, 2020: Commander Jim Floyd along with camp member Tim Beckman assisted the Champion Hill Camp in placing new VA supplied headstones for 2 Civil War veterans. Several more existing Civil War veterans headstones were reset.

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

* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No update.

* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No update.

* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No update.

Upcoming 2020 Camp Meeting Dates (Via Zoom)

November 14 - Election of Camp Officers

December 12 or 19 (depending on the date of the Crown Hill Wreaths Across America) - Camp Officer's Installation

New Business

* Brother Raymond Brown thanked the camp for the [REDACTED] donation to Mission Restore Bronze of Indiana. Since April, he has restored just over 500 mostly Vietnam KIA markers. He also reminded the camp that D/2 will be available in Richmond, IN starting in the spring of 2021 at a much reduce shipping cost.

* Slate of Elected Ben Harrison Camp Officers for 2021:

Commander Bruce Kolb, SVC Mike Beck, JVC Tim Beckman, Secretary Tim Beckman, Treasurer Mike Beck, Camp Council #1 Garry Walls, Camp Council #2 Jim Floyd, Camp Council #3 Jerry Thompson.
Thompson.

Upcoming Events

November 21, 2020: Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA. This event is cancelled, but camp members Mike Beck and Bruce Kolb will still be going to Gettysburg and will decorate the Indiana graves in the Soldiers National Cemetery.

December 14/19, 2020: Wreaths Across America, Crown Hill National Cemetery, Indianapolis (tentative, but might be cancelled).

January 30, 2021: Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment. It will be hosted by the Huntington Champion Hill Camp. Not sure if this will be held in person or virtually.

February 2021: Lincoln Day Program at the Lincoln Boyhood National Home, Lincoln City, Indiana (TBD)

For the Good of the Order:

Brother William Gillispie shared a very moving Memorial Day address given by his Great Great Grandfather, Dr. Solomon Porter Hood, about African American soldiers in the Civil War.

Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd showed a video about the Battle of Perryville, in Perryville, KY.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

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Date