

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, 28 September 2004
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 Brian Shumway opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 7:15 P.M. on Tuesday, 28 September 2004 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan. It was noted that it was not necessary to drape the charter at this meeting.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Robert Aumaugher, Lavern Aves, Marc Bennetts, Kyle Emerick, Thomas Emerick, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, James Lyons, Wellington Miller, David Neese, Michael Neese, James B Pahl, Wendel Peabody, David Rehkopf, Ken Russeau, Ron Shull, Brian Shumway, Ervin Stahl, and Dana Traub.

Brothers excused:

Luke Coon, Zach Coon, Nathan Harrison, James Hilts, Richard Lee, Michael Mitchell, John Nash, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl and George Roux.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

David Roper of Hastings, formerly of Sunfield, came for a visit after becoming interested in the camp and the organization while attending the Sunfield Farmers Picnic in August. John Warren attended again to submit his application for membership in person.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Rehkopf moved, seconded by Bro. Langworthy to approve of the minutes of the July 27th, 2004 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion carried with one abstention by Bro. James B. Pahl.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Mitchell will be having shoulder surgery in the next week or two.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

JVC David Neese announced that he is in receipt of a completed application from a Mr. John Robert Warren. He moved to commence voting for membership by voice vote in lieu of the traditional ballot box. Bro. Rehkopf supported. Bro James B Pahl objected to the nontraditional voting procedure. Motion carried. Voice vote commenced and approval of Mr. Warren's membership was unanimous. The initiation immediately followed.

VII. Recess.

Meeting adjourned for recess at 8:40 PM, and recommenced at 8:50 PM.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Commander Shumway reminded the camp that appointments to committees have not changed since 2002, and passed around a list of said appointments to show what positions are taken, and what vacancies exist.

Bylaws:

No report

Memorials and Graves Registration:

No report.

Membership:

Bro. David Neese reported that a recruiting table will be set up at Bowen Mills on October 16th from 10 am through the middle of the afternoon. The event that had been scheduled at Bowen Mills in June was cancelled, therefore, no recruiting table was able to be set up then.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

No report.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report.

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Grinnell Award:

No report.

Camp Council:

No report.

Hall Restoration:

Bro. Aves reported that the camp has recently spent about \$50 on the hall. Work that was done included application of anti-peel exterior paint in parts, and the completion of the rear steps. That wrapped work to be done for the year.

Color Guard:

No report.

IX. Orders and Communications:

Bro. Hodges has been continually working with the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scouts SUVCW genealogy certification program. He has given out a certificate just the past weekend and will be awarding another the coming weekend. Bro. Shumway spoke on behalf of Bro. Traub, who had to leave the meeting early, about the possible organization of a presentation to the camp by a member of the Daughters Tent 30. The idea is to orientate the Sons camp about the Daughters of Union Veterans and history of that organization. Bro. Traub has made contact with members of Tent 30 but no decision has been made yet as to whom would make the presentation. There is also a plan in the works to have a meeting at a Sunfield elementary school. Bro. Peabody has been coordinating with the BSA to possibly have a January meeting in which emphasis would be put on Civil War uniforms and accoutrements. The meeting would be educational to both the Scouts as well and the Camp with the uniform displays and history. Bro. James B Pahl suggested that those who have uniforms may wish to wear them in attendance. There is also the possibility that a meeting in the spring will be focused on the "Save the Flags" program at the State of Michigan. Bro. J B Pahl spoke about his experiences at he National encampment in Iowa this past August. He reported about changes in leadership and the scheduled sites for future National Encampments. He announced that he has been elected JVC in C, and that Michigan had the largest delegation. Next year the

National Encampment will be in Harrisburg, PA, home of the National Civil War Museum. There are high hopes that that venue will encourage all five of the Allied Orders to meet together at that time. If that comes to fruition, it would be the first time in over 50 years that they have all met at the same place at the same time. Bro. Shumway said that he enjoyed the people of Iowa and that the food was great.

X. Unfinished Business:

Commander Shumway has been organizing the Nominating Committee. So far Bros. Rehkopf and David Neese have been recruited. The Veterans Day Parade attendance needs to be organized. The parade will be in Lansing on the evening of November 11th. Bros. Shull, James B Pahl, Tom & Kyle Emerick, Rousseau, Shumway, and Mike Neese have all stated that they believe they will be able to attend.

XI. New Business:

Bro. Shumway mentioned again that we have a color guard for the Veterans Day parade in Lansing and hoped that many could attend. He also reminded the camp that the November meeting is the meeting in which officers are elected and that the year is beginning to wind down.

XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Bennetts spoke about the recent Archaeology Day at the Michigan History Museum. Future events include Civil War Saturday on October 1st, and on November 7th a survivor of the USS Indianapolis will be speaking about his experiences in that incident. The Annual Remembrance Day ceremony in Gettysburg, PA will be on November 20th. A breakfast will be organized by the SVR, and a large ball will take place that Saturday night. There typically are 5000-6000 uniformed people in the parade that takes place at that event as well. Bro. Rousseau wondered if there were any local Remembrance Day events, but no one knew of any. Bro. Aumaugher attended the reenactment in Jackson and spoke about the demonstration of artillery pieces. He was intrigued by the functionality of the artillery fuse assemblies which were designed to reduce recoil explosions from the fuse area thus preventing injury to the soldiers and

sailors who use them. Bro. Rousseau said that he knew of 3 potential recruits from the Sons of Confederate Veterans who were eligible to and wanted to join the SUVVCW. Unfortunately for our camp, they all joined different camps.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

No report. Treasurer's post vacant.

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

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Secretary

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