

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
July 19, 2025  
Zoom Only

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

**Roll Call of Officers:** 2025 officers present were Commander Brian Mexin; JVC and Treasurer, Mike Beck Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Patriotic Instructor Lloyd Atterson; Camp Guide, Joe Beckman. In all, six camp members were present.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the April 2025 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:** One new membership application was received from Ronald Darrah. A motion was made by Mike Beck to accept him into the camp membership and it was seconded by Lloyd Atterson, motion carried. Congratulations to Brother Ronald Darrah!!

**Initiation of New Members:** None

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Mexin informed the camp about General Order #22, 24, and 25.

**Unfinished Business:**

- \* Commandeer Mexin informed the camp that the remaining Eliza George Auxiliary No. 356 records have been disposed of.
- \* Civil War Nurse Project Lead: Commander Mexin informed the camp that no one has volunteered to take on the lead for this project. Mike Beck did inform the camp that Brother Fred Leickly from the John B. Anderson Camp in Columbus is the department lead for this project.
- \* Commander Mexin briefed the camp about the very well attended camp Memorial Day ceremony that took place at the Flat Rock Cemetery, Flat Rock, Indiana. There was a large community turn-out for this ceremony.
- \* Commander Mexin reminded the camp of the upcoming National Encampment that will take place on August 7-10, 2025 at Houston, Texas.

**New Business:**

- \* Mike Beck will be providing more information regarding SUVCW participation in the September Franklin Fall Festival in August.
- \* The Camp also discussed a Civil War living history event called "Lincoln's Lebanon", hosted by the Boone County Historical Society (brought to our attention by Department Commander Travis LeMaster). While the camp did not vote to participate this year, it might be worth considering in the future.
- \* Lloyd Atterson inquired about the availability of the SUVCW pamphlets. Mike Beck agreed to mail Lloyd some soon. Tim Beckman agreed to bring at least 50 pamphlets to the next in-person meeting in September.
- \* Commander Mexin reminded the Camp of our upcoming meeting dates in September, October, and November will be our final meetings of the year and are of great importance for the future (nomination, election and installation of 2026 officers).

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

August 7-10, 2025 – National Encampment, Houston, Texas

September 13, 2025 - Camp Meeting, Michigan Road Branch Marion County Public Library (Officer Nominations)

October 11, 2025 - Camp Meeting, Michigan Road Branch Marion County Public Library (Officer Elections)

**For the Good of the Order:**

None

**Patriotic Instruction:**

Brother Lloyd Atterson talked briefly about the Civil War mini ball. He will bring one he found to the next in-person meeting in September (if he can find where he stored it at home). Commander Mexin highly recommended the book that he is reading titled The Battle Cry of Freedom, by James McPherson.

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Brian Mexin, Commander

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