

MINUTES  
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356  
October 11, 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; SVC and Camp Council Garry Walls; 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, eight camp members were present in-person and three via Zoom.

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

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

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** Brother [REDACTED] reported that Sister [REDACTED] is in the hospital. Prayers go out to her for a speedy recovery.

**Membership Application Received:** A new membership application from Richard Keck was received and reviewed by the camp secretary. A motion to accept Richard Keck into membership was made by Tim Beckman and seconded by Bruce Kolb, motion passed. Congratulations to Brother Keck on his membership into the SUVCW!

**Initiation of New Members:** Brother David Griffin was initiated into the order with proper ceremony.

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Mexin informed the camp about Department Order 2025-8 and Department Circular 2025-2.

**Officer Elections for 2026:** The following officers were voted into office for the year 2026 by an unanimous vote of the camp:

Camp Commander: Bruce Kolb

Senior Vice Commander: Brian Mexin

Junior Vice Commander: Mike Beck

Secretary: Tim Beckman

Treasurer: Mike Beck

Camp Council #1: Garry Walls

Camp Council #2: Joe Beckman

Camp Council # 3: Michael Griffin

**Unfinished Business:**

\* Bruce Kolb informed the camp last month that the Last Union Veteran medallion dies will be destroyed unless we order more medallions. It was decided to wait and see if there is any interest from other members of the Department of Indiana at the upcoming Department Mid-Year Encampment before the camp decides about how many more to order.

**New Business:**

\* Commander Mexin informed the camp about an upcoming Zoom meeting from the Department of Wisconsin for new members of the order. He also reminded the camp about the Department of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment to take place on November 1<sup>st</sup> in Richmond, the Ben Harrison Camp Meeting on November 8 (Officer Installations) and the November 15<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA.

\* Joe Beckman made a motion to order twelve tan Ben Harrison Camp baseball caps at [REDACTED] and it was seconded by Bruce Kolb, motion passed.

\* The camp discussed the possibility of cashing out the Alliance Capitol mutual fund. Camp Treasurer Beck agreed to investigate this and get back to the camp by the next meeting in November.

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

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:**

Brother Michael Griffin shared with the camp the commission paper belonging to Civil War Brevet General Oliver Paul Gooding and Commander Mexin read the poem Sons of Veterans, USA by the Indiana poet James Whitcomb Riley.

**Patriotic Instruction:**

Brother Lloyd Atterson teased the camp about two old Civil War era buildings that he will talk about at one of our upcoming camp meetings.

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Brian Mexin, Commander

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10/11/2025  
Date