

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
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 7:12 PM.

II. Roll Call:

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

Brothers Excused: Aves, L. Coon, Emerick, N. Harrison, Hilts, Hoffman, Lee, Lyons, Nash, J.A. Pahl, Rousseau, Stahl, Thomas, and Zowe.

Guests included John Shumway, Bruce Benedict, and Dennis Zank.

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 continues to improve slowly. Brother Hoffman mother had knee surgery and he is with her tonight.

V. New Members and Initiations:

Bruce Benedict and Dennis Zank were elected (using the ballot box) and then initiated into the Camp. Brother Benedict's ancestor was his Great Great Grandfather, Private Warren Gorham, who served in Company I, 7th Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry (2-13-1865 to 7-24-1865). Brother Zank's ancestor was his Great Great Granduncle, Private Charles T. Myers, who served in Company H, 6th

Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. Private Myers died of disease as a Prisoner of War at Andersonville.

VI. Committee Reports: Camp Council – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration – Commander Arnold indicated that Brother Hoffman would be going to the next Department Graves registration meeting in December.

GAR Monuments – Commander Arnold indicated that Brother Hoffman is planning to canvass some of the local cemeteries to evaluate the various monuments.

Eagle Scouts Certificates – Brother Rehkopf, reported that he had six certificates, five for Troop 63 in Williamston, and one from Troop 157 in Sunfield to be presented.

Membership – It was indicated that there was the possibility of another two to three more new members in January.

Veterans' Day – Commander Arnold reported that the Camp had been very busy with Veterans Day programs. A color guard was provided for the Lansing Veterans Day program on Saturday morning. He indicated that one part of the program entailed awards for the best paper on Veterans Day. The winner was a student of Brother Scott Shattuck's middle school class. It was indicated that maybe Scott could bring the student to one of the Camp meetings to present the paper. On Sunday, the Camp provided a color guard for the Friends of Michigan History's Veterans Day Program. In addition, the Camp provided the flag bearers for the Military Order of World Wars colors and one-half of the flag bearers for the 7th Michigan's Color Guard. On Tuesday, the Camp participated in the Mason Veterans Day parade along with 45 other members of the Camp 58 from DeWitt, Camp 7 of Jackson, 7th Michigan, and Scott Shattuck's middle school Civil War drum corps. Following the parade, the Camp participated in a Civil War themed program for the Eaton County Historic Society. The Camp's display table was set up at several of these programs. Camp members participating in the

various events included, Commander Arnold, Keith Harrison, George Roux, Scott Shattuck, Ken Rousseau, Randal Tooker, Kalmin Smith, Steve Church, Ron Shull, Marc Bennetts, Bill Haines, James B. Pahl, and Dana Traub.

Military Affairs – No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity – The next Civil War seminar will be in February. Currently, the scheduled speaker is Roger Rosentreter, editor of the *Michigan History Magazine* and professor at Michigan State University who teaches Civil War and World War II histories. His topic for the Civil War seminar has not yet been determined. The Civil War History Seminar will be at 7 PM at the Sunfield Community Room, located at 166 Main Street in Sunfield.

Hall Restoration – Commander Arnold indicated that the Camp would need to paint the hall this next summer plus the roof needs attention. In addition, the chimney needs to be look at due to the possibility of a leak.

Memorial Day Activities – No report.

Grinnell Award. No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

The Camp received a thank you note, which he read, from Kerry Chartkoff regarding the Camp's presentation of a certificate to her on her retirement from state government.

VIII. Unfinished Business: Items under this section were already discussed under the Veterans Day and Program and Publicity Committee reports.

IX. New Business: Commander Arnold informed the camp of a scheduled Lansing Sesquicentennial parade for May 16, 2009. He was exploring the possibility of having a float with a campfire scene on it. This way some of the uniformed Brothers who can no longer march could still participate in the parade. He also informed the Camp of a new Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War tent forming in Lansing.

X. Good of the Order: Jim Pahl and Ron Shull reported on

Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. Flags were placed on the Michigan graves at the National Cemetery in the morning. The annual wreath-laying program took place at the Woolson Monument. This was followed by the annual parade through Gettysburg. The Michigan monument selected this year for the wreath laying was the Michigan Cavalry Brigade monument at east Cavalry Field. The monument notes the involvement of four Michigan Cavalry regiments during the battle. Jim Pahl read General Kid's comments that were made at the initial monument dedication ceremony. The day was ended with dinner at General Pickets. The following day, Brother Pahl attended the National Council of Administration meeting. Jim presented the Camp with the event streamer for the Camp flag.

The Camp was informed of a DVD Set on Civil War (9 hours – Jewel Entertainment) that will be raffled off at January meeting.

XI. Treasurer's Report: The attached budget and treasurer report were presented. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget; motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report; motion passed. The "Pass the Hat" collection garnered \$33.00. A motion to use these funds to purchase new member badges was made and seconded; motion passed.

XII. Camp Elections: The chair of the nominated committee, James Pahl, read off the list of nominees for elected Camp officers for the year 2009. The following Brothers were elected (by acclimation) the 2009 Camp positions: Camp Commander – Dave Arnold, Senior Vice Camp Commander – Wendell Peabody, Junior Vice Camp Commander – Bill Haines, Camp Secretary – vacant, Camp Treasurer – Brian Shumway, Camp Council – Ron Shull, Dana Traub, and George Roux. There was no election for Camp Secretary since one expressed an interest and there were no nominations from the floor.

The following Brothers were elected as Delegates for the 2009 Department Encampment: James A. Pahl, Roux, Haines, Rehkopf, and Bennetts. A motion was made and seconded that all

Camp Brothers with names beginning with the letter "A" and continuing down the alphabet who otherwise have not already been elected as a delegate or otherwise do not have standing credentials be elected as Camp Delegates to the Department Encampment up to the number of delegates allowed by the Order's Constitution and Regulations and that the remaining Camp Brothers who otherwise do not have elected or standing credentials be elected as Camp Alternate; motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

Camp Secretary
(pcinc@prodigy.net)



New Brothers Zank (left) and Benedict (right) with Camp Commander Arnold.



Brothers Benedict (left) with Junior Vice Camp Commander Haines.

Photographs from the September Camp Meeting



Ervin Stall



Dana Traub



Bill Haines (foreground) and Ron Shull (background)

Recommended Budget for 2009

Revenues – Per Capita Tax - \$300 (assumes a net increase in membership during the year)
 Misc Sources - \$261 (Pass the Hat, Raffles, Donations)
 Total Operating Revenues - \$561

Expenditures – Officer Expenses \$30
 Ceremonies \$300
 Rent \$100
 Camp Supplies \$131
 Total Operating expenditures \$561

This budget proposes maintaining camp per capita tax at \$10 per year, i.e. overall per capita for a member would be \$36. This would include \$18 National Per Cap, \$8 Dept. Per Cap and \$10 Camp Per Cap. As always, these rates would be prorated for the time during the year in which the new member enrolled. I recommend that we continue to forego approved camp taxes for juniors and for active duty military, in our case only Kyle Emerick, who Tom informs remains on active duty in the Air Force.

I suggest that we aggressively fund-raise in activities such as Farmer’s Picnic, Department Encampment, and any feasible event in order to raise the Miscellaneous revenues projected, as it is more than we have previously budgeted.

Note that \$1,000 remains available for camp operations as a result of a gift by PCinC Keith Harrison in 2004 which assures adequate administrative functioning should fund raising fall short, which should be considered in difficult economic times.

Projects and Special Events would need to be funded separately from this operating budget. Notice that designating PTH 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 reserve funds unless the lines above had been under expending during the year, creating excess funds in the operating budget.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
 Brian Shumway, PCC, Camp Treasurer

Rent	\$100
New Member supplies	\$131
Admin Expense	\$ 30
<u>Ceremonies</u>	<u>\$300</u>
Total Budget	\$561

Revenues	
Annual Dues	\$300
Raffles	\$180
<u>PTH</u>	<u>\$ 81</u>
Revenues Total	\$561

Treasurer’s Report

Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance November 24, 2008	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 2,345.89	(matures 6/12/2009)
Checking	\$ 773.92	
Cash	\$ -	
Checks Out	\$ -	
	0.00	
Savings	\$ 1,507.90	
Total Camp Funds	\$ 4,627.71	

Operating Budget:

	Bal Beginning of Period	\$ 89.17
	trans from savings	\$ -
Revenues		
	Pass the Hat	\$ 64.00
	Pro Rated Per Cap	\$ -
	Annual Dues	\$ -
	Donation	\$ -
	Sales	\$ -
	Total Revenues	\$ 153.17

Expenses		
	App Fee	\$ -
-	Hall Rent	\$ -
-	Postage	\$ 25.20
	Camp Annual Dues	\$ -
	Camp Supplies	\$ -
	Seminar Expense	\$ -
	Total Expenses	\$ 25.20

	Balance End of Period	\$ 127.97
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