

## MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

September 10, 2022

In-Person (Speedway MCL Cafeteria) and Zoom

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** 2022 officers present were Commander Bruce Kolb; SVC, Treasurer, Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jim Floyd, Garry Walls, and Jerry Thompson; Camp Chaplain Brian Mexin; Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer; Camp Memorials Officer Brian Mexin. In all, 10 brothers were present in-person and 4 via Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the July 2022 minutes as distributed was passed.

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

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** The Camp sends condolences to Brother Garry Walls and his family for the passing of Garry's daughter Kelley. Motion to send ██████ to the Hopi Fund made by Tim Beckman and seconded by Jim Floyd, motion passed. No report of any other sick or distressed members. Prayers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

**Membership Application Received:** The Camp received a new membership application from James Phillips. Motion made by Jim Floyd to accept James as a member and it was seconded by Garry Walls, motion carried. Congratulations to Brother James Phillips!!

**Initiation of New Members:** Brother James Phillips was initiated into the order with proper ritual.

**Camp By-Laws Amended:** Camp by-laws were amended to include language about no dues for Life Members and to include the ability to send out by-law changes via email. A motion was made by Jerry Thompson to approve these changes and it was seconded by Jim Floyd, motion carried.

### **Reports from Committees:**

\* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update.

\* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck informed the camp that the 2 stones ordered from the VA for David Edwards and Robert Tingle were delivered to the Acton Cemetery and members Tim Beckman and Joe Beckman picked them up and are now stored at their residence for the time being. Previously to ordering these stones Mike Beck ordered the NARA military records for Isaac Burk, David Edwards, and Robert Tingle. Motion was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Jim Floyd to reimburse Mike Beck ██████, which was the total cost for these records, motion passed. No date has been set for the installation of the stones for Edwards and Tingle.

\* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: No update

\* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

\* Sultana Monument Committee: Commander Kolb has been in communication with another monument company in order to find a cheaper alternative for this marker.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Order #19 thru #24 and General Order #1 by the new Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail. Department Commander Jim Floyd briefed the camp on his newly issued Department Orders 2022-3, and 2022-4 and his Circular 2022-3.

**Unfinished Business:** Commander Kolb informed the camp that he picked up the items that were donated by Brother Bob Winters, which included one dining fly, 2 dog tents, 2 1-gallon pressure spray tanks, 1 knapsack, and 2 small gators. Department Commander Jim Floyd said that he would send out an email to the other camps in the department to see if they might be interested in some of these items.

### **New Business:**

\* Ray Brown updated the camp on his work with helping an Eagle Scout with his project which includes the installation of a POW-MIA Bench located in the Hancock County Veterans Park. Ray is also working in the South Street Cemetery in Greenfield where 7-9 Civil War veterans are buried. These graves were thought to have been removed to another cemetery in town, but Ray thinks that they were not relocated to another cemetery as the stones are still there.

\* Jim Floyd informed the camp that there was a really nice article in the Indianapolis Star recently about Ray Brown and Mission Restore Bronze Indiana.

**Upcoming 2022 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events**

October 8th - Camp Meeting in-person and virtual

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment at the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library, 9:00AM

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Mother George Dedication, at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN

November 12<sup>th</sup> - Camp Meeting in-person and virtual

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Camp Meeting in-person and virtual

**For the Good of the Order:** None.

**Patriotic Instruction:** Commander Kolb gave a nice presentation on the skirmish at Davis Crossroads, GA that took place on September 11, 1863

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Bruce Kolb, Commander

9/10/2022\_\_\_\_\_  
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