

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2012
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Dennis Zank assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent Officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp #17 Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: D. Bankhead, G. Copenhagen, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James Pahl Sr., G. Roux, B. Shumway, R. Shull, D. Zank.

Brothers Excused: Jon Armstrong, L. Aves, C. Bauer, M. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, J. Nash, J. Neal, J. A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, B. Shumway, J. Shumway, D. Traub, W. Zowe.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, B. Benedict, M. Bennetts, T. Copenhagen, T. Doty, P. Hodges, S. Latchaw.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Kelley Madry, Granddaughter of Commander Dennis Zank.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Keith Harrison approve the minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Motion made to approve of the treasurers report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer, Brian Shumway wife scheduled for surgery, Dana Traub recovering from eye surgery.

Concern for the family of Brother Milo Chuck Langworthy. He passed away July 24, 2012. SUVCW provided the funeral service. During the rifle salute one of the weapons misfired. We are sure Brother Langworthy would have had some choice comments about how to proceed the next time to prevent that misfire and about ways to speed up the weapon loading. Brother Zowe Wolf has degenerative eyesight.

VIII. Reading of applications from candidates for membership:

Unfortunately, we do not have any new applications. The question is how to generate new members? New members are the lifeblood of any fraternal organization. We need to keep striving to obtain more individuals.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

We do not have any new candidates for membership to vote on.

X. Initiation of New Brothers: none

XI. Recess:

XII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: No report provided.

Bylaws: No report provided.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Brother Gary Copenhagen indicated that we Completed 7or8 graves registrations during June, and July. It was a reported that National has implemented a new policy. The change is that all new headstone orders have to go through National. Brother Steve Latchaw indicated Mr. Steven Willard has been working on Civil War Grave registration in two cemeteries in Eaton County, Carmel Township. Brother Latchaw was inquiring if we mite be able to award Mr. Willard a, "Certificate of Appreciation", for all his work?

GAR Monuments: No Report provided.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

Eagle Scout Sam Batdorf qualifies for a certificate. Arrangements are needed to present him with the award.

Membership:

Brother Billy Cole provided his Membership Reinstatement Dues and is now in good standing as a member.

Veterans Day:

It is time to make plans to work the following parades into your schedule. The Detroit Veterans Day Parade is November 3, 2012. Mason Veterans Day Parade is November 11, 2012.

Military Affairs: No report provided.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report provided.

Program and Publicity: - Brother Hoffman will be coordinating getting a speaker for Camp # 17 Civil War History Seminar for October 2012. Possible topics for the up coming year include part two of the Civil War Monuments of Washington D.C. Watch for the specific details.

Hall Restoration: – The repaired roof seems to have solved our leak problem. The entry way ceiling looks dry. A few good rainy days will provide proof. Brother Bankhead made us aware of the fact that the halls lower support structure is in disrepair. Looks like it will be the next major project. Sounds like it will require a sizeable investment.

Memorial Day Activities: We had a sizeable event schedule, and we completed it successfully for 2012.

Remembrance Day: An important future item is the Gettysburg 150th Anniversary activities in 2013. It will be the Sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Grinnell Award: No report provided.

XIII. Orders and Communications: Dept. Encampment March 30 and 31, 2012

Woodland Township Board mailed Camp #17 a Thank You letter. It states there appreciation of our participation in the Memorial Day Observance at Woodland Cemetery.

XIV. Old Business:

Eaton County Historical Commission regrets they were unable obtain the expected funding they were hoping for to help Camp #17 with our Hall Restoration.

XV. New Business:

The National Convention in August 2012 will consider several regulation changes. General Order # 22 would amend the constitution, "Stipulating that the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces".

A Central Region Conference tour of the Lincoln Museum is October 5, 2012. The Museum is in Springfield, Illinois. Donald Shall is planning on running for national office in 2013.

XVI. Good of the Order:

The National Encampment in California is August 9-11, 2012. Those attending from Camp # 17 include Brothers Paul David Arnold, and James B. Pahl.

Have you provided Commander Dennis Zank your Ancestors history for our Ancestors Memorial Book? If not please work on it. Our goal is to have the Ancestors Memorial Book completed by this Fall.

Next meeting will be at Brother Dana Traub for Dinner. A nominal charge for the dinner is collected. You will find it is a great meal. The meeting will follow the dinner.

The Jackson Michigan Encampment is Aug. 25 and 26, 2012. We will have a booth there. We will need people in the booth from 9AM to 3:30 PM each day. The Antietam Muster is Aug 24-27, 2012. We will have some attending it.

On June 14, 2012, Brothers Arnold and Roux attended the Gleaners Insurance Company event held in Ann Arbor. For the last several years, Gleaner Insurance has provided an appreciated Annual Charitable Donation to Camp # 17. These donations were for designated

Improvement Projects. We are hoping for the continuation. Part of the reason for the event was to get a list of organizations with current needs. It later will be determined where 2013 expected donation amounts might go. During the event a B-24 fly over was a highlight. They indicated the opportunity existed to take a ride in the old WWII plane. They thought about doing it but did not do it.

Brother Arnold made us aware of the need to do the following; Replace the Current Hall Flag, and ropes. The Flag has burn holes in it from touching the floodlights. The lights are too close to the flag. The flag has faded and discolored. Ropes have worn. Brother Arnold indicated the need to have the floodlights moved and positioned so they cannot touch the flag, and to replace the flag and rope at the same time. When repositioning the lights it is important to have lights shine on the Flag and the Front of the Hall.

The Court House Square Museum donated about a dozen Civil War Encampment Ribbons to Camp # 17. We need to find a way to display them in the Hall. It is a nice collection.

On Behalf of the Camp: Brother Keith Harrison presented an award to Brother James B. Pahl for his service as National Commander in 2006 -2007. The award is a Framed Picture of him beside an artillery piece at Gettysburg. It will hang in our Hall in Sunfield. Camp 17 is proud to have had two National Commanders. This award will hang along side the one of Brother Keith Harrison. He was our other National commander.

Pass the Hat; Collected \$41.00. A Brother also donated \$10.00 to the benevolent fund.

Door Prize Raffle: Camp # 17 held a drawing for two, non-fiction, Civil War books. Brothers Ron Shull, and Keith Harrison were lucky. Each went home with a book.

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:
No Report Provided.

XVIII. 2012 Camp # 17 Elected and Appointed Officers:

Commander – Dennis Zank
Senior Vice Commander – David R. Bankhead
Junior Vice Commander – Brian Shumway, PCC
Secretary – Harold E. Holcomb
Treasurer – James B. Pahl, PCinC
Council Member – Bill Haines
Council Member – Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Council Member – Dana Traub
Chaplin – George Roux, PCC
Color Bearer – Robert Payne
Guide – Ron Shull, PCC
Guard – Wendell L. Peabody
Counselor – James B. Pahl, PCinC
Patriotic Instructor – Bill Haines
Historian – Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Graves Registration – Gary L. Copenhaver
Memorial Officer – Gary L. Copenhaver
Assistant Camp Secretaries;
-Signal Officer – Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
-Eagle Scout Coordinator – Richard L. Hamilton
-Chief Camp Chef- Dana Traub

XIX. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 840PM.

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