

## MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

December 9, 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; Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; SVC and Camp Council, Garry Walls; JVC, Camp Chaplain, and Camp Memorials Officer, Brian Mexin; Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator, John Bowyer; Camp Color Bearer and Camp Guard, Joe Beckman. In all, eight brothers were present in-person and one via Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the November 2023 minutes as distributed was passed.

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

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** None Reported.

**Membership Application Received:** None.

**Initiation of New Members:** None

### **Reports from Committees:**

\* Sultana Monument Committee: No Report

\* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck informed the camp about four unmarked Civil War Union veteran graves and one Confederate veteran grave in the Peterson Cemetery, Montgomery County. Hopefully, these stones can get ordered and be in-place by July 2024 in order to have a possible dual dedication for these new headstones and the Last Union Veteran of Montgomery County. The Township Trustee will be contacted for more details concerning these unmarked graves.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Kolb informed the camp about General Orders #8 and #9.

### **Unfinished Business:**

\* The incoming Camp Commander, Brian Mexin, shared with the camp the 2024 camp meetings and event schedule. He also discussed the possibility of moving the camp meetings to various public libraries around the area. The camp should be able to use these library meeting rooms for free, since we are a not-for-profit.

\* John Bowyer shared information about Eliza Ann Hardy Boston with the camp. She was a Civil War nurse and was a member of the W.R.C., and was an honorary member of the Samuel Henry G.A.R. Post No. 230, in Pendleton. She is buried in the Friends Cemetery in Madison County.

### **New Business:**

The 2024 Camp Officers were installed, with appropriate ritual, by Camp Secretary and Past Department of Indiana Commander, Tim Beckman.

### **2024 Ben Harrison Camp Elected Officers**

Camp Commander: Brian Mexin

Senior Vice-Commander: Garry Walls

Junior Vice-Commander: Mike Beck

Secretary: Tim Beckman

Treasurer: Mike Beck

Camp Council #1: Garry Walls

Camp Council #2: Bruce Kolb

Camp Council #3: Jerry Thompson

### **2024 Ben Harrison Camp Appointed Officers**

Chaplain: Jerry Thompson, PCC

Counselor: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Eagle Scout Coordinator: John Bowyer, PCC  
Graves Registration Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC  
Guide: Joe Beckman  
Patriotic Instructor: Brian Mexin  
Signals Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC

**Upcoming 2023/2024 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events**

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Williams Creek Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN.  
January 13<sup>th</sup> – Camp Meeting – Zoom Only

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

**Patriotic Instruction:** Bruce Kolb gave a power point presentation on the 2023 Remembrance Day Parade and the cyclorama at the Gettysburg National Park visitor center.

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Bruce Kolb, Commander

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12/9/2023  
Date