

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 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 the Ritual at 7:05 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Haines, K. Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Peabody, Roux, Stahl, Shull, Shumway, and Traub.

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

Guests included Jesses Lasorda, Department Commander Dennis C. Derr II, immediate Past Department Commander Richard Green, and applicants Mark Hoffman and David Smith.

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

IV. Concern for Brothers: It was mentioned that: 1. Brother Jim Lyons had been hospitalized for an unknown ailment, 2. Brother Aves had just undergone eye surgery, and 3. Brother Arnold's former father-in-law had passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Jim Pahl informed the Camp that Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby's wife had suffered a heart attack on November 17th, but she is currently doing well.

V. New Members and Initiations:

The Camp's ballot box was used to elect

new members Mark Hoffman and David Smith to the Order. Both were initiated by Camp Commander Shull and presented with their membership medal. Brother Hoffman had two ancestors: his great great grandfather Henry Hoffman who served with the 36th Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry and his great great grandfather, Connor Bean, who served with the 117th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Brother Smith's ancestor was his great grandfather William Jordon who served with the 103rd Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration - No report.

GAR Monuments – No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates – No report.

Membership – No report.

Veterans Day – Brother Harrison indicated that the Camp participated in two Veterans Day programs. The first took place on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at the State Museum, which was sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, and the second took place on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Eastern High School, which is sponsored by the city of Lansing and local veterans' organizations. .

Military Affairs - No report

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity – Brother Arnold thanked everyone for their participation in the October 14th Mount Hope Cemetery program and indicated that there still needed to be one thing done. Around the monument there needs to be established a protective area to help ensure that the base does not get encrusted with lichen and mold. One way to do this is to put pea stone around the base; however, the cemetery prefers that that not be done. Another way is to put stone or brick around the base. The use of brick could be accomplished through a fund raiser. Heritage bricks (brick with a name or sentiment) could be obtained

at a cost of about \$13.50 per brick and then resold for a slight increase to people wishing to make a donation. A total of 76 bricks would be needed to do the monument base. The company would inscribe the bricks (the cost of the inscription is covered in the cost of the brick). A motion was made and seconded to have the proposal forwarded to the Camp Council for review and reporting back at the January meeting; motion passed.

Brother Shumway indicated that he had available compact disks with all the photographs that he took at the October 14th ceremony and those from the *State Journal*. The cost of the disk is \$4.00. The money obtained from the sale would be use to help cover some of the outstanding costs from the program. Interested brothers can write Brother Shumway at 127 W. Walnut, Hastings, MI 49058-2260. His email is bjs@iserv.net.

Hall Restoration – No report.

Memorial Day Activities – No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

PCinC Jim Pahl apprised the Camp on the Special National Encampment that was held in Gettysburg during the Remembrance Day weekend. Long story short, the National Organization has passed an amendment to the Order's Constitution and 42 amendments to the Order's Regulations that will legitimize Juniors (Hereditary Juniors and Associate Juniors). Now what is needed is for the Departments to ratify the Constitutional amendment. This will need to take place during 2008 at each Department Encampment.

PCinC Pahl indicated that he also attended the annual Sons of Veterans breakfast at Gettysburg. During the breakfast, Brigadier General David V. Medert retired after serving 10 years as the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Commanding Officer. In recognition of his service, he was presented with a sword and a new medal authorized by the National organization recognizing his holding of the office of SVR Commanding Officer. Two other Brothers also were recognized as having served as the SVR Commanding Officer, PCinC Charles Corfman and PCinC Keith Harrison. As Keith was unable to

attend Gettysburg, PCinC Pahl accepted the medal on his behalf. PCinC Pahl presented PCinC Harrison with his medal at the meeting.

The next national Encampment will be in Boston. It was mentioned that there were two individuals running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Jim Hanby and (Maryland) and Dan Murray (New Hampshire) running for JVCinC. It also was mentioned that Don Shaw of Michigan most likely will be running for one of the vacant Council of Administration positions.

It was noted that Michigan is now the second largest Department in the county, being surpassed in membership by only the Department of Pennsylvania.

The Camp was reminded that it, along with all the other Camps, will need to file with the Internal Revenue Service in 2008 for tax year 2007. Filing will be done electronically via the Internet.

VIII. Camp Recognitions. Commander Shull showed the Camp the Lansing Mayoral proclamation and Legislative tribute that were presented at the October 14th Mount Hope Cemetery ceremony. These will be hung in the hall. It was indicated that the three co-chairs of the project (Jesses Lasorda, Paul David Arnold and Keith Harrison) also received a copy of the legislative tribute.

Commander Shull presented a Certificate of Appreciation participation in the October 14th ceremony to the following Brothers: Arnold, Haines, Hodges, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Roux, Shumway, and Stall. Certificates for Brothers Aves, Bennetts, Church, Lee, Park, Rehkoph, Rousseau, Thomas, and Shattuck will be mailed to them, as they were not present.

Camp JVC Arnold presented Camp Commander Shull with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Junior Vice Commander Arnold presented a special award on behalf of the National Organization and the Camp to local historian Jesse Lasorda for all his work on the Camp's Mount Hope Cemetery project. The framed award included a Certificate of Recognition from the National Organization, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Camp, and a Civil War print of the 54th

Massachusetts.

The Camp acknowledged over 50 individuals and organizations in the back of the program book for the October 14th Mount Hope Cemetery Program. That was just a listing of those who helped prior to the event. There were about 30 additional people who helped during and following the event itself. Some of these people included Duff Shad, who came to our meeting in September, Don and Julie Evert, Tom Emerick, Steve Hainstock, Dave Downing, and Todd Rakestraw from the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Craig Whitford from the Dewitt SUVCW Camp, Neal F. Breaugh from the Robert Finch SUVCW Camp, and three members from the 102nd US Colored Infantry, just to name a few. All of these individuals also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Camp.

IX. Grinnell Award. The Samuel W. Grinnell Award is conferred by the Camp Commander upon any Brother who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Camp Commander, has through his words, actions, and/or deeds exhibited exemplary dedication and service to the Camp and Order. The year's award was given to Junior Vice Camp Commander Paul David Arnold for his above and beyond service to the Order during the 2007 and also his spearheading the Mount Hope Cemetery project.

X. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

XI. New Business: Brother Arnold passed out red feathers for Camp Brothers to wear in the Kepi's or other hats (to be worn on the left side).

XII. Good of the Order: Brother Arnold displayed and talked about the GAR alter swords, a Sons of Veterans sword, and an early militia sword.

PCinC Pahl provided the Camp with two CD that had been presented to him for the Camp by Past Department Commander Bruce Butgereit. The two CDs were of the Rededication of the Michigan Monument at Andersonville, Georgia May 30, 2004 and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Service of Rededication in Detroit, Michigan April 9, 2005.

XIII. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brian Shumway presented the attached Treasurer's report and proposed 2008 budget report. A motion was made and accepted to approve both; motion passed. The proposed budget report also contained a recommendation to increase the Camps annual dues from \$30 to \$36.00 per year. By virtue of passing the proposed budget, which contained the recommendation for a dues increase, the proposed dues increase also was approved. A motion was made and seconded that the money collected from "Pass the Hat" (\$48.00) at his Camp meeting go back to the Hall Restoration fund; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve moving any reserve funds at the end of the year to the CD; motion passed.

A motion was made to forgo during 2008 collecting from Juniors the \$5.00 dues as called for in the bylaws and to refer this Bylaw requirement to Bylaws Committee for review during its annual review of the bylaws during 2008; motion passed.

XIV. Camp Elections: The following brothers were nominated and elected for 2008.
Camp Commander - Paul David Arnold
Senior Vice Commander – Wendel Peabody
Junior Vice Commander – William Haines
Secretary – Keith Harrison
Treasurer – Brian Shumway
Camp Council – George Roux, Dana Traub, and Ron Shull. Installation of elected and appointed Camp officers will take place at the January Camp meeting. The Camp also elected its delegates and alternates to the April Department Encampment.

XV. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed at 9:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Camp Secretary
(pcinc@prodigy.net)

Treasurer Report

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance as of November 2007
Certificate of Deposit	\$2,260.83 (Matures 7/2008)
Checking 11/26/08	\$ 616.95
Check Outstanding	\$ 0.00
Savings	<u>\$1,501.89</u>
Total Camp Funds	\$4,379.67

Operating Budget:

Operating Expenses	Balance Begin of Period	\$ 502.55
	Transfer from Savings	\$ 0.00
Revenues	Pass the hat	\$ 56.00
	Donation to Mt Hope Ceremony	\$ 25.00
	Sales of Supplies	<u>\$ 39.00</u>
Total Revenues		\$ 659.55
Expenses	Applicant Fees	\$ 5.00
	Per Capita	\$ 18.00
	Supplies	\$ 60.00 (Approved for stolen mole traps)
	Copying	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 83.00
	Balance End of Period	\$ 576.55

Recommended Budget for 2008

Revenues	Per Capita Tax	\$ 300.00 (Assumes increase of 6 members during the year)
	Miscellaneous Sources	<u>\$ 150.00</u> (Pass the Hat, Raffles, Donations)
Total Operating Revenue		\$ 450.00
Expenditures	Officer Expenses	\$ 100.00
	Ceremonies	\$ 100.00
	Rent	\$ 100.00
	Camp Supplies	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total Operating Expenditures		\$ 450.00

This budget proposes increasing the Camp per capita tax to \$10.00 per year, increasing overall per capita for a member to \$36.00 (i.e., \$18.00 National per capita, \$8.00 Department per capita and \$10.00 per capita). As always, these rates would be prorated for the time during the year in which the new member is enrolled.

Projects and Special Events would need to be funded separately from this operating budget. Notice that designating Pass the Hat collections to special projects immediately results in a decrease in operating budget available.

Any proposed expenditures not here included would need to be funded from the reserve funds unless the lines above had been under spending during the year, creating excess funds in the operating budget.

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Camp Bible with GAR Alter Swords



**Lansing Historian Jesse Lasorda
Junior Vice Commander Paul Dave Arnold**



**New Member David Smith
Camp Commander Ron Shull
Department Commander Dennis Derr**



**Junior Vice Commander Paul Dave Arnold
Recipient of 2007 Samuel W. Grinnell Award
With Camp Commander Ron Shull**



**New Member Mark Hoffman
Camp Commander Ron Shull
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**Junior Vice Camp Commander Paul David Arnold
PCinC Jim Pahl
Camp Commander Ron Shull
November 4th
Friends of Michigan History Veteran Day Program**



**PCinC Jim Pahl
PDC Richard Greene
DC Dennis Derr**

