

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
March 11, 2023
Zoom Only

Call to Order: Senior Vice Commander Garry Walls called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: 2023 officers present were SVC, Garry Walls; Treasurer, Mike Beck; Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Garry Walls, Jerry Thompson; Camp Color Bearer and Camp Guard, Joe Beckman. In all, six brothers were present via Zoom.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the February 2023 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: Brother [REDACTED] informed the camp that he is recovering from shoulder surgery and that [REDACTED] is recovery from kidney stones. Mike Beck reported that [REDACTED], of the John B. Anderson Camp in Columbus, recently had bypass heart surgery. Brother [REDACTED] is reported to be doing very well after the surgery. No report of any other sick or distressed members. Prayers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: None.

Initiation of New Members: None

Reports from Committees:

* Sultana Monument Committee: No

* Commander Kolb has ordered the Last Union Veteran Coins and should receive the coins in a few days. He should have them available for the April 2023 meeting.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Garry Walls informed the camp that he obtained final approval from the caretaker of the cemetery for the camp to conduct our annual cemetery work day on May 13th at the Eagle Creek/Little Eagle Creek Cemetery near Westfield (Hamilton County). During his recent site visit he found that there are at least 16 Civil War veteran stones that need to be reset and cleaned. This will probably have to be a two-year project to get all of these stones reset and cleaned. A final reconnaissance of the cemetery will be conducted prior to the May cleaning day.

* Commander Kolb has finalized the program for the 2023 Memorial Day service that will take place on Monday, May 29th at the grave of past camp member Graham Morey, who was a Vietnam War veteran. His grave is in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 2446 S Meridian Street, Indianapolis.

Orders, Communications, and Bills: SVC Walls informed the camp about General Orders # 19-20, and Special Order #2, and the Special Committee to Review Membership Qualifications.

Unfinished Business:

* Garry Walls informed the camp that he and Brother Tim Beckman, on February 19, 2023, attended the meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, to discuss a possible Memorial Day ceremony to take place in Bloomfield in May 2024. The presentation was very well received.

* Brother Mexin informed the camp, via Secretary Beckman, that the website for the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade should be up and operating by August or September, 2023. He will report back after such time to see if the camp is interested in participating in the parade.

New Business:

No new business reported.

Upcoming 2023 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

April 8 - Camp Meeting

April 29 - 137th Annual Encampment, Dept. of Indiana, Kokomo

May 13 - Cemetery Cleaning, Eagle Creek Cemetery, Westfield, Hamilton County

May 29 - Memorial Day Ceremony, St. Joseph Cemetery at the grave of Graham Morey

For the Good of the Order: None

Patriotic Instruction: None

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Garry Walls, Senior Vice Commander

3/11/2023
Date