

MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356

November 8, 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 Council and Chaplain, Jerry Thompson; Camp Guide, Joe Beckman. In all, seven camp members were present in-person and three via Zoom. In addition, Department of Indiana Commander Travis LeMaster was also present in-person.

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

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

**Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress:** Sister [REDACTED] is still in need of prayers. [REDACTED] reported that his mother in the hospital. Prayers go out to all for a speedy recovery.

**Membership Application Received:** None

**Initiation of New Members:** None

**Orders, Communications, and Bills:** Commander Mexin informed the camp about the Special Message #5 from the C-in-C. He also relayed a special statement about his two terms as Camp Commander. Commander Mexin read a short biography of James William Noel who was the Ben Harrison Camp Commander in 1897. He also informed the camp about attending a gravestone dedication with camp members Tim and Joe Beckman for John Hardy at the Weir Cemetery, Montgomery County Indiana. Private Hardy served in Co. B, 120<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. He was also a veteran of both the Black Hawk and Mexican War.

**Unfinished Business:**

\* Bruce Kolb informed the camp that the price to order 50 more Last Soldier medallions is [REDACTED]. Jerry Thompson made a motion for the camp to purchase 50 medallions and it was seconded by Garry Walls, motion passed.

\* Joe Beckman informed the camp that the tan camp ball caps are now available if anyone wants to purchase them.

**Installation of 2026 Camp Officers:** The following officers were installed into office, with proper ritual, by Department of Indiana Commander Travis LeMaster:

Camp Commander: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Senior Vice Commander: Brian Mexin, PCC

Junior Vice Commander: Mike Beck, PDC

Secretary: Tim Beckman, PDC

Treasurer: Mike Beck, PDC

Camp Council #1: Garry Walls, PCC

Camp Council #2: Joe Beckman

Camp Council # 3: Michael Griffin

Camp Chaplain: Jerry Thompson, PCC

Camp Patriotic Instructor: Lloyd Atterson

Camp Guide: Joe Beckman

Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator: Mike Beck, PDC

Camp Signals Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC

Camp Graves Registration Officer: Tim Beckman, PDC

Camp Counselor: Bruce Kolb, PDC

Camp Historian: Andrew Kolb

**New Business:**

\* Newly installed Camp Commander Bruce Kolb informed the camp of all the 2026 camp meeting dates and events. He is still working on securing meeting locations in the Indianapolis Public Library reservation system.

Jan. 10 (Zoom only)

Mar. 14

Apr. 11

Apr. 18 - Department Encampment

May 9 (cemetery cleaning)

July 11 (Zoom only)

July/Aug. - National Encampment Gettysburg, PA

Sept. 12

Oct. 10

Nov. 14 (Remembrance Day Gettysburg, PA)

**Upcoming Camp Meeting Dates and Department Events**

November 15, 2025 – Gettysburg Remembrance Day

December 13, 2025 – Williams Creek Cemetery Wreath Across America, 12:00PM

January 10, 2026 – Camp Meeting, Zoom Only

**For the Good of the Order:** None

**Patriotic Instruction:** None

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Tim Beckman, Secretary

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Brian Mexin, Commander

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Date