

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Minutes

Meeting of the Camp  
Tuesday, November 25, 2003  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
115 Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan  
49058

Commander Brian Shumway, assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Tem.

### I. Opening Ritual:

Commander Shumway opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 7:10 P.M. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan. Commander Shumway draped the charter noting that this is in mourning for Brothers Madison Gadberry of Camp 6, Department of Tennessee, Lemuel Robertson of Camp 66, Department of Missouri, William Duncan of Camp 33 of the Department of Iowa and Edward Blakely of Camp 1 of Department of Michigan, all *real sons*. The charter will be draped through December 18th.

### II. Roll Call:

#### Brothers present:

Lavern Aves, David Coon, Luke Coon, Zach Coon, Thomas Emerick, Keith Harrison, Andrew Hart, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, Jim Lyons, Brian MacVean, John Nash, David Neese, Michael Neese, Wendel Peabody, George Roux, Brian Shumway, and Dana Traub, and Dick Williams

#### Brothers excused:

Kyle Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Richard Lee, Michael Mitchell, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl, James B. Pahl, and Joshua Rousseau.

#### Sick Call:

Commander Shumway reported on the recent hospitalization of Bro. Lyons wife,

Kaye. Bro. Lyons indicated Kaye had recovered and was once again as active as ever. Commander Shumway reported Department Commander Butgereit had planned to attend the meeting this evening but had to decline due to doctor's orders related to his recent illness.

### III. Welcome to Guests:

Roy Crowchett, of Lansing, introduced himself and reported on the interesting path he followed to locate the Camp via the S.U.V.C.W. website. Mr. Crowchett related stories regarding two of his ancestors who served as officers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Michigan regiments during the Civil War. Bro. Keith Harrison invited Mr. Crowchett to discuss the submission of an application for membership in the M.O.L.L.U.S. organization immediately following the business portion of the Camp's meeting. Commander Shumway introduced his good friend, John Warren, from Hastings. Mr. Warren related his interest in his Civil War ancestor and the lack of data, along with a photograph with which he started his research. This led to the discovery his ancestor enlisted as drummer boy at the age of 16 in the 7<sup>th</sup> OVI and was interred at Fort Meigs in Ohio. Bro. Keith Harrison suggested Mr. Warren post the photograph of his ancestor on the National S.U.V.C.W. website to possibly obtain information from other sources. Commander Shumway welcomed Birdsell Holly, and his wife Audrey, of Lansing. Mr. Holly indicated he was submitting an application for membership in the Camp this evening. Dave Eddy of the Colegrove – Woodruff Camp #22 of Marshall introduced himself to the Camp.

### IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Hodges moved, seconded by Bro. Keith Harrison to approve of the minutes of the September 30, 2003 meeting as amended to include correction indicated by Bro. Hodges. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried.

### Concerns for Brothers:

None reported.

### New Members and Initiations:

JVC David Neese presented the application of Birdsell Holly for membership as a Brother. Bro. Neese indicated the paperwork was in order and Mr. Holly could trace his relationship back to Buell

Munson Newcott who served in the 59<sup>th</sup> New York. Bro. Neese moved to accept the application and to vote on the membership by voice vote. Bro. Lyons seconded the motion and it passed overwhelmingly in spite of the absence of Bro. James B. Pahl. The Camp proceeded to unanimously "voice" vote to accept Mr. Holly's application. Chaplain Nash and Commander Shumway then initiated Mr. Holly by the prescribed ritual.

### VII. Recess:

Camp was recessed for a break at 7:30 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 7:40 P.M..

### Committee Reports:

Commander Shumway directed that all committee heads submit their annual reports to him before year-end. Commander Shumway wanted to summarize the reports into a single document for distribution to the Camp. He hoped this would become an annual custom to inform members of all past activities and the progress the Camp is making towards preserving the memories of our fallen comrades.

### Bylaws:

No report

### Memorials and Graves Registration:

Bro. Williams reported 444 Ingham County graves registration records had been forwarded to the Department for posting on the Department's website in January 2004. He indicated this represented one quarter of the records to be filed. He predicted the remainder of Ingham County's records would be filed by June 2004. Barry County's records were to be his next challenge in committing data to electronic format.

Commander Shumway presented Bro. Aves with a certificate of appreciation for his nephew, Ron Aves, and the work he performed in repairing the cannon base at the old Charlotte courthouse. Bro. Aves accepted the certificate on his nephew's behalf and related instances of additional work his nephew performed on the Sunfield G.A.R. hall too.

### Membership:

No report.

### Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Chaplain Nash read a summary of the ceremonies the Camp participated

throughout 2003. Bro. Tom Emerick read a report on behalf of Bro. James Pahl detailing the Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. +

Commander Shumway commended the Camp and the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Vol. Inf., Co. B on their participation in the Lansing Veteran's Day Parade.

**Military Affairs:**

No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:**

Bro. Hodges reported Bro. Aves and he represented the Camp at 4 different B.S.A. Courts of Honor since the September business meeting. Certificates were presented to the Eagle Scouts on behalf of the Camp.

**Program and Publicity:**

No report.

**Grinnell Award:**

No report.

**Camp Council:**

No report.

**Hall Restoration:**

No report.

**Color Guard:**

No report.

**Orders and Communications:**

Department Commander Butgereit has requested Commander Shumway and the Camp #17 to provide a "point man" for the 2004 G.A.R. Island fundraising event in Eaton Rapids. Commander Shumway indicated he would be soliciting for members to be on the fund-raising committee. Any Brothers interested in "volunteering" should contact Michael Neese the new Camp Secretary.

**X. Unfinished Business:**

Commander Shumway presented a short report on the October 26 headstone dedication for Private Clark Koon. He thanked all the participants and recalled how appreciative the descendents to the soldier were for our efforts.

**XI. New Business:**

No report.

**XII. Good of the Order:**

Bro. Keith Harrison displayed a certificate he received in recognition of the Camp's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The certificate was from Michigan's own Commander-In-Chief Kent Armstrong. Bro. Harrison presented the certificate to Commander Shumway who read the contents to the Camp.

**XIII. Treasurer's Report:**

Bro. Williams indicated he would be sending out dues notifications in December.

He made motion to establish dues for the Camp at \$30.00 due by the last day in January. Included in the motion was a proposed \$5.00 late fee to be applied for all dues received after January 31<sup>st</sup>. Bro. Lyons seconded the motion. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried.

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$??? as of November 25, 2003 with \$ ??? in checking, \$ ??? in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$??? in the Memorial Fund, and \$ ??? in savings. Liabilities included \$259.40 earmarked for the Max O'Neil Fund. The Profit & Loss Statement for September 30, 2003 through November 25, 2003 showed total income for the period of \$??? and total expenses of \$??? for a net loss for the period of \$???

Bro. Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Nash, to accept the Treasurer's report. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried. +

\$41.00 in donations was raised as part of "Passing the Hat".

**XIV. Nomination and election of officers**

Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Bro. Nash, presented a slate of Camp officers for 2004:

- Commander – Brian Shumway
- S.V.C. - George Roux
- J.V.C. – David Neese
- Secretary – Michael Neese
- Treasurer - Richard Williams
- Camp Council:
  - Laverne Aves
  - David Coon
  - John Nash.

Bro. Lyons moved to close nominations and adopt the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee by unanimous ballot. Seconded by Bro. Keith Harrison. Discussion was

called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried and the slate was duly elected.

Commander Shumway proceeded to announce his slate of appointed officers:

- Chaplain – John Nash
- Color Bearer – David Coon
- Counselor – James Neal
- Graves Registration Officer – Dick Williams
- Guard – Kyle Emerick
- Guide – Brian MacVean
- Historian – James Lyons
- Monuments & Memorials Officer – James Lyons
- Patriotic Instructor – Dana Traub

**XV. Installation of officers**

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, as Installing Officer, performed the installation of Camp officers per the established ritual.

**XVI. Closing Ritual:**

Commander Brian Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 8:30 P.M..

**Notes on the Program of the Evening**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L.  
Emerick**

Secretary

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