

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 30, 2008
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Memorial Day Ceremony

Prior to the meeting, the Camp conducted a brief ceremony to recognize the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Memorial Day (May 30th). Assisting the Camp were the Sunfield Boy Scout Troop 157 and Helen Edwins Tent #30 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW). The Boy Scouts that participated included Brad Boucher, Jake Boucher, Ryan Clark, Martin Butler, and Dakota Greg-Berends. Also present were Levi Byington and Camp Junior Jay Hilts.

Camp Meeting

Commander Paul David Arnold assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Paul David Arnold opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:03 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Aves, Bennetts, Haines, K. Harrison, Hoffman, Peabody, Rousseau, Roux, Shull, and Shumway

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

Guests included John Shumway, Rick Brown, and William Steele

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

IV. Concern for Brothers: It was

noted that Brother Jim Lyons has been recently diagnosed Non-Hodgkin lymphomas and is undergoing chemotherapy. It also was noted that Brother Ron Shull had recently injured his shoulder and was currently in a sling. Both Brothers were wished the best by the Camp in terms of their treatment progress.

V. New Members and Initiations:

Two new members were elected into the Camp. The first new member was Wolf Peter Zowe from Germany whose Great Grandfather was Paul Friedrich Albrand. Albrand served initially as a Landsman and later as Quartermaster from November 1859 to September 1863 on the USS Sloop *Cyane*. He also was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post (Charles Russell Lowell Post 7 in Boston, Massachusetts) for a period of time before returning to his home in Germany in 1891. He later served as Captain of several sailing ships including the American-built clipper ship the *Flying Cloud*.

The second new member was William Steele. His Great Grandfather ancestor was Amos Elson Steele. Amos Steele served initially as 1st Lieutenant of Company B (Curtenius Guard – the namesake for our Camp), 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and later as the regiment's Lt. Colonel. He was killed at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. Following the Civil War, a GAR Post was named for him (Amos E. Steele Post #280) in Muskegon, Michigan and a GAR Post was named for both Amos and his brother Henry V. Steele (Steele Brothers Post #441) in Mason, Michigan. Both applicants were elected by ballot box. Brother Zowe was enrolled and Brother Steele was initiated into the Camp.

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration – Brother Hoffman indicated that he has continued to go through the records he received from Brother Lyon.

GAR Monuments – No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates – Brother Peabody indicated that there was an Eagle Scout in Sunfield that needed a

certificate. Commander Arnold indicated that he would get with the Camp's Eagle Scout Coordinator to arrange for the preparation of the certificate.

Membership – No report.

Veterans' Day – No report.

Military Affairs – No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity – No report.

Hall Restoration – No report.

Memorial Day Activities – Commander

Arnold indicated that the Camp was very busy during the three-day weekend associated with the federally-recognized Memorial Day.

Starting off the weekend was the Camp's Memorial Day service on Saturday at the Soldiers' Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery. Highlighting the program this year was the fact that the Lansing Fire Fighters attended following their Memorial Day program. Following the Mount Hope Cemetery program, Camp members attended and participated at the Honor Guard at the Lansing Evergreen Cemetery. Sunday, the Camp attended the DUVCW's program at the United Brethren Church in Sunfield. Monday, Camp members attended and participated in the Mason Memorial Day parade, wreath presentation ceremony at the river and at the Mason Cemetery as one of the honor guards. Also this year, the Camp participated in the special grave rededication program for Amos and Henry Steele, which was organized by Brother Scott Shattuck and his Mason Middle School Civil War Drum Line. The Camp presented certificates of appreciation to all the eighth-graders that participated in the Mason Memorial Day activities (Samantha Smith, Taylor Hutchinson, Hannah Schroeder, Travis Desilva, Nathan Wenson, Ryan Vickery, Jeff Smith, Jack Vogel, Grant Rasmussen, and Austin Hamilton).

VII. Orders and Communications:

Camp Commander Arnold indicated that he had received a communication from Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn regarding the illness of Past California Department Commander Bob Lowe and the recent heart attack of DUVCW Past National President Pat Mulinick. A

prayer for a speedy recovery was offered by Camp Chaplain Roux for Brother Bob Lowe, Sister Pat Mulinick and Brother James Lyon.

VIII. Grinnell Award. No report.

Unfinished Business: Camp Commander Arnold talked briefly about the Camp's first seminar held in April and indicated that speaker for the June Civil War Seminar had to back out and that he was trying to secure a new speaker.

X. New Business. There was no new business.

XI. Good of the Order: There was nothing brought before the Camp for the good of the Order.

XII. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer

Brian Shumway presented the attached Treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented; motion passed. The money collected for the Hall Restoration Fund from the night's "Pass the Hat" collection equaled \$32.00.

A motion was made and seconded that the funds from Camp's "Pass the Hat" collection go towards the purchase of additional membership medals; motion passed.

XIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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

[SUVCW- DUVCW Potluck](#)

Following the meeting the Camp enjoyed a potluck with Sisters of the Edwins Tent #30, DUVCW. During the potluck, Rick Brown showed several Camp members a special 360 degree panoramic computer-generated photograph of the Soldiers' Lot at Mt Hope Cemetery. The 360-degree photograph can be viewed in the same manor as a slow moving video. Once the link is provided, the photograph will be added to the Camp's website for people to view. It is the intent of the Camp to have the photograph eventually accompanied by a descriptive audio of the history of the Soldiers Lot. A special thank you goes out to Rick Brown for what should prove to be a terrific addition to the Camp website.

Some Pictures from the Camp's First History Seminar
Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
April 2008



Commander Arnold Introducing Speaker Rick Brown



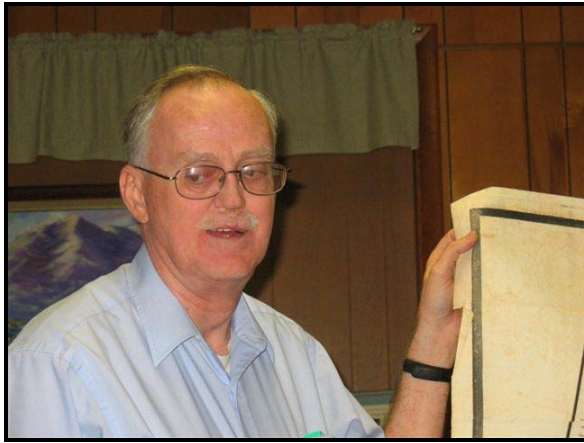
Some of the Crowd



Some of our current Camp Members



Tom Hansen, 1983 Charter and former member of the Camp



Speaker: Rick Brown



Camp Commander Arnold presenting certificate

Treasurer Report

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance May 28, 2008	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 2,313.45	(matures 7/2008)
Checking	\$ 870.67	
Cash	\$ 30.00	(deposited 5/28/08)
Checks Out	\$ 131.00	
		0.00
Savings	\$ 1,504.88	
Total Camp Funds	\$ 4,588.00	

Operating Budget:

	Bal Beginning of Period	\$ -	
	trans from savings	\$ -	
<u>Revenues</u>	Pass the Hat (Hall Restoration)	\$ 51.00	
	Pro Rated Per Cap	\$ -	
	Annual Dues	\$ 216.00	(6 Paid)
	Donation	\$ 28.00	
	Sales	\$ 10.00	
	Total Revenues	\$ 305.00	
<u>Expenses</u>	App Fee	\$ -	
-	Membership Badges	\$ 131.00	
-	Postage	\$ -	
	Camp Annual Dues	\$ 806.00	
	Camp Supplies	\$ 9.40	
	Seminar Expense	\$ 68.25	
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,014.65	
	Balance End of Period	\$ (709.65)	

Report on Camp Dues:	Annual Dues Total Revenues	\$ 1,022.00
	Camp Annual Dues to Department	\$ 806.00
	Net	\$ 216.00