

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 29, 2009
Residence of Dana Traub
5661 Saginaw Highway
Sunfield, Michigan

Following a sumptuous dinner prepared by Dana Traub, Assistant Camp Secretary – Chief Camp Chef, 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 8:06 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Aves, Bankhead, Benedict, Bennetts, Hall, Harrington, K. Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Peabody, Roux, Shattuck, B. Shumway, J. Shumway, Steele, and Traub.

Brothers Excused: L. Coon, Emerick, Haines, N. Harrison, Hiltz, Hoffman, Lee, Lyons, Nash, J.A. Pahl, Rousseau, Shull, Stahl, Thomas, Zank, and Zowe.

Guests included Randy Gladstone and Steve Hainestock.

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

IV. Concern for Brothers: It was indicated that Dennis Zank's father-in-law passed away on Sunday. A card was passed around to be signed for Dennis and his family. It also was reported that former Camp member Jeff Adams is alive and well, and now living in Traverse City.

V. New Members and Initiations: No new members were brought forth for initiation.

VI. Committee Reports:
Camp Council – No report.

Bylaws – It was reported that pursuant an earlier Department Order, Camps need to adjust their bylaws to accommodate Juniors and Junior Associates. As this has not yet been done by the Camp Bylaws Committee, the issue was tabled until the November meeting.

Memorials and Graves Registration – No report

GAR Monuments – No report from the Committee. It was reported that the DeWitt Camp recently did monument rededication.

Eagle Scouts Certificates – No report.

Membership – No report.

Veterans' Day – The Camp was invited to participate in the upcoming Ingham County 2009 Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The Camp will be marching with the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B, and the SUVCW DeWitt and Jackson Camps. As was the case last year, Brother Shattuck's Mason Middle School Civil War Fife and Drum will be leading the Civil War groups. Assembly for the parade will take place at 1 PM at the south parking lot of Mason High School on South Barnes Street north of Kipp Road. The parade will start at 2:30 PM.

There has been no communication to the Camp regarding the annual Lansing Veterans Day Celebration. PCinC Harrison indicated that he will provide, via either the Camp Commander or Camp Secretary, the Camp with information on the Friends of Michigan annual Veterans Day program.

Military Affairs – No report.

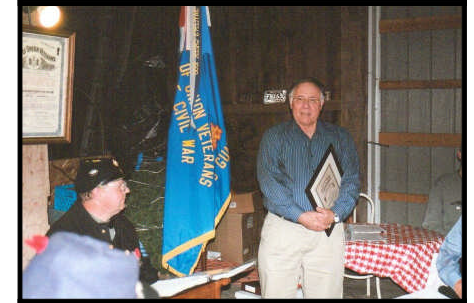
Patriotic Instruction: - Recent materials created by former Michigan Department Commander and former National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit for use by Camp, Department, and National Patriotic Instructors were discussed. PCinC Pahl provided the Camp's Patriotic Instructor, Ron Shull, with material he received from PDC Butgereit.

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

Hall Restoration – This report will be presented under Old Business.

Memorial Day Activities – No report.

Grinnell Award. Brother Brian Shumway was presented with the Camp's Samuel W. Grinnell Award as the most outstanding member for 2009 and also in recognition of his years of service to the Camp. Brian, who is the Camp's current Treasurer, will be moving to Arizona and as such will be stepping down as Treasurer at this Camp meeting. He will be maintaining his membership with the Camp.



Camp Commander Arnold and Brother Shumway

VII. Orders and Communications:

The only correspondence received was a Department Order that was referenced at the last Camp meeting and was in regard to the Camp's need to update its bylaws to accommodate Juniors and Junior Associates.

VIII. Unfinished Business: It was indicated that Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) would become history October 1, 2009 due to the Governor's Executive Order and an inability on the part of many citizens and a couple of citizen rallies to reverse that order. It was reported also that Brother Mark Hoffman, who was the Deputy Director of HAL, will now end up being the Communication Director for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and that several of the HAL agencies such as the Archives and Michigan Historical Center, would end up under Mark in the MDNR.

Jim Pahl, Dave Arnold, and Brian Shumway briefly reported on the National Encampment held in Kentucky

in August. Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert had a good year and encampment. Brother Shumway took some pictures of the encampment including one with all the Brothers that were in attendance from Michigan (see below). Next year's National Encampment will be in Kansas.



Michigan Delegation at National Encampment

Camp Commander Arnold reported on the status of the Hall painting. All the scraping and other preliminary work was completed several weeks ago. All that remained was the priming and painting. The Camp had obtained an estimate for just \$950 several weeks ago but despite numerous attempts could not get a response from this painter.

Consequently, the camp obtained two additional estimates (\$1,620 and \$2,250). The circumstances and the estimates were presented to the Camp Council and it was decided to go with the \$1,620 estimate from Randy Atkinson. The Hall will be primed and painted as soon as the weather cooperates.

IX. New Business: It was again indicated that Camp Treasurer Brian Shumway was stepping down tonight as Camp Treasurer due to his departure to Arizona. Camp Commander Arnold asked for volunteers to fill out Brother Shumway's terms. PCinC James B. Pahl volunteered and was subsequently appointed to this vacant position by the Camp Council per the Camp's Bylaws and the National Constitution and Regulations.

The Mason, Lansing, and Friends of Michigan History Veterans' Day programs were previously discussed under the Veterans' Committee report.

The Camp Commander stated that the Order's annual Remembrance Day program in Gettysburg will take place on November 21, 2009. PCinC Harrison indicated that he was definitely planning on going this year as he will be there

representing the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States as it's new Commander-in-Chief.

X. Good of the Order: Camp Commander Arnold indicated that the next Civil War Seminar will take place on October 22, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Sunfield Brethren Church. Dr. Roger Rosentreter will be the speaker and the topic of the presentation will be Michigan's own General Orlando Wilcox. More information may be obtained by going to the Camp's website and clicking Announcements.

Camp Commander Arnold asked for volunteers to be appointed to the Camp's Election Committee. Brother Dave Bankhead agreed to be chair of this committee. Camp elections for Camp Commander, Senior Vice Camp Commander, Junior Vice Camp Commander, Treasurer, and Camp Council (three individuals) will need to take place at the November meeting for the 2010 year. Individuals interested in running for any of these positions should contact Brother Bankhead (517-543-5740).

Camp Commander Arnold talked about the Order's new course/program called *Memorial University*. The course is designed to increase knowledge and understanding of SUVCW by serving as a tool to help study the Order's Constitution, Regulations, Ritual, and Job Descriptions. PCinC Pahl indicated that he served on the National Committee that helped to create this program. This new program can be accessed on the Order's national website (<http://suvchw.org>).

XI. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented. The checking account has \$5,507.20 and savings account has \$806.66. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented; motion passed. The "Pass the Hat" collection garnered \$49.00.

XII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Pictures from Camp Dinner

