

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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

### Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2012  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
115 Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

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

#### I. Opening Ritual:

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

#### II. Roll Call of Officers:

*Brothers Present:* D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, G. Copenhaver, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James Pahl Sr., R. Payne, W. Peabody, G. Roux, D. Traub, D. Zank.

*Brothers Excused:* J. Armstrong, L. Aves, C. Bauer, W. Cole, M. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, M. Hoffman, J. Nash, J.A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, D. Rehkopf, B. Shumway, J. Shumway, R. Shull, W. Zowe.

#### III. Roll Call of Camp:

*Brothers Present:* P. Arnold, T. Copenhaver, T. Doty, P. Hodges, S. Latchaw, J. Shumway,

#### IV. Welcome to Guests:

Guests; Mr. Tom Vandenberg, a guest of Brother Steve Latchaw.

**V. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made to approve the minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

**VI. Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the treasurer report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. We received the promised \$100 grant from the Eaton County Historical Commission.

Reinstatement Dues received from Brother William Cole. Motion to cover the Dues of Brother David Reikopf. Dues are to be paid from the benevolent fund. Second. Motion Passed

#### VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer fighting cancer, Brian Shumway in Chicago to see the doctor. Just a check up. Dave Bankhead is recovering from throat surgery. He is fine, just has a voice issue that is gradually improving. Harold Holcomb recovering from hernia surgery. Concern for the family of Brian Mac Vean. We have lost another Brother. Brother Brian D. Mac Vean passed away September 11, 2012, at age 49. Motion made to have Camp # 17 look into purchasing a grave flag holder from SUVCW. The motion authorizes spending up to \$40.00. Second. Motion Passed.

#### VIII. Reading of applications from candidates for membership:

We do not have any new applications for membership as of this date.

#### IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

We do not have any new candidates for membership.

#### X. Initiation of New Brothers:

*No Candidates.*

#### XI. Recess:

#### XII. Committee Reports:

*Camp Council:* – No report.

*Bylaws* - No report.

*Memorials and Graves Registration:* – *We completed 11 graves registrations during the months of August, and September. Gravestones have to be ordered coordinating with next of kin through SUVCW National. With the appreciated assistance of Mr. Jesse Lasorda we coordinated in helping place the headstone of George Radall. He was a colored Civil War Veteran that died in 1905. The location was Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing. We need to arrange a dedication.*

*GAR Monuments:* – No Report.

*Eagle Scouts Certificates:* – No report.

**Membership:** - No new applicants.

**Veterans Day:** We will be participating in two Veterans Day Parades, and other events. These include; Detroit Veterans Day Parade Nov 3, 2012. Right after the parade a Flag Raising will take place at the Old Detroit GAR Hall. The Hall is getting a needed restoration. Nov 2, 2012 you many overnight at Historic Ft. Wayne. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow. A guided evening tour of the old fort will occur. It will be interesting to find out about some of the old forts history. Mason Day Parade is Nov. 11, 2012. Massing of the Colors Nov. 4, 2012 at the downtown Lansing Museum. Be sure to watch for E-Mails and to access the SUVCW web sites for the latest details.

**Military Affairs:** - Jackson Muster was a success. Camp # 17 had a booth there. We hope it generated enough interest in a few individuals that they will choose to become SUVCW members. Several members participated with other units in the battle.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - No report.

**Program and Publicity:** - Dr. Bill Anderson will be giving the October 2012 Seminar Presentation. It will be on, "Women of the Civil War". The date is yet to be set.

**Hall Restoration:** - No Report.

**Memorial Day Activities:** - No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** - No Report.

#### XIII. Orders and Communications:

We now have a new Department of Michigan Assistant Chaplain. Rev. Charles (Charlie) Buckhahn. has accepted the position of Assistant Department of Michigan Chaplain. Brother Buckhahn is currently serving as Chaplain of U.S. Grant Camp #67 in Bay City, Michigan. After a long term of service, Brother William McAfee announced that he is stepping down at the end of his present term. The Central Region Conference is in two

weeks.

During The National Encampment, in August 2012, The Horace Greeley Award was awarded to The Department of Michigan. This award is for the Most Outstanding Department Website of the year.

#### **XIV. Old Business:**

Gleaner Insurance is sponsoring a Patriotic Project. The time and date is, 2:00 PM Tuesday, October 16, 2012. The Project will include a Private Showing of the Michigan Civil War Battle Flags. This will be at the Library of Michigan and Historical Center. Immediately following, everyone will continue on to The Michigan State Capitol Building for a Guided Tour of the Capitol. What a great opportunity. After the tour of the Capitol, you are invited to Clara's Restaurant for dinner. Please note that you need to RSVP to Karen Lowder 517-268-6655 if you plan to attend the dinner at Clara's.

#### **XV. New Business:**

We have an Eagle Scout Certificate to award. This is for the Chief Okemos Council. Coordination of a time to present the award is required. Oakfield Cemetery NE, Grand Rapids SUVCW members performed a Civil War Grave Dedication the weekend of September 22-23, 2012.

Motion by Keith Harrison to purchase an equivalent Hall Replacement Flag, including ropes, and to move the lights that shine on the front of the Flag and Hall so they will not damage the new Flag. Second. Motion Passed.

#### **XVI. Good of the Order:**

Antietam Battlefield - Michigan never placed a monument at Antietam. The Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission feels we should have a monument there. Obtaining a permit to build a monument within the National Park is not possible. Arrangements are in the works to obtain land at the edge of the Park where we may construct a monument.

The 150th Gettysburg Remembrance Day Reunion is to be in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 2013. This year a Gettysburg Remembrance Day Reunion will take place there on November 17, 2012.

On November 12, 2012, a Remembrance Day Reunion is scheduled at Mt Hope Cemetery.

On Sunday, September 30, 2012 at Mt. Hope Cemetery a Civil War Cemetery Walk is being sponsored by the group, "Friends of Historic Lansing Cemeteries". We plan to be represented there.

Dave Arnold and James Pahl attended the National Convention in Los Angeles. A lot will be happening at Gettysburg the year of the sesquicentennial. Several

of our members plan to be in attendance and participating. Be sure to make your hotel reservations early.

Next years National encampment will be in Milwaukee.

We have SUVCW New Brochures.

The Meeting Door Prize;

A Poster won by Brother Dave Arnold.

Pass the Hat collected \$48.00.

#### **XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:**

No Report.

**XVIII. Closing Ritual:** The Camp closed at 8:45 PM.

**HAROLD E. HOLCOMB**

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**Secretary**

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