

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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

### Meeting Minutes

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
115 Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander George Roux assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

#### I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander George Roux opened the meeting per the Ritual at 5:00 PM.

#### II. Roll Call:

**Brothers Present:** Roux, Peabody, Haines, Arnold, Pahl Sr., Zank, K. Harrison, Shull, Bankhead, Bauer, Bennetts, Hagar, Hodges, Hoffman, Langworthy, Shull, B. Shumway, J. Shumway

**Brothers Excused:** Church, Coons, Emerick, N. Harrison, K. Smith, Thomas, Tooker, Zowe

Guests included: Jon Armstrong, Roberta McCall, Harold Holcomb, and Sigmund Recline.

**III.** Presented Eagle Scouts Certificates to Elmo Harris, Matthew Rider, Josiah Robbe, and Zachariah Smith from Troop 316.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March meet will need to be revised and approved at the next meeting.

**V. Concern for Brothers:** Lavern Aves', wife and Brian Shumway's father passed.

**VI. Treasurer's Report:** See attached report. Motion was made seconded and passed

#### VII. New Members and Initiations:

Sigmund Reckline whose Great Grandfather had served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry and Harold Holcomb whose Great Grandfather had served in the Berdan's 1st US Sharp Shooters application were read and voted on and Jon Armstrong whose Great Grandfather had served in the 34<sup>th</sup> Regular Indiana Infantry who was voted in last meeting, were initiated this evening.

#### VIII. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council:** – No report.

**Bylaws** - No report.

**Memorials and Graves Registration:** – Brother Hoffman reported that another batch on names will be added to the graves registration database.

**GAR Monuments:** – No report.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates:** – Brother Shull asked if we like having the Eagle Certificate presented at our meetings. This was agreed on that we liked it.

**Membership** – None at this time.

**Veterans' Day:** – No report.

**Military Affairs:** – No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - No report.

**Program and Publicity:** - The last full weekend in August at the Jackson Musters we will have a table and display set up.

**Hall Restoration:** – Brother Arnold will be calling the painter on Tuesday or Wednesday to schedule the rest of the painting.

A new flag pole will be erected and the Veterans board will be updated on a new board.

**Memorial Day Activities** – Brother Bankhead gave a report on the 15 members who showed up at the Mt Hope Cemetery. And that Brother Arnold was interviewed by the FOX TV new. We also attended the service at the Evergreen Cemetery.

On Sunday we participated in the

Daughters service at the church by laying a wreath at the alter.

Woodland will be at 10:00 at Woodland on Monday.

**Grinnell Award.** No report.

#### Orders and Communications:

National General Order #12 Memorial Day is a day set aside for remembering not only our ancestors, but of their deeds that helped protect our nation. In 1776, Thomas Paine said that "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it *now*, deserves the love and thanks of men and women." Paine was referring to early America and the patriots standing to make it one new nation.

As the Civil War tested that principle, and defined the Nation, President Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg in fall of 1863 saying "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

These both talk of the importance of Patriotism and of remembering those that sacrificed all for our County and for allowing us to enjoy our freedoms. On this Memorial Day take a minute to remember the men and women that have fallen while in service to our County from 1776 to today. Thank them for their service to America.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, take the time to remember our ancestors, visit a small cemetery where the Patriots of yesterday and today share rest and remember that we stand united honoring our Veterans that have passed on.

A song honoring the men of the GAR was written many years ago. "The Flag They Loved so Well" says a great deal about our honored dead on this important day:

"Again the grass is growing green  
Where sleep the noble brave  
Again we come with fragrant flowers  
To deck each hero's grave  
In war they were their countries shield  
And bore midst shot and shell  
On many a crimsoned battlefield  
The flag they loved so well"

Congratulation to Brother Arnold for becoming DSVC.

We have a copy of the gravestone policy if you would like to review it.

**VII. Unfinished Business:** There will be a sixth group the Civil War Historians add to the steering group for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

75 people attended the April seminar on Stonewall Jackson by David Finney

The next seminar will be this fall, There will be a program at the George

Anderson Camp in June at the St John's VFW.

Brother Arnold ask if there is anyone interested in a picnic on the Fourth of July at the G A R park in Eaton rapids.

**VIII. New Business:** If anyone is going to the national encampment, they can call Brother Arnold to arrange car pooling and lodging at the encampment.

**IX. Good of the Order:** A drawing as held for a tool set given to us by the bank. Chuck Bauer won the tool set.

Brother Arnold asks if we could get a

camp color guard together in the future.

Bro Pahl did some advisement on items for sale.

Pass the hat \$63

**X. Closing Ritual:** The Camp was closed at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Dennis D Zank*

**Camp Secretary**

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