

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
September 12, 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; 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 Michael Griffin; Camp Council and Guide Joe Beckman; Camp Patriotic Instructor Lloyd Atterson. In all, seven members were present in-person and three virtual.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the July 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 Bruce Edward Bowman who bases his eligibility on his Great Grandfather, Joseph Banta, who was a Private in Co. A, 85th Indiana Infantry. A vote by the camp unanimously approved his membership. Congratulations to Bruce for his membership into the SUVCW!

Initiation of New Members: Bruce Bowman was initiated into the order with proper ritual.

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

Unfinished Business:

* Commander Kolb informed the camp about events that our camp participated in since our July camp meeting:

- July 25th, three Civil War Nurses Ceremony at LaPorte, IN
- August 1-2, National Encampment at Gettysburg, PA
- August 6, Naturalization Ceremony at the Lincoln Boyhood Home National Memorial, Lincoln City, IN
- August 20, Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Grave of President Benjamin Harrison, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN

New Business:

Nominations for the elected 2027 Camp Officers, as presented by the camp, are below:

Commander: Bruce Kolb

SVC: Brian Mexin

JVC: Al Strait

Treasurer: Mike Beck

Secretary: Tim Beckman

Council 1: Garry Walls

Council 2: Joe Beckman

Council 3: Michael Griffin

Elections of these 2027 camp officers will be held at the October 10th Camp Meeting.

* Mike Beck informed the camp that he found a Civil War monument in the Helt Prairie cemetery, Hillsdale, Vermillion County, Indiana. It was a monument for the 85th Indiana, Co. D.

* Mike Beck talked about the information booth and display he was a part of at the Greenwood Airport Days on August 29th. The display and firing of the Gattlin gun proved to be a big hit and many SUVCW brochures were handed out.

* Brian Mexin informed the camp that he has been looking into having a camp dinner, maybe once a year, to provide an opportunity for fellowship. The camp kicked around several ideas, one being a late lunch/or early dinner at a nearby restaurant in Greenwood after our December meeting (which will include the installation of 2027 camp officers). Wife's and significant others of members will also be encouraged to attend. A restaurant choice will be

finalized by our October camp meeting.

* Camp Commander Kolb informed the camp that he made significant upgrade to the Ben Harrison Camp wreath. All camp members agreed that it looks really nice. Brian Mexin made a motion to reimburse Commander Kolb \$115 for the cost of the wreath upgrade and it was seconded by Garry Walls, motion was approved.

Upcoming Camp and Department Meeting Dates and Events

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

November 7, 2026 - Dept. of Indiana Mid-Year Encampment, Valparaiso, Indiana, 9:00AM CST

December 5, 2026 - Camp Meeting, Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana

December 19, 2026 Wreath Across America, Williams Creek Cemetery, 12:00PM

The 2027 Camp Meeting calendar is below:

January 9, 2027 – Virtual Only

March 13, 2027 - Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana and Virtual

April 10, 2027 - Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana and Virtual

July 10, 2027 – Virtual Only

September 11, 2027 - Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana and Virtual

October 9, 2027 - Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana and Virtual

December 11, 2027 - Greenwood City Center, Greenwood, Indiana and Virtual

For the Good of the Order: Commander Kolb passed around a copy of the first printing of the Emancipation Proclamation from the Boston Daily Journal newspaper, dated September 22, 1862.

Patriotic Instruction: Llyod Atterson gave a preview of his upcoming October Patriotic Instruction.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

9/12/2026
Date