

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Minutes

Meeting of the Camp  
Tuesday, July 27, 1999  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Building  
Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander James Lyons, PDC, assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Tem.

### I. Opening Ritual:

Commander Lyons opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, July 27, 1999 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

### II. Roll Call:

#### Brothers present:

Lavern Aves, Marc Bennetts, Charles Brown, Dale Calder, Thomas Emerick, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Ronald Kruger, Charles Langworthy, James Lyons, David Rehkopf, George Roux, Ron Shull, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub and Richard Williams.

#### Brothers excused:

Nathan Harrison, Adin Shank, Gordon Warren, and William Warren,

#### Sick Call:

None reported

### III. Welcome to Guests:

No guests were in attendance.

### IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Calder moved, seconded by Bro. Keith Harrison, to approve the minutes of the May 30, 1999 meeting of the Camp as distributed. Motion carried.

### V. Concerns for Brothers:

None noted.

### VI. New Members and Initiations:

Bro. Roux reported none pending.

### VII. Recess:

The Camp decided to dispense with the recess.

### VIII. Committee Reports:

Commander Lyons resolved to complete the assignment of committee heads by the end of year.

#### Bylaws:

No Report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration:

No report

#### Membership:

The membership tent at the Hastings, MI event resulted a couple of leads to interested parties. There seemed to be less interest in potential recruiters most likely due to the extreme heat during the event weekend. Bro. Williams reported we have raised \$192.00 on raffle tickets for the "Men of Iron" print. He noted 100% of the proceeds will be donated to preserving memorials and monuments. Bro. Lyons complemented the Austin Blair camp on being the biggest producer of leads to the Department of Michigan.

#### Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Calder read from his final report on the following Memorial Day ceremonies: Tent #30 - DUVCW, Lansing Parade, G.A.R. plot at Mount Hope Cemetery, Little Arlington Cemetery, and Welch Cemetery.

#### Military Affairs:

No report.

#### Patriotic Instruction:

No report..

#### Program and Publicity:

No report.

#### Grinnell Award:

No Report.

#### Hall Restoration:

No report.

### IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Lyons reported on and paid complements to the most recently published copies of *The Banner, Michigan Messenger*, and *The Sunfield Yankee*.

Bro. Hodges noted the Lansing Parks Department invitation for this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade arrived too late for the Camp to respond and participate in. Bro. Hodges returned the invitation with a note to keep us on the invitation list for next year's celebration.

Bro. Harrison discussed the upcoming race for Senior Vice Commander in Chief. Both candidates are anxious to speak with

the Michigan delegation attending the National Encampment at Indianapolis, IN. Commander Lyons presented a framed postcard of the Sunfield G.A.R. Hall to the Camp on behalf of Bro. John Mann. The picture included a tower and flagstaff at the front of the hall. Bro. Lyons indicated which features of the hall have changed since the postcard was issued.

### X. Unfinished Business:

Commander Lyons noted the infamous Civil War Trivia Challenge (complements of Bro. Shumway and Bro. Nash) was not scheduled to take place at the Remembrance Day Weekend in Grand Rapids, MI. This was due to the lateness of the Challenge proposal to the respective event committee.

### XI. New Business:

Bro. Harrison proposed the Camp give future consideration for donating funds to the Fredericksburg, Maryland monument being sponsored by the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Vol. Inf., Co. B, Inc. re-enacting organization. All donations are tax-deductible and donor plaques will be awarded to those donors exceeding specific limits. The ceremony commemorating the monument will be held in February, 2000.

Bro. Williams commented upon the Crossroads Village event where he and Bro. Brown attended Camp #145's dinner. Our Brothers in Camp #145 "chastised" Brothers William and Brown for lack of a reciprocal meal at the upcoming Hastings, Michigan event. Bro. Brown "defended" our Camp's honor by volunteering to prepare a meal of stew for dinner at 6:00 P.M. to be shared between the Flint and Sunfield Brothers. Unfortunately, our Flint Brothers became "lost in the woods" and were unable to partake of the home cooked meal. Bro. Brown volunteered to host the dinner at next year's event. Bro. Williams encouraged all Camp members to volunteer as guides for our Flint counterparts should they accept another invitation.

### XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Harrison reminded the Camp of the Weekend of Remembrance at the Michigan Veteran's Facility in Grand Rapids, MI on August 7 and 8. There is to be a new "Lincoln" speaker for the ceremony. On Saturday there is a free ice cream social, pig roast, and dance with live music for attendees. Sunday includes a free pancake breakfast, "Battle of Franklin" scenario, and narration by Historian Dave Finney. It was

noted that Bro. Bill Warren is a resident of the facility. Bro. Harrison emphasized the residents deeply appreciate the efforts put forth by all attendees.

Bro. Aves reviewed Bro. Hodges, Eunice Black (DUVCW), and his participation in the Show & Tell for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classes from Sunfield Elementary School at the G.A.R. Hall. The children especially enjoyed using the black and white voting balls and box to “blackball” their teachers.

Commander Lyons encouraged all Brothers to become involved in the Sunfield community’s activities. He encouraged all Brothers not attending the National Encampment to participate in the Sunfield Farmer’s Picnic festivities. Tent #30 - DUVCW has requested we provide a color guard for the parade to be held on 8/20/99 at 12:00 P.M.. The Camp will muster at the G.A.R. Hall at 10:30 A.M..

**XIII. Treasurer's Report:**

\$29.00 was collected in “Passing the Hat”.

Bro. Williams submitted the following Treasurer’s report showing a balance of accounts at \$1,728.91 as of July 27, 1999 with \$5.50 in checking, \$914.08 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$60.35 in the Memorial Fund, and \$748.98 in savings. The Profit & Loss Statement for May 31, 1999 through July 27, 1999 showed a net expense for the period of \$136.32 composed of interest income of \$11.18, a bank charge of \$3.00, and Per Capita expenditure of \$144.50. Bro. Keith Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Calder, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Motion carried.+

**XIV. Closing Ritual:**

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 8:05 PM.

+ indicates that a written report has been submitted and is available for inspection.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L. Emerick,  
Secretary**