

# Curtenius Guard

## Camp #17

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 30, 2008  
Brother Dana Traub's Home  
5661 Saginaw Highway  
Sunfield, Michigan

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 7:45 PM.

#### II. Roll Call:

**Brothers Present:** Arnold, Aves, Bennetts, Haines, K. Harrison, Hoffman, Hodges, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Rousseau, Roux, Shull, Shattuck, Shull, Shumway, Stahl, and Steele,

**Brothers Excused:** Burger, L. Coon, Emerick, Goodyear, N. Harrison, Hilts, Lee, Lyons, Nash, J.A. Pahl, Rehkopf, Thomas, and Zowe.

Guests included John Van Acker, Matt Van Acker, Rick Brown, Steve Hainstock, Lorren Shattuck, Brad Brogrenand and John Shumway.

**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 is doing better and may be able to come home soon. Brother Bennett's hip tumor turned out to be benign but that he will still have to go in for surgery to have a rod placed into his hip.

#### V. New Members and Initiations:

There were no new members of initiations.

#### VI. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council** – No report.

**Bylaws** - No report.

**Memorials and Graves Registration** – Brother Hoffman indicated that he is continuing to go through the records he received from Brother Lyon.

**GAR Monuments** – No report.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates** – No report

**Membership** – No report.

**Veterans' Day** – PCinC Harrison reported on the following upcoming events:

#### November 8, 2008 – Annual Veterans Day Program – Lansing, Michigan

Lansing will be hosting its annual Veterans Day program on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 –12:00 Saturday morning at the Field House behind Eastern High School. This is the same place that they have held it the last two years. We need two color bearers. As in previous years, the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B also will be participating with us.

#### November 9, 2008 – Annual Veterans Day Tribute and Massing of the Colors – Lansing, Michigan

This annual event, sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. is to be held at 2:00 P.M. at the Michigan Library & Historical Center in Lansing Michigan. The program will feature Historian Tom Wiener with the Veterans History Project at the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress. Mr. Wiener will provide an overview of the Veterans History Project, created by an Act of Congress in 2000, as a consolidated effort to record, preserve, and make available the first-hand accounts of wartime veterans of the U.S. Armed Services. We need at least two flag bearers. As in previous years, the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B also will be participating with us. A reception and light refreshments will follow the formal program. The Museum is located at 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, Michigan.

#### November 11, 2008 – Annual Veterans Day Parade – Mason, Michigan

American Legion Browne/Cavender Post #148 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Jean R. Anderson Post #7309 representing the County seat at Mason, Michigan has invited all veterans and veterans'

organizations of Ingham County to join with them in an old fashion Veterans Day Parade in honor of our county Veterans. The parade will step off from the Mason High School parking lot at 4:00 P.M. Everyone should be at the parking lot before 3:30 p.m. in order to be positioned in the parade. Brother Scott Shattuck and his Mason Middle School class of Civil War Reenactors have graciously extended an invitation for the 7th Michigan and the DeWitt and Sunfield SUVCW Camps to fill out the ranks. PCinC Harrison will be leading the combined Civil War groups in the parade. Again, we need at least two color bearers from the Camp.

#### November 11, 2008 – Veterans Day Presentation - Grand Ledge, Michigan.

PCinC Harrison has been invited by Brother and Grand Ledge Mayor Kalmin Smith to make a presentation on the GAR in Eaton County. The program will take place at 7:30 PM.

**Military Affairs** – No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - No report.

**Program and Publicity** – Commander Arnold reminded the Camp that on October 21st, Brother Mark Hoffman will be presenting a seminar on his new book, *My Brave Mechanics, The Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War*. The book has been recognized with a State History Award by the Historical Society of Michigan in 2007 and was selected as one of the 20 Michigan Notable Books of 2008 by the Library of Michigan. The book is the culmination of more than 20 years of research on the subject and draws heavily on soldier letters, diaries, and other wartime primary sources. The Civil War History Seminar at 7 PM at the Sunfield Community Room, located at 166 Main Street in Sunfield.

**Hall Restoration** – Commander Arnold indicated that the Camp needs to paint the hall next year. It can either be hired done or the Camp membership can do it.

**Memorial Day Activities** – No report.

**Grinnell Award.** No report.

#### VII. Orders and Communications:

Commander Arnold indicated that he

had received notification that Brother Harrison will not be running for Camp Secretary for 2009. Commandery Arnold asked the Camp members to consider running for this important Camp office.

#### **VIII. Unfinished Business:**

Commander Arnold reported on the National Encampment. He, PCinC Pahl, and James A. Pahl attended on behalf of the Camp. It was noted that Michigan's National Regulations amendment proposal to have the 25 year member pin recognized was passed along with pins recognizing memberships of 10, 15, and 20 years. Michigan Brother Don Shaw was not successful in his bid for National Council.

The Camp was present at the annual Farmer's Picnic in Sunfield. Brother Present included Pahl, Peabody, Rousseau, and Arnold. Brother Peabody allowed having his ponytail cut at an auction price of \$1,200. The proceeds were donated to the Sunfield Boy Scouts. Tours of the Hall were given.

The Camp had its display present at the Jackson Civil War Muster in August. Brother Arnold staffed the display.

Commander Arnold reported on Kerry Chartkoff's retirement program in which PCinC Harrison, Brothers Aves, Harrison, Arnold, Aves, and Thomas participated. Both PCinC Harrison and Camp Commander Arnold made presentations, PCinC Harrison on behalf of the national organizations of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the SUVCW and Commander Arnold on behalf of the Camp.

Commander Arnold also indicated that the Camp participated in the Lansing, Michigan Sesquicentennial kickoff program. Members of the Camp participating were Brothers Arnold, Aves, Harrison, and Rousseau. Also attending with Brother Rousseau was Christopher Owen. Christopher Owen has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Camp.

Commander Arnold reported on the Camps involvement with the Eaton County Genealogical Fair. Brother present were Hains, Rousseau, Harrison, Peabody and Arnold. Brother Harrison

gave a short presentation on the GAR at the fair and then a tour of the GAR Hall. Approximately 30 people attended the tour from the fair.

**X. New Business.** The upcoming October 21st Civil War Seminar by Brother Hoffman was reemphasized.

**XI. Good of the Order:** Brother Dana Traub was thanked by the Camp membership for allowing his unique setting to be used for the Camp meeting and for the great meal that he cooked for everyone. A motion was made and seconded that Dan Traub be made an Assistant Camp Secretary with the specific title and duty of Chief Camp Chef; motion passed.

**XII. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Brian Shumway presented the Treasurer's report. The balances of the Camp's various accounts as of September 30, 2008 were as follows: Certificate of Deposit: \$2,331.38, Checking: \$774.12, and Savings: \$1,506.90; equaling \$4,612.40. The money collected for the Hall Restoration Fund from the night's "Pass the Hat" collection equaled \$64.00. A motion as made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

**XIII. Closing Ritual:** The Camp was closed at 8:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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