

**Curtenius Guard
Camp #17
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

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

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Brian Shumway opened the meeting per Ritual at 7:01 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Charles Langworthy, Jim Pahl, Jim Lyons, Dana Traub, Paul Hodges, Bill Miller, David Rehkopf, George Roux, Ron Shull, Brian Shumway, and Keith Harrison.

Brothers Excused: Nathan Harrison, James Hilts, Michael Mitchell, John Nash, James A. Pahl, Richard Lee, Doug Park, Kyle Emerick, Ervin Stahl, and John Warren.

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as transmitted; motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: Brother Pahl reported that Brother Mike Mitchell has completed chemotherapy and was now scheduled to begin radiation treatment. His prognosis, however, still does not look that good. Mike attended (and participated to a limited degree at) the annual Civil War Muster in Jackson. The Camp's well wishes go out to him and his family.

V. New Members and Initiations:

Brother Miller reported the receipt of a hereditary application for Paul (David) Arnold (710 Mitchell Ave., #10, Lansing, Michigan 48917). It was moved and seconded to approve the application; motion passed. Brother Arnold is a great grandson of Private Erastus Tinklepaugh, 1st Sharpshooters, 27th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. It was reported that Brother Arnold had

hoped to have attended the meeting but he was deployed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana with the American Red Cross.

**VI. Committee Reports:
Camp Council – No Report.**

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration -

Brother Miller reported that information on 16 gravesites was sent to the Department Graves Registration Officer. It was suggested that Camp members should check out the Department's Graves Registration site on the Department's web page (<http://suvcwmi.org>).

GAR Monuments - No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates – Brother Hodges reported that information on three eagle scouts had been received and was being reviewed.

Membership –Brother Miller reported that the Camp's recruitment material would be set up at the Bowens Mills event on October 8 and 9, 2005 from Noon to 5:00 PM.

Veterans Day - Brother Langworthy reported that he had obtained the arrangement for the Curtenius Guard to march in the Lansing, Michigan Veterans Day parade on Friday, November 11, 2005. Form-up for the parade is at 6:30 PM on the corner of Capitol and Genesee. The parade starts at 7:00 PM.

Brother Harrison indicated that the American Legion Post in Mason, Michigan had contacted him requesting representation from the Camp at its rededication of several Civil War soldier graves in the Mason cemetery. They are interested in uniform and firing squad participation. The ceremony is scheduled for 4:00 PM. Several Brothers indicated that they could participate. Brother Harrison stated that he would send out more information and a reminder to the Camp via email regarding the 4:00 PM Mason ceremony and the 7:00 PM Lansing parade program. He also indicated that he would contact the 7th Michigan to see if any of them would like to participate in the Mason Ceremony.

Military Affairs - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: No Report.

Program and Publicity –No Report.

Hall Restoration – No Report.

Memorial Day Activities – No Report.

Grinnell Award - No Report

VII. Orders and Communications:

There were no Orders or communications presented.

VIII. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

IX. New Business: Commander Shumway appointed the members of the Camp Council as the nominating committee and requested that they develop a slate of candidates for Camp offices for the November meeting.

X. Recess: The Camp was recessed at 7:35 PM for one hour for the evening's program. Brother Traub introduced Dr. Lola Hallar from Lake Odessa who gave an excellent presentation on Civil War notable, Sarah Edwin Edmunds (Franklin Thompson).

XI. Good of the Order: Brother Lyons announced that the number of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) flags in Michigan had increased to two. The first flag is currently on display in the public library in Quincy, Michigan. The second flag, which was discovered by chance, is now on display in Reed City. The flag is from the Chase, Michigan GAR Post #272. Post 272 existed from 1884 to 1906. The flag was found in Reed City rolled up in a case in the attic of an old business. The flag, which is taller than wide, has 38 stars and a unique canton, has been cleaned, mounted and framed for display. The manner in which the flag was mounted (by stitching through the flag) and framed causes some concern since no attempt was made to conserve the flag using current state of the art techniques. Consequently, the flag's long-term existence is in doubt. Brother Lyons cautioned officials regarding the flag's conservation and urged them to contact Kerry Chartkoff for advice regarding the flags' long-term conservation.

Brother Lyons also briefly discussed his research of GAR's meeting minutes and compared that to how the SUVCW operates. Based on his research, he noted that not much has changed from the GAR days and now. Many of the same types of issues and concerns were just as prevalent then as they are now.

Brother Pahl (who is now the Order's National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief) made several announcements. First, he indicated that *The Banner* will be late due to the unfortunate death of *The Banner's* printer's wife in August.

Second, he indicated that the 125th National Encampment of the SUVCW will take place on August 11-13, 2006 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Third, he apprised the Camp on the status of the legal action regarding the GAR Hall in Detroit. The case remains in federal court

Finally, he indicated that it is the National Program and Policy Committee's intent to produce an electronic (compact disk) National Resource Guide similar to Camp Resource Guide that Dick Williams produced for the Department of Michigan. The national guide would contain background documents and information and national forms.

XII. Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of the Treasurer, it was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report for the September meeting be tabled until the November meeting; motion passed.

Based on a verbal request given to Commander Shumway from Treasurer Warren, it was moved and seconded to direct the Camp Treasurer to invest \$2,000 of the Camp's non designated (operating) funds into a six month CD; motion passed

XIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed at 9:10 PM

XIV. Postscript: Following the closing of the Camp and in lieu of "Passing of the Hat" at the meeting, an auction of several Civil War board and computer games was conducted. The games were donated by Brother Rehkopf. The proceeds were split 50/50 between

Brother Rehkopf and the Camp. A total of \$63.50 was given to the Camp Commander for placement into the Camp's treasury.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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