

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
July 11, 2026
Virtual Only

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; JVC, Treasurer, and Eagle Scout Coordinator Mike Beck; SVC Brian Mexin; Secretary, Graves Registration, and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Garry Walls; Camp Council and Guide Joe Beckman. In all, seven camp members were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the April 2026 minutes as distributed was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed and read. There was a discussion if the camp still wanted to keep the Alliance Capital account, but no final decision was reached.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Jim Floyd's wife, Linda, passed away.

Membership Application Received: A new membership application was received from Paul Fraser Davis, II who bases his eligibility on his 2nd Great Grandfather, William Roger Davis, who was a Seaman in the U.S. Navy. A motion was made by Mike Beck to accept his membership application and it was seconded by Bruce Kolb. Motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations to Paul for his membership into the SUVCW!

Initiation of New Members: None

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb informed the camp about a multitude of General Orders, Special Orders, and Special Messages sent out since our last camp meeting in April.

Unfinished Business:

* Commander Kolb informed the camp about our annual Memorial Day Ceremony that took place at the Flatrock Cemetery. It was very well attended and the local community really appreciated us being there again this year.

New Business:

* Camp Commander Kolb informed the camp about his visit to the American Legion Post 510 (at Fort Ben) post meeting on June 16th. Other camp members in attendance were Lloyd Atterson, Joe Beckman, and Tim Beckman. Commander Kolb spoke about the GAR. It was very well received.

* Camp Commander Kolb and camp member Mike Beck attended the dedication of the Civil War bench and the burial of the time capsule, on June 27th, at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne, IN.

* Camp Commander Kolb informed the camp of two upcoming events: Ceremony honoring three Civil War nurses to take place in LaPorte on July 25th and the annual wreath laying ceremony at the grave of President Harrison, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, to take place on August 20th at 9AM.

* Mike Beck informed the camp that he will have an information booth/Civil War camp at Greenwood Airport Days to take place on August 29th. He is looking for volunteers to help with this.

* Al Strait informed the camp about a fund-raising platform called RaisedRight. Commander Kolb said he would look into that and report back at our September camp meeting.

Upcoming Camp Meeting Dates

September 12, 2026 - Camp Meeting, Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana

October 10, 2026 - Camp Meeting, Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana

For the Good of the Order: Commander Kolb informed the camp that he is now in the possession of a newspaper that contains the first printing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Patriotic Instruction: None

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

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Date