

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

November 24th, 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 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Bankhead, Benedict, Hagar, Haines, K. Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, Peabody, Roux, Shull, B. Shumway, J. Shumway, and Zank

Brothers Excused: Aves, Bennetts, Emerick, Hall, N. Harrison, Hilts, Hoffman, Goutis, Lee, Nash, J. Pahl Sr., J. Phal Jr., Rousseau, Stahl, Thomas, and Zowe.

Guests included: Chuck Bauer

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

IV. Concern for Brothers: Brothers Lavern Aves (Wife Lung cancer), Kent Hall (wife needs more testing) Erv Stall be treated for anemia.

V. New Members and Initiations: None at this time.

VI. Committee Reports:
Camp Council: – No report.

Bylaws – Junior Associate membership, Bro Keith moved to accept the by laws

as transmitted. Seconded, Passed

Memorials and Graves Registration: – Member in the Dewitt camp has an interest in Mt Hope Cemetery Bro Arnold gave him permission to survey the cemetery. Bro Ray Lake from the George Anderson Camp from Dewitt will be doing more investigating of the soldiers buried in the cemetery.

GAR Monuments: – Historical marker at the Mt Hope Cemetery was dedicated.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: – No report.

Membership – One applicant (Chuck Bauer) will be up for consideration next meeting, possible one more.

Veterans' Day: – On Saturday we participated in the Mason Parade attending were Brothers Arnold, Harrison, Rousseau, Shattuck, and Zank. On Sunday at the Massing of the Colors Brothers Harrison, Rousseau, Shull, Zank participated.



On November 10th there was a Veterans program in Charlotte at the Courthouse Square Association. Several member of this cam attended. Bro. Dave Smith gave a program on Gettysburg. Bro Arnold mention if Dave could lengthen out the program some Dave would be a good speaker at one of our Civil War Seminars.

Military Affairs: – Bro Harrison updated us on the Civil War sesquicentennial coming up in 2011The Department and other veteran organizations will be working on sesquicentennial programs.

Patriotic Instruction: - no report.

Program and Publicity: - Next CW seminar is Feb 23 on Andersonville Chris Czopek at the United Brethren

Church just west of Sunfield.

Bro Arnold talked about the Lansing 150th birthday celebration and since we are considered the successor to Charles T Foster post. He submitted to the time capsule documents with the current officers of our camp and some info on the GAR, SUVCW and the Charles T Foster post.

Hall Restoration: – The hall is all prepped, primed, and first coat of paint is on the hall. The outhouse and memorial board is also painted. Due to weather this will be all the work that will be done until spring. The painter is holding true to his word and will defer payment until the job is completed.

Memorial Day Activities – New Chaplin will need to start planning. Possible a memorial in Woodland has been requested. Concern was made that that weekend is very busy for our origination.

Grinnell Award. No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

National Jr-Vice Commander stated that the Department of Michigan was third in new members in the US with 27 new members. With our camp having 7 new members. This makes our camp one of the top in new members in the Department of Michigan.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

IX. New Business: Bro Harrison asks the camp to endorse Bro Arnold for the Sr-vice Commander position at the next Department Encampment. It was moved, seconded and passed. As soon as Bro Harrison confirms that this position is open up we will send out the endorsement. Bro Arnold is currently the Jr-vice Commander of the Department of Michigan and has submitted a membership initiative.

X. Good of the Order: Next Feb 23 on Andersonville Chris Czopek at the United Brethren Church just west of Sunfield.

During the program in Charlotte on the 10th Bro Arnold presented a check to the Court House Square Association for \$100 from the Department of Michigan to help defray the cost of the digitations of the GAR records of the A.S. Williams

Post 40. Last spring Bro Zank found out about these records, located the American Legion Post. He followed the records until, they were donated to the Courthouse Square Association. He then sent a request to the Department of Michigan to help with the digitations of these records. After the records are done and sent back we will be getting a copy of the CD.



Bro Harrison gave a report on his trip to Gettysburg. We miss a good time and good weather. It was estimated that their 20 or more from the Department of Michigan in attendance.

Gen Geo Custer 170th birthday Sat Dec 5th. There will be a walking tour of Monroe with a Gen. Custer impersonator. There is a cost 35\$.

Paint storage Geo Roux will store.

Status of Library and Archive and Michigan Magazine. Library and Archive safe for now. But the Michigan Magazine is still up in the air.

XI. Treasurer's Report: Read by Bro Harrison, the report is enclosed with these minutes. Pass the hat netted \$31.75 Moved as read and second passed.

Camp Elections: The ballot contained the following: Commander: Brother George Roux, Sr-vice Commander: Brother Wendel Peabody, Jr-vice Commander: Brother Bill Haines, Treasurer: James B. Pahl PCinC, Secretary: Brother Denny Zank, Camp Council: Brother Keith Harrison PCinC, Ron Shull, Dana Traub.

Move to accept the slate of officers on ballots, second, and passed. It moved to close the ballot, seconded and passed.

Move to all make all members without delegate credentials to be elected as

delegates and alternates, Seconded and passed

XII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dennis D Zank

Camp Secretary

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A personal note from the camp secretary.

I would like to thank both Brother Keith Harrison PCinC and Brother Dave Arnold for all the help in making my first year as secretary a reasonable success.

Also I would like to wish all of you an merry Charismas and Happy New Year and I'm looking forward to serving the camp as secretary. My goal is to have the reports in on time and minutes out earlier than last year.

Fun Facts:

After the Battle of Gettysburg, the discarded rifles were collected and sent to Washington to be inspected and reissued. Of the 37,574 rifles recovered, approximately 24,000 were still loaded; 6,000 had one round in the barrel; 12,000 had two rounds in the barrel; 6,000 had three to ten rounds in the barrel. One rifle, the most remarkable of all, had been stuffed to the top with twenty-three rounds in the barrel.

During the Civil War, glasses with colored lenses were used to treat disorders and illnesses. Yellow-trimmed glasses were used to treat syphilis, blue for insanity, and pink for depression. Thus we get the term, to see the world through rose-colored glasses.

Did you know that the average American in the 1860's could not afford to paint his house, and a painted house was a sign of affluence? In order to keep up appearances, they used cedar clapboards.

Surgeons never washed their hands after an operation, because all of the blood was assumed to be the same.

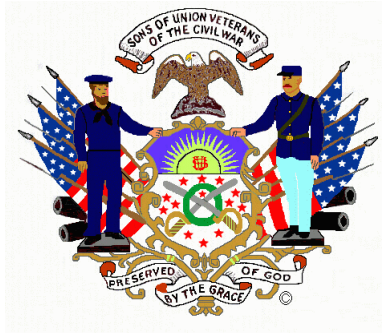
More than half of all deaths during the American Civil War were the result of disease (not bullets). The primary culprits included typhoid fever, dysentery, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

In terms of casualties, the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg) brought the bloodiest day of fighting during the Civil War. On September 17, 1862, Union and Confederate forces fought alongside Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, Maryland. In a single day, the battle produced nearly 23,000 casualties (killed or wounded). That's roughly nine times the number of American casualties during D-Day in WWII.

While the Battle of Antietam marked the single deadliest day during the American Civil War, the Battle of Gettysburg was the deadliest entire battle (over its three-day period). There were more than 50,000 casualties during the course of the battle at Gettysburg.

Total casualties during the Civil War are equally staggering. Somewhere between 600,000 and 700,000 people died during the war. When you factor in the wounded, the total casualty number rises to around 1,030,000.





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Meeting Announcement and Agenda Tuesday, January 26th, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Tentative Agenda

- I. Opening Ritual
 - II. Roll Call of Officers
 - III. Roll Call of Camp
 - IV. Welcome to Guests
 - Sr Vice Commander Don Shaw
 - Gary Copenhaver
 - Charles Bauer
 - V. Approval of Minutes
 - VI. Treasurer' Report
 - VII. Concerns for Brothers
 - Family of Erv Stahl
 - VIII. Reading of applications from candidates for membership
 - Gary Copenhaver
 - Charles Bauer
 - Transfer of Chris Cozpek
 - IX. Balloting for candidates for membership
 - X. Initiations of new brothers
 - XI. Recess
 - XII. Committee Reports
 - XIII. Orders and Communications
 - XIV. Old Business
 - XV. New Business
 - XVI. Election and installation of officers
- Conducted by Dept, Sr. Vice Commander Don Shaw
- XVII. Good of the Order
 - Appointment of committees by Commander Roux
 - XVIII. Patriotic Instructors Report
 - XIX. Closing Ritual

Dennis D Jank
Camp Secretary

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