

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
March 8, 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; SVC and Council Garry Walls; Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Council Bruce Kolb; Camp Patriotic Instructor Lloyd Atterson; Camp Guide, Joe Beckman. In all, seven camp members were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the January 2025 minutes as distributed was passed.

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

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: [REDACTED] mother-in-law passed away last week.

Membership Application Received: None

Initiation of New Members: None

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Mexin Beck informed the camp about General Order #12 and #13.

Unfinished Business:

- * Future of the Camp discussion will take place at the next in-person meeting on April 12th.
- * Eliza George Auxiliary No. 356 records will be brought to the next in-person meeting on April 12th. All records that the camp deems not worthy of keeping will be disposed of.
- * Civil War Nurse Project Lead: Commander Mexin will send out a notice to the camp to see if any members would like to take the lead on this project.
- * Report from the Lincoln Day Ceremony on February 9th. Pictures from the event were shared with the camp. Bruce Kolb informed the camp that he will be giving a presentation at next year's ceremony on Lincoln's education while in Indiana.

New Business:

- * Motion was made by Tim Beckman and seconded by Mike Beck to sell the Civil War nurse medallions for \$10 each. Motion passed.
- * Brother Mike Beck informed the camp that he has initiated communications with national about the Department of Indiana hosting an upcoming National Encampment. This will be brought up at the upcoming Department of Indiana Annual Encampment to take place on April 26th.
- * Brother Mike Beck informed the camp that he and camp member Bill Hendricks will be hosting a recruitment booth at the Johnson County Museum of History in Franklin on September 27th. All camp members are encouraged to attend.
- * Camp Commander informed the camp of his intention to amend the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations of the Order, Article IV Voting to allow for proxy voting at the all Camp, Department and National meetings. After some discussion Bruce Kolb made a motion to approve this amendment and to bring it up at the Department of Indiana upcoming Annual Encampment and it was seconded by Garry Walls, motion passed (six in favor, one opposed).

Upcoming Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

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

April 12, 2025 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony – Springfield, IL

April 26, 2025 – 139th Dept of Indiana Annual Encampment, Indiana Veterans Home, West Lafayette

For the Good of the Order:

Commander Mexin shared with the camp a look back at the 2009 camp's Memorial Day ceremony that took place at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Patriotic Instruction:

Brother Lloyd Atterson gave a very interesting report on his second cousin who was a Civil War veteran. His name was the well-known Wyatt Earp.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Brian Mexin, Commander

3/8/2025
Date