

# Curtenius Guard

## Camp #17

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### Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 25, 2007  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
115 Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Ron Shull assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

#### I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Ron Shull opened the meeting per Ritual at 7:05 PM.

#### II. Roll Call:

**Brothers Present:** Arnold, Aves, K. Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Peabody, Rosseau, Roux, Shull, and Shumway.

**Brothers Excused:** Bennett, Burger, L. Coon, Z. Coon, Emerick, Goodyear, N. Harrison, Hilts, Lee, Lyons, Miller, J.A. Pahl, Stahl, Nash, Rehkoph, Stahl, Thomas, and Warren Nash.

Guests included Duff Schad and William Haines.

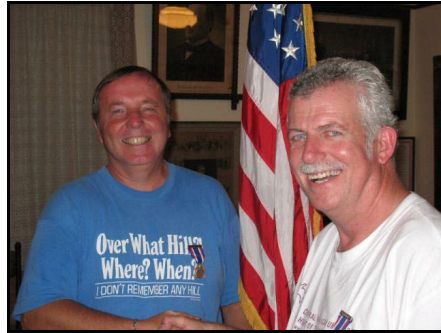
**III. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as transmitted; motion passed.

**IV. Concern for Brothers:** Brother Arnold reported that prospective applicant John Miller fell and was not able to attend the meeting tonight. The Camp's wishes him a speedy recovery.

#### V. New Members and Initiations:

Brother Arnold presented the application of William C. Haines. Mr. Haines' great great grandfather, Henry Haines, enlisted and was mustered November 13, 1862 into Company D, 7th Michigan Cavalry as a Private. He was killed in action on July 3, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was moved and seconded to elect Mr. Haines into the Camp. Upon the request of Brother Pahl, a motion was made and seconded

to use the ballot box; motion passed. The membership elected Mr. Haines and he was initiated by Commander Shull.



Brother Haines and Camp Commander Shull

#### VI. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council** – No report.

**Bylaws** - No report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration -

No report.

**GAR Monuments** – Brother Arnold reported on the upcoming October 14, 2007 rededication program for the Grand Army of the Republic's Soldiers' Monument Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan. The stones have been cleaned again and the grounds are looking good. Mayor Bernero of Lansing will be bringing a proclamation and State Representative Rick Jones will be bringing a tribute. In addition, many other dignitaries have been invited. The Michigan Department, all the Michigan Camps, and the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic within Michigan have been invited. Invitations also have been sent out to all the Michigan reenactment organizations. The *Lansing State Journal* should have an article come out on the upcoming program approximately one week before the event. If the weather holds, we should have a good crowd. It is envisioned that help will be needed on the day of the event; for example directing traffic, setting up a large tent fly, decorating, and getting dignitaries to their respective places. In addition to the Brothers for the above jobs, it would be appreciated if any of the Brothers' wives could help with serving cake and punch following the program. Finally, two handheld two-way radios are needed for the day of the event. Brother Harrison passed out a mock-up of the program for the event. The following Brothers signed up to help: Arnold, Roux,

Hodges, Rousseau, Haines, Tooker, Pahl, Aves, Shumway, Shull, and Harrison. In addition, guest Duff Schad indicated that he would volunteer.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates** – Brother Shull reported that Brother David Rehkoph did an Eagle Scout program in September and will be doing another on October 7, 2007.

**Membership** – No report.

**Veterans Day** – Brother Harrison indicated that there will be two Veteran Day programs for the Camp to attend. The first will take place on Sunday November 4, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the State Museum, which is sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, and the second will be Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM at Eastern High School, which is sponsored by the city of Lansing and local veterans' organizations. More information on both events will be sent out via email as the dates get closer.

**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:

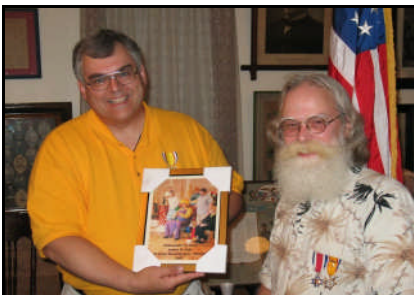
Brother Pahl indicated that a provision to allow Junior Associates was passed at the last National Encampment. Upon review of the National Counselor, it was indicated that this, along with the Junior category, approved over a decade ago, were in violation of the Constitution. Given the above, the new Commander-in-Chief issued an order suspending the bringing in of any more Juniors. The Pennsylvania Department is going to hold a special Department encampment in a week or two for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to both the Constitution and Regulations that would allow Juniors and Junior Associates. The National Organization is anticipating holding a Special National Encampment on November 17, 2007 to address the proposed Constitution and Regulations amendments. The special

National Encampment would be the second such encampment held by the Order since its founding 126 years ago (the other was in connection with the death of A.P. Davis, the Order's recognized founder). The amendments to the Constitution will need to be ratified by other Departments, which will take place over the course of the upcoming Department Encampments.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:** A question was brought up regarding the status of the Eagle Scout proposal to paint the hall. It was indicated that the last anyone knew, the Boy Scouts needed first to discuss the issue with the Daughters.

**IX. New Business:** Brother Arnold indicated that a person associated with a turf grass management company working with us at Mount Hope Cemetery had placed four mole traps at the site and they disappeared. Given that the individuals from this company were supplying all the material and doing all the work for free at the site, a motion was made and seconded to offer to pay for the replacement of the mole traps; motion passed. The cost of the four mole traps would be approximately \$60.00. Brother Arnold was requested to make the offer to the individual.

**X. Good of the Order:** Brother Pahl brought in the sword that the Department had bought him in recognition of his term as Commander-in-Chief. He expressed his appreciation to the Camp and the Department for their generosity. He then related several things that happened during the Encampment and Courtesy night and the gifts that he received. At that point, PCinC Harrison presented PCinC Pahl on behalf of the Camp with a picture of him taken during Courtesy night. The picture was of him dressed up as a clown – anyone got a banana??



PCinC Pahl and PCinC Harrison

Junior Vice Commander Arnold talked briefly on the highly successful headstone dedication program that was conducted at Kalamo, Michigan by the Camp and thanked the Brothers who participated. He indicated that many descendants of the deceased Civil War soldier were present and that they were very pleased with the program. He also stated that the Farmer's Picnic in Sunfield was successful. He indicated that he had met two individual at the picnic who each were descendant of a charter members of the GAR Hall. One of them indicated that he was left a bunch of Civil War material from his ancestor including a diary. Brother Dave indicated that we will be given the opportunity to make a photographic copy of the diary. Another item left to the descendant was the dress belonging to his ancestor's wife, who was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps in Sunfield. There is a picture of her in the hall in the dress. He stated indicated that he would be willing to give the dress to the Camp. A motion was made and seconded to accept the dress; motion passed.

Brother Charles Langworthy showed an officer's infantry sword, belt buckle, and buttons from a Civil War blouse and overcoat that he obtained several years ago. The sword belonged to a Captain Taylor. The sword has 1863 on it and the name of the manufacturer, A.G. Horseman.

Bother Wendell Peabody shared with the Camp that he had been designated as a recipient of the Eaton County Heritage Award for his work in preserving the 1928 – 1963 history of the Sunfield High School. He will be receiving his award on October 6, 2007.

Brother Randall Tooker indicated that the Camp should apply for a grant from the Eaton County History Commission in terms of its work in helping to preserve records of Eaton County. He stated that he would let us know when we could obtain an application

**XI. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Brian Shumway indicated that the total Camp Funds = \$4,305.64 (CD = 2,246.88, + Checking \$561.95, + Savings = \$1,500.81, + Cash = \$100.00 - Outstanding Checks = \$104.00). A motion was made and

seconded to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded that the money collected from "Pass the Hat" at his Camp meeting go towards the Mount Hope project; motion passed. A total \$56.00 was collected. Finally, Treasurer Shumway indicated that he was working on a 2008 budget and that if there were any planned projects by the Camp that the anticipated cost information should be gotten to him before the November meeting.

**XII. Closing Ritual:** The Camp was closed at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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