

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
September 13, 2025  
Michigan Road Marion County Public Library and Zoom

**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 Council and Counselor Bruce Kolb; Camp Patriotic Instructor Lloyd Atterson; Camp Guide, Joe Beckman. In all, nine camp members were present in-person and one via Zoom.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the July 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:** None

**Initiation of New Members:** Brothers Michael Griffin, Clay Griffin, and Ronald Darrah were initiated into the order with proper ceremony.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Mexin informed the camp about General Order #1,4, and Department Order 2025-4. The obituaries of Brother Ernest Stone and Drew Godby were read. The Camp had a moment of silence for these brothers.

**Officer Nominations for 2026:**

Camp Commander: Bruce Kolb

Senior Vice Commander: Brian Mexin

Junior Vice Commander: Mike Beck

Secretary: Tim Beckman

Treasurer: Mike Beck

The three Camp Council positions will be finalized at the October camp meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

\* Mike Beck reminded the camp that he and fellow camp member Bill Hencricks will have an information booth at the Franklin Fall Festival at the Johnson County Museum on September 27, 2025. All camp members were encouraged to attend if possible.

**New Business:**

\* Bruce Kolb briefed the camp about the naturalization ceremony that took place at the Lincoln Boyhood Home on August 7, 2025. Several camp members attended this event.

\* Bruce Kolb informed the camp that the Last Union Veteran medallion dies will be destroyed unless we order more medallions. Does the camp wish to order more medallions? A proposal will be brought up at the October camp meeting.

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

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

November 1, 2025 – Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment, Richmond, Indiana

November 8, 2025 – Camp Meeting, Michigan Road Branch Marion County Public Library (Officer Installations)

November 15, 2025 – Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA

**For the Good of the Order:**

None

**Patriotic Instruction:**

Brother Lloyd Atterson brought a mini ball for all members to look at. Brother Atterson played his special cigar box guitar. Handmade cigar box guitars were used during the Civil War for musical entertainment.

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Brian Mexin, Commander

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