

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
December 12, 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, Camp Council Bruce Kolb, Chaplain Robert Winters, Color Bearer Wayne Sharp, Historian Andrew Kolb, and Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer. Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson was also in attendance. In all, nineteen brothers were present.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve November minutes as distributed made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Raymond Brown, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve as distributed was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Robert Winters, motion passed.

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** Brother [REDACTED] informed the camp that he was recently in a bad car accident and is in severe pain. Brother [REDACTED] informed the camp that his daughter-in-law passed away. Payers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

**Membership Application Received:** None Received

**Initiation of New Members:** None

**Reports from Committees:**

\* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update

\* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: No update.

\* Civil War Memorial Oversight Committee: Wayne Sharp is working on a draft report but wanted to relay 2 important issues: The committee must establish lines of communications with both Crown Hill Cemetery and the City of Indianapolis. Commander Floyd recommended that the Indiana Civil War Monument Google Map link be removed from the web site as a precaution.

\* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

\* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Floyd reminded us about six recently issued General Orders: General Order No's. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Some discussion took place concerning GO #7, the Monument Protection Policy.

**Unfinished Business:**

Williams Creek Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony: Brothers Raymond Brown, Bruce Kolb, and Tim Beckman attended the ceremony on December 5, 2020. The volunteers have done a fantastic job of cleaning up this cemetery

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

\* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No update.

\* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: Dept. Commander Hutchinson briefed the camp on the progress of the digitization of the G.A.R. Farragut Post No. 27 records by the University of Southern Indiana. Progress has been slow due to COVID-19.

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

**Upcoming 2021 Camp Meeting Dates and Events**

No camp meeting in January

Feb. 13 or 20 - Via Zoom

March 13 - Via Zoom

April 10 - Via Zoom

May 8 - Cemetery Cleaning, TBD

May 31 - Memorial Day Ceremony, TBD

**New Business**

Brother Mark Kreps spoke about the plight of our country's historical monuments and graves. He suggested that maybe our organization could highlight the sacrifices that African Americans played in the Civil War. Brother Gillispie agreed.

**Installation of Officers:** Dept. of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson installed all of the camp's 2021 officers with proper ritual.

**Other Upcoming SUVCW Events**

January 30, 2021: Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment. Due to COVID-19, this will be hosted virtually via Zoom. More information will be forthcoming in early January from Dept. Commander Hutchinson.

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

August 4-9, 2021 - National Encampment, St. Louis, MO

**For the Good of the Order:**

Incoming 2021 Camp Commander Bruce Kolb expressed his thanks to outgoing Camp Commander Jim Floyd for his 4 years of service as Camp Commander, which is the longest, in consecutive years, that any previous Ben Harrison Camp Commander has served.

**Patriotic Instruction:**

Brother Gillispie gave a presentation on the Battle of Fredericksburg.

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Jim Floyd, Commander

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