

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
April 8, 2023  
In-Person (Speedway MCL Cafeteria) and Zoom

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** 2023 officers present were Commander Bruce Kolb; Treasurer, Mike Beck; JVC, Brian Mexin; Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson; Camp Chaplain Brian Mexin; Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator, John Bowyer; Camp Color Bearer and Camp Guard, Joe Beckman. In all, five brothers were present in-person and three via Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the March 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 experiencing back issues. A card for [REDACTED] was passed around the meeting for all in attendance to sign. This card will be mailed to Brother Copeland in a few days. 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: Commander Kolb informed the camp that he will take the plaque to the Annual Encampment to give to brother Tom Schmitt. Brother Schmitt will then mount it onto the stone for later installation on the grounds of the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne. Timing for the official ceremony is still uncertain.

\* Commander Kolb has received the Last Union Veteran coins and past the coins around to the members of the camp. Commander Kolb will talk about these coins at the upcoming Department of Indiana Annual Encampment. Brother Raymond Brown offered to assist in affixing these coins onto the stones of the Last Soldiers located in the counties of his work area.

\* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Tim Beckman talked about the on-site visit to the Eagle Creek Cemetery with Garry Walls that took place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are 16 Civil War veteran stones that will need to be cleaned and/or reset. This will probably be a 2-year project. The work day is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Tim Beckman also informed the camp that he has received the stone, from the VA, for Denzille L. Neville, who was a WWII veteran. The stone is schedule to be installed at the Williams Creek Cemetery on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The cemetery has sent out a press release about the stone installation. All members of the camp are invited to attend.

\* Commander Kolb has finalized the program for the 2023 Memorial Day service that will take place on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM EDT, 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. Graham's daughter has been contacted about the ceremony and was invited to attend.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Orders # 21.

**Unfinished Business:**

\* Brother John Bowyer informed the camp of an Eagle Scout Court of Honor that will take place in Pendleton on April 30<sup>th</sup> and another that will take place at the end of May near Greenfield. Sister Amy Bowyer will be attending, but John is unsure if he will be able to attend, due to his ongoing back issue.

**New Business:**

No new business reported.

**Upcoming 2023 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events**

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

Camp meetings for the second half of 2023 have been set:

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Zoom Only

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

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

**Patriotic Instruction:** Brother Brian Mexin gave a presentation on Civil War poetry.

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Bruce Kolb, Commander

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