

# Camp History

## History of Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Indianapolis, IN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War- Department of Indiana

*The Ben Harrison camp has been in existence, on and off, for over 120 years, making it the oldest active camp in the Department of Indiana. The camp history, as detailed below, is all that is currently known. Unfortunately, most of the camp's service records have been presumably lost to history. If you have or know of any additional historical information about this camp, please contact the [Camp Signals Officer](#). We would very much like to hear from you.*

The Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 19, 1884 with 46 members. Most of these original members would have certainly been "Real Sons." The camp was reorganized on March 8, 1897 with 32 members, presumably because the first camp disbanded. Information is sketchy, but the camp was active and continued meeting into the early 1970's. Sometime after this date, the camp was disbanded.



In 1981, the Ben Harrison camp was organized once again and has met continuously since.

All the known past Camp Commanders are listed below. Many of the Camp Commanders from the original camp organization date to 1981 remain unknown.

Year	Camp Commander
1897	– James W. Noel
1898	–
1899	– Carroll Carr
1900	–
1901	–
1902	– Fredrick E. Matson
1903	– William P. Reagan
1904	–
1905	–
1906	–
1907	–
1908	–
1909	–
1910	– Eli F. Ritter
1911	– Frank Shellhouse
1912	– Dr. L.W.A. Luckey
1913	– Max J. Young
1914	– Jesse E. Martin
1915	– Alexander Chambers
1916	–
1917	–
1918	–
1919	– <a href="#">Rev. Dr. Frank C. Huston</a> (also Past C-in-C)
1920	–
1921	– E.S. Shumaker
1922	– Capt. William H. Ball (also PDC)
1923	– H.E. Negley
1924	– Albert L. Pawley (also PDC)
1925	– Albert L. Pawley (also PDC)
1926	– George O. Hawkins
1927	– George O. Hawkins
1928	–
1929	–
1930	–
1931	– William A. Edwards, Sr.
1932	–

1933 – Capt. William H. Ball (also PDC)  
1934 – David Durbin  
1935 – Arthur W. Demree  
1936 –  
1937 – Arthur W. Demree  
1938 – W.C. Engle  
1938 –  
1939 –  
1940 –  
1941 –  
1942 –  
1943 – C.M. Barksdale  
1944 –  
1945 –  
1946 – Clinton T. Durbin  
1947 –  
1948 –  
1949 –  
1950 –  
1951 –  
1952 –  
1953 – C. Ross Smith  
1954 – Cecil McConahay (also PDC)  
1955 –  
1956 – John M. Caylor (also PDC)  
1957 – John M. Caylor (also PDC)  
1958 – Frank Unversaw  
1959 – Roy Volstad (also PDC)  
1960 –  
1961 – Rev. H.E. Vance  
1962 –  
1963 –  
1964 –  
1965 –  
1966 –  
1967 –  
1968 –



1969 –  
1970 – W.G. Shannon  
1971 – Rev. Herbert Ray Worth (also PDC)  
1972 –  
1973 – Ivan Lancaster (also PDC)  
1974 –  
1975 –  
1976 –  
1977 –  
1978 –  
1979 –  
1980 –  
1981 – Thomas H. Hayes  
1982 – [Allen W. Moore](#) (also PDC and Past C-in-C)  
1983 – [Allen W. Moore](#) (also PDC and Past C-in-C)  
1984 – Daniel Morris  
1985 – Richard Sharp  
1986 – Dr. Doyle Manhart  
1987 – Unknown  
1988 – Unknown  
1989 – Dr. Harry G. Becker  
1990 – Dr. Harry G. Becker  
1991 – Olen Gowens  
1992 – Richard L. Listenberger  
1993 – Richard L. Listenberger  
1994 – Stephen T. Jackson (also PDC)  
1995 – Stephen T. Jackson (also PDC)  
1996 – Thomas C. Milton  
1997 – McClernand B. Crawford  
1998 – McClernand B. Crawford  
1999 – Carter C. Keith

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 2001 – Stephen B. Bauer  
 2002 – Stephen B. Bauer  
 2003 – Bruce R. Kolb (also PDC)  
 2004 – Bruce R. Kolb (also PDC)  
 2005 – Philip D. McClure  
 2006 – Philip D. McClure  
 2007 – Michael W. Beck (also PDC)  
 2008 – Michael W. Beck (also PDC)  
 2009 – Timothy J. Beckman (also PDC)  
 2010 – Timothy J. Beckman (also PDC)  
 2011 – Garriel R. Walls  
 2012 – Garriel R. Walls  
 2013 – John M. Bowyer  
 2014 – John M. Bowyer  
 2015 – Michael W. Beck (also PDC)  
 2016 – Michael W. Beck (also PDC)  
 2017 – James M. Floyd, Jr.  
 2018 – James M. Floyd, Jr.  
 2019 – James M. Floyd, Jr.  
 2020 – James M. Floyd, Jr.



















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C-in-C = Commander in Chief

PDC = Past Department Commander