

# Curtenius Guard

## Camp #17

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

#### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2009  
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 7:10 PM.

#### II. Roll Call:

**Brothers Present:** Arnold, Aves, Benedict, Bennetts, K. Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Park, Peabody, Rousseau, Roux, Shull, Shumway, Traub, and Zank.

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

Guests included John Shumway and Department Commander Dennis Derr.

PCinC James B, Pahl noted for the records that PDC J. Douglas Park had come to the meeting without his membership badge (muffled grumblings and the clearing of throats could be heard within the walls of the Camp).

**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 Stahl was scheduled for an appointment regarding eye surgery at University of Michigan Retina Clinic. It also was noted that Brother K. Harrison, although present tonight was recovering from an earlier fall on concrete stairs.

#### V. New Members and Initiations:

John Robert Shumway (Treasurer Brian Shumway's son) was elected (using the ballot box) and then initiated into the Camp. Brother Shumway's ancestor was his Great Great Grandfather, Private William Henry Wheeler, who served in Company I, 26th Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on September 15, 1862 and died in battle on April 7, 1865.

#### VI. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council** – The Council reported that it had received notice of Camp Brother Keith Harrison's resignation effective just before the end of this meeting as Camp Secretary and had elected Brother Dennis Zank to serve the 2009 term of office. As a result, Brother Zank will be able to stand for installation with the rest of the candidates for 2009 Camp elected and appointed officers at the end of this meeting.

**Bylaws** - No report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration –

Commander Arnold indicated that Brother Hoffman was anticipating canvassing several cemeteries this spring. More information will be forthcoming on this later. The next Department's Graves Registration meeting will take place on March 14th at 1 pm at the Michigan Historical Museum (702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing Michigan).

**GAR Monuments** – No report.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates** – Brother Peabody reported that he had presented a certificate in December to an Eagle Scout from Troop 157 in Sunfield.

**Membership** – It was indicated that there was the possibility two new applicants for the March meeting: Mark Van Acker and the son of the organizer of the newly forming Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) Tent in Lansing, Michigan.

**Veterans' Day** – No report.

**Military Affairs** – No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - No report.

**Program and Publicity** – The Program and Publicity Committee report will be presented under Unfinished Business.

**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 was read, from Brother Scott Shattuck regarding the Camp's participating in the Mason Veteran's Day Parade. The Camp also received notice of the January 20, 2009 passing of Brother Ray Shedd, Charter Member of the Israel Richardson Camp.

Camp Commander Arnold reported that the new Annie Etheridge Lansing Tent #59 of the DUVCW will be having its Charter Signing and Initiation Ritual meeting at the Turner Dodge Mansion (100 E North, Lansing, Michigan) on Saturday, March 28th at 1:00 PM). There will be an \$8.00 cost for refreshments, which will be used to help to raise money for the new DUVCW Tent.

Notice was received from the Jackson Camp regarding car-pooling to the Lincoln Tom Ceremony, April 17 to 19 in Springfield, Illinois. The Jackson Camp has reserved a block of rooms. Individuals wishing to go should contact the Commander Arnold as soon as possible. Brothers Harrison, Shull, and James B. Pahl indicated that they will be going to the event.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:** Camp Commander Arnold reminded everyone of the upcoming Saturday May 16, 2009 Lansing Sesquicentennial Parade and encouraged all Brothers to try to make this parade. He also reminded the Camp of the upcoming Civil War Seminar that will take place on February 24, 2009. 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 I and II histories. His topic for the Civil War seminar will be *Michigan in the Civil War*. The Civil War History Seminar will be at 7 PM at the Community Room, located at 166 Main Street in Sunfield.

The Camp was reminded of the upcoming Michigan Department Encampment that will take place on Saturday April 25th at the Great Lakes Christian College (6211 W. Willow, Lansing, Michigan). The Camp's elected Camp delegates and alternates, were encouraged to attend this meeting, especially since this meeting is local for our Camp this year. Finally, the Camp was reminded of the proposed Camp 17 Campfire, which was being planned for sometime in early June at Brother Dana Traub's farm. More information will be forthcoming on all this program later in the year.

**IX. New Business:** Brother James B. Pahl and Department Commander Derr apprised the Camp of a proposed Department Bylaw amendment to establish a permanent fund that will be presented at the upcoming April Department Encampment. The proposed amendment has been being drafted for over a year and follows a recommendation established by an earlier Department Encampment for the development of such a financial tool for the Department. A motion was made and seconded to support the proposed Department Bylaw amendment and to encourage the Camp's Delegates and Alternates to vote accordingly at the upcoming Department Encampment; motion passed.

PCinC James B. Pahl presented a resolution of support for the candidacy of Camp Commander Paul David Arnold for the position of Department Junior Vice Commander (attached). He then moved the resolution, which was subsequently seconded by PCinC Harrison and passed unanimously by the Camp.

**X. Good of the Order:** Commander Arnold reported that the John Crosby Camp #427 was having an open house on Saturday January 31st to celebrate its 10th anniversary as a Camp. He indicated that he was planning on attending .

Brother Harrison reported that the Michigan Historical Commission has approved a plan for public review and will be holding public meetings to gather input from those interested in order to ensure that the final plan is fully appropriate. The meetings are planned to occur as follows:

-- Detroit, Saturday, March 28, 2009, 1 pm at the Detroit Historical Museum; -  
- Lansing, Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 6:30 pm at the Michigan Historical Center (likely location);  
-- Grand Rapids, Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 pm (location TBD); and  
-- Marquette, Saturday, May 30, 2 pm (location TBD).

Additionally, the first Civil War related Sesquicentennial event to occur will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2009. This will be an all-day commemoration of John Brown's meeting in Detroit with prominent community members and Frederick Douglass. The location is the Charles Wright Museum. This is the 150th anniversary of the actual event.

Brother Harrison stated that as soon as his had a copy of the Commission's plan. He would get it distributed via the Department to all the Michigan SUVCW Camps.

**XI. Treasurer's Report:** The attached treasurer report was presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget; motion passed. The "Pass the Hat" collection garnered \$35.00.

**XII. Camp Officer Installation:** Department Commander Derr installed the elected and appointed Camp officers for 2009. A listing of the Camp's 2009 elected and appointed Camp officers and the Camp's 2009 Standing and Special Committees is attached

**XIII. Closing Ritual:** The Camp was closed at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Keith G. Harrison, PCinC*  
Camp Secretary (Pro temp)  
([pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net))



**Camp Commander Paul David Arnold, New Member John Shumway, Treasurer (and Dad) Brian Shumway,**





**CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP #17**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE**  
**CIVIL WAR**  
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS



**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT**

**January 27, 2009**

Whereas, **Paul "David" Arnold** is a member in good standing of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp, #17, Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW); and

Whereas, Brother Arnold currently serves the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17 as Camp Commander and has served as Guide and Junior Vice Commander, along with being awarded the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17 *Samuel W. Grinnell Award* for outstanding service to the SUVCW; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold spearheaded the raising of money and creation of community partnerships culminating in an extensive five-month restoration project of Soldiers' Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan in 2007; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold has authored the *Michigan History Magazine* (July-August 2008) article entitled, "*Lansing Remembers Its Boys in Blue,*" *Michigan History Magazine* and the 38-page biographical booklet entitled "*Rededication Program: Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers' Monument Lot Mount Hope Cemetery Lansing Michigan October 14, 2007;*" both of which highlighting the efforts of the SUVCW to restore the Mount Hope Cemetery Soldiers' Lot in Lansing, Michigan; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold has served the Department of Michigan as Guard and Merchandise Officer; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold has served the SUVCW National Organization as an elected delegate of the Department of Michigan to the past three National Encampments, along with conceiving and helping to design the current Challenge Coin of the National Organization, SUVCW; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold, in an effort to further the memory of the Civil War and that of the Grand Army of the Republic and to solicit new members for the SUVCW, has (1) Developed a mid-Michigan venue from which a series of community-based Civil War education seminars are provided free of charge to the public and (2) Organized and ran numerous SUVCW visibility events including professional displays at Department of Michigan and National Encampments, and at the Jackson Civil War Muster and various genealogical events in mid-Michigan; and

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Resolution of Endorsement

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Whereas, Brother Arnold retired from the City of Lansing Police Department with 29 years of service, and from where he was awarded the City of Lansing's *Meritorious Service Citation for Bravery* in 1978; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold was the primary organizer of the City of Lansing, Oklahoma City Relief Fund for which he raised and delivered \$20,000 in disaster relief for the victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby endorse Brother Paul "David" Arnold for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, at the 123rd annual Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Camps of the Department of Michigan for their consideration.

*This Resolution of Endorsement of Camp Commander Paul David Arnold for the position of Junior Vice Department Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was presented by Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl and unanimously adopted by Brother Arnold's fellow Brothers of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in regular meeting this 29th day of January 2009.*

Attest:

*Keith G. Harrison*

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, Secretary  
Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp 17  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Elected and Appointed Curtenius Guard Camp#17 Positions for 2009

### *Elected Camp Officers*

Commander -	Paul D. Arnold
Sr Vice Commander-	Wendel Peabody
Jr Vice Commander -	Bill Haines
Secretary -	Dennis Zank
Treasurer -	Brian Shumway, PCC
Council -	Dana Traub, Ron Shull, PCC, and George Roux

### *Appointed Camp Officers*

Patriotic Instructor -	Ron Shull, PCC
Chaplain -	George Roux
Historian -	Keith Harrison, PCinC
Counselor -	James B. Pahl, PCinC
Guide -	Lavern Aves
Color Bearer -	Ken Russeau
Guard -	Bruce Benedict
Graves Registration Off -	Mark Hoffman
Memorials Officer -	Mark Hoffman
Assistant Camp Secretaries:	
Signals Officer (Webmaster)	Keith Harrison, PCinC
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Dave Rehkoph
Chief Camp Chef	Dana Traub

## Camp Standing and Special Committees for 2009

### *Standing Committees:*

By Laws -	Wendel Peabody (Chair), Doug Park, PDC, and Keith Harrison, PCinC
Memorials & Graves -	Mark Hoffman (Chair)
Membership -	Bill Haines (Chair)
Veterans Day -	open
Military Affairs -	Paul D. Arnold (Chair) and Keith Harrison, PCinC
Memorial Day & Remembrance Day -	George Roux (Chair)
Programs & Publicity -	Paul D. Arnold (Chair) and Ken Rousseau

### *Special Committees:*

Hall Restoration	Doug Park, PDC (Chair), and Paul D. Arnold
Eagle Scout	Dave Rehkoph (Chair)

## Camp Treasurer's Report

### Summary of Accounts

Account	Balance January 27, 2009	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 2,362.73	(matures 6/12/2009)
Checking	\$ 1,293.42	
Cash	\$ 36.00	
Checks Out	\$ 0.00	
Savings	\$ 1,508.66	
<b>Total Camp Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,200.81</b>	

### Operating Budget:

	Period	Year	Budgeted	Yr Bal
		\$		
Bal Beginning of Period	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
trans from savings	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Revenues</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pass the Hat	33.00	33.00	61.00	28.00
Pro Rated Per Cap (net)	5.00	5.00	50.00	45.00
Annual Dues (net)	\$ -	-	250.00	\$250.00
Application Fees	10.00	10.00	60.00	50.00
Donation	18.00	18.00	100.00	82.00
Sales	10.00	10.00	40.00	30.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 76.00</b>	<b>\$ 76.00</b>	<b>\$ 561.00</b>	<b>\$485.00</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Officer Expenses	\$ -	-	30.00	30.00
Hall Rent	\$ -	-	100.00	\$100.00
Camp Supplies	\$ -	-	131.00	\$131.00
Ceremonies	\$ -	-	300.00	\$300.00
Project Expenses	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 561.00</b>	<b>\$561.00</b>
	\$			
Balance End of Period	\$ 76.00			

Note: Hall  
Restoration Fund at  
eo 2008 \$ 2,332.72  
Annual Dues  
Collected to date \$ 468.00