

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
March 14, 2026
Greenwood City Center and Virtual

Call to Order: Commander Bruce Kolb called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: 2026 officers present were Commander and Camp Counselor Bruce Kolb; SVC Brian Mexin; JVC and Treasurer, Mike Beck; Secretary, Graves Registration, and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Garry Walls; Camp Council and Camp Guide Joe Beckman; Camp Council Michael Griffin. In all, ten camp members were present in-person and one virtually.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the January 2026 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: A new membership application was received from Bradley Mark Brill who bases his eligibility on his 2nd Great Grandfather, Peter Foster, who was a Private in Company A, 81st Illinois Infantry. A motion was made by Mike Beck to accept his membership application and it was seconded by Brian Mexin. Motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations to Brad for his membership into the SUVCW!

Initiation of New Members: Al Strait and Brad Brill were both initiated into the order with proper ritual.

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb informed the camp about the many General Orders and the Special Messages sent out from the C-in-C and Department of Indiana Commander LeMaster from late January to mid-March.

Unfinished Business:

* Joe Beckman reminded that camp that baseball caps and corps pin are still available for sale.

* Mike Beck briefed the camp about the on-going meetings with the SUVCW National Site Selection Committee concerning the Department of Indian hosting either the 2028 or 2029 National Encampment. A final decision is expected by the end of March.

* Garry Walls informed the camp that he has not finished a mock-up of his information posters for use at camp information booths. He indicated that he will have those posters completed for camp review soon.

New Business:

* Camp Commander Kolb informed the camp that he was the keynote speaker at the annual Lincoln Day ceremony at the Lincoln Boyhood Home in February. His presentation on all of Abraham Lincoln's books that he read while in Indiana was well received.

* Garry Walls reminded the camp about the upcoming two events happening in Greene County on March 28th, the MOLLUS gravestone dedication and the Last Union Veteran of Greene County.

* The camp discussed going back to Flatrock Cemetery for Memorial Day. Brian Mexin will reach out to the folks in charge at the cemetery and report back to the camp.

* Tim Beckman informed the camp that he is in the planning stages of finding a cemetery for the camp's annual cemetery work day in May. He will have more to report at the April camp meeting.

Upcoming Camp Meeting Dates and Department Events

April 11, 2026 – Camp Meeting, Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana

April 18, 2026 – Department of Indiana Annual Encampment, Indiana Veterans Home, West Lafayette, Indiana

May 9, 2026 – Camp Annual Cemetery Work Day, Cemetery TBD

May 25, 2026 – Camp Annual Memorial Day Service, Location TBD

For the Good of the Order: None

Patriotic Instruction: None

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

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Date