

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
July 10, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Commander Kolb called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: 2021 officers present were Commander Bruce Kolb; SVC, Treasurer, and Memorials Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration, and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson, Color Bearer Wayne Sharp, Chaplain Bob Winters, and Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie. In all, thirteen brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve April minutes as distributed made by Bob Winters and seconded by Raymond Brown, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed via zoom and read by Mike Beck.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Brother [REDACTED] and his son-in-law had contracted COVID-19, but have now since nearly recovered. Brother [REDACTED] is still recovering from his multiple surgeries. Please keep Brother Copeland in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Payers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: A membership application was received from Brooks Carl Wyatt. His ancestor, Enoch Tedrow served in the 22nd Indiana. Commander Kolb made a motion to accept Brother Wyatt into membership, and it was seconded by Mike Beck, motion passed. Congratulations to Brother Wyatt!!

Initiation of New Members: None. Brother Wyatt had a prior commitment and was not able to attend. He will hopefully be initiated at our next camp meeting in September.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: The camp hats are now available for sale.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck (Chair) suggested that we start the paperwork to obtain a military gravestone for Robert Tingle who served in the 26th Indiana. Brother Beck will also proceed with gaining the requested permission, with help from Raymond Brown, from the Acton Cemetery (Marion County) for the annual camp cemetery cleaning day to take place in May 2022.

*Eagle Scout Report: The camp continues to present Eagle Scout certificates and attends the Court of Honor ceremonies, if possible.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Duane Mantick briefed the camp on the ongoing issue with the relocation of the Camp Tippecanoe and the General Reynolds historical marker. Brother Duane Mantick has been in consultation with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and the local school system. A new location for the marker was suggested, maybe in front of the Miller Elementary School. Ultimately, the Lafayette School Board will have to approve the relocation at the school. A discussion was started about possible other locations for the markers, such as the historic Greenbush Cemetery in Lafayette or the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: The Camp Secretary reminded the camp about several General Orders published by Commander-in-Chief Pierson.

Unfinished Business:

* 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.

New Business

* Commander Kolb contacted the MCL Cafeteria in Speedway, and they are happy to invite us back for our monthly meetings starting in September. We are on their schedule for the months of September through December 2021. The camp decided to start to meet in-person again at the MCL. We will also try to have a zoom meeting scheduled, for several distant members, to simulcast the in-person meeting, barring no issues with internet connectivity and computer/camera issues.

*Brother Raymond Brown (Mission Restore Bronze Indiana) discussed issues he is having with access to veteran's stones at the local Catholic Cemeteries and the Flanner Buchanan operated cemeteries without next of kin approval.

Upcoming 2021 Camp Meeting Dates and Events

September 11 - In-Person and Via Zoom
October 9 - In-Person and Via Zoom
November 13 - In-Person and Via Zoom
December 11 - In-Person and Via Zoom

Other Upcoming SUVCW Events

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

For the Good of the Order: Commander Kolb was contacted by a Civil War descendant who would like a GAR marker placed on the grave of their ancestor. Commander Kolb will place the marker at the requested grave.

Patriotic Instruction:

Brother William Gillispie shared a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on Kentucky in the Civil War

Our next Camp Meeting will be September 11th, in-person and via Zoom.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

7/10/2021
Date