

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
January 11, 2025
Zoom Only

Call to Order: Commander Brian Mexin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: 2025 officers present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Brian Mexin; JVC and Treasurer, Mike Beck; Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Patriotic Instructor Lloyd Atterson; Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer; Camp Guide, Joe Beckman. In all, eight camp members were present, with one visitor.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the November 2024 minutes as distributed was passed.

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

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: None

Membership Application Received: None

Initiation of New Members: None

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Mexin Beck informed the camp about General Order #8, 9, and 11.

Unfinished Business:

* The 100 Nurse Medallions (coins) were received and are now in the possession of the Camp Treasurer.

* A donation will be sent by the Camp Treasurer to the Daughters of Union Veterans Scholarship Fund in memory of Jennifer Thompson.

New Business:

* Eliza George Auxiliary No. 356 Records: Camp Commander Mexin informed the camp that he has in his possession some material from the auxiliary. A motion was made by Lloyd Atterson and it was seconded by Mike Beck to let the Camp Commander dispose of any material that he deems is of no historical value. A friendly amendment was made to bring the material to our next in-person meeting to have the camp look through it and decide what should be kept and/or distributed to the remaining past members of the auxiliary, amendment carried.

* Camp Commander Mexin read an article about the Shriver House Museum located in Gettysburg, PA.

* Camp Commander Mexin shared his assessment on the SUVCW membership and the future of the Ben Harrison Camp. The SUVCW has some of the same challenges as other lineage societies in recruiting and retaining members. Commander Mexin told the camp that he has been sending out camp marketing letters to other historical organizations in the Indianapolis area. To date he has not heard back from any of them.

* Pictures of the Wreaths Across America event at Williams Creek Cemetery were shared with the camp.

Upcoming Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

No Camp Meeting in February

February 9, 2025 – Lincoln Day Ceremony at the National Boyhood Home, Lincoln City, Indiana (weather permitting)

March 8, 2025 – Camp Meeting, Zoom Only

April 12, 2025 – In-Person Camp Meeting – Michigan Road Branch Marion County Public

For the Good of the Order:

None

Patriotic Instruction:

Brother Lloyd Atterson was not able to give his Patriotic Instruction due to a technical difficulty with Zoom. He will save it for the next camp meeting.

Presentation:

Brother Tim Beckman gave an informative presentation titled “Civil War Resources at the National Archives.”

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Brian Mexin, Commander

1/11/2025

Date