

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

January 29 2013
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 Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:05 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, G. Copenhaver, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, James B. Pahl, R. Payne, G. Roux, B. Shumway, R. Shull, D. Traub, D. Zank.

Brothers Excused: J. Armstrong, L. Aves, C. Bauer, B. Cole, M. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, P. Hodges, M. Hoffman, J. Nash, W. Peabody, J.A. Pahl, J. D. Park, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, W. Zowe.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, M. Bennetts, T. Copenhaver, A. Deardorff, T. Doty, J. Shumway,

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Department of Michigan Commander and Camp # 17 Brother Paul Arnold is here to install our new Officers. He indicates a new Camp training video will soon be available. The Annual Michigan Encampment is May 3-4, 2013. Brother Arnold guided to a front row seat.

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

VI. Treasurers Report: Motion made to approve of the treasurers report, as

transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

Camp # 17 Treasurer, James B. Pahl indicated that, if needed, we have enough in the benevolent fund to cover three members Annual Dues.

Brother Pahl passed out the Camp # 17 November 27, 2012 - January 29, 2013 Treasurers Report and January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012 Finance Statement. It is a detailed report of our finances. The Camp # 17 Financial Audit completed January 29, 2013.

Camp # 17 extends a thank you to Brother Pahl for all the hard work.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves. A short note from him states, "Getting over a jaw infection. I would be doing better if I was on an Island in the South Pacific being taken care of by two 18 year old girls". We will take that statement as a sign he is doing better. Charles Bauer is fighting Cancer. An E-Mail indicates he is doing better. Zowe Wolf sent an E-Mail from Germany. He indicates his sight is very bad. He has trouble reading. A Camp # 17 discussion on how to get Brother Wolfe a recording of our meeting took place. Marc Bennett has scheduled knee surgery.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

Camp # 17's new applicant is Brother Steve Latchaw son, Jeremy Michael Latchaw. He is finishing his military career and moving back to Michigan. Motion made to accept him into membership. Second. Proceed to balloting.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The ballot box was located and each member lined up and cast his vote. The ballot box opened, and it was determined Jeremy Latchaw is accepted into Camp # 17 as our newest member. A future initiation is to be scheduled.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No New members available to initiate at this time.

XI. Recess:

General discussion took place.

XII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: - No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

We attended a meeting held in Lansing Dec. 2012. Completed 12 grave registrations and have about 20 more completed so far in January.2013. Brother Gary Copenhaver indicates a need exist to record all completed grave registrations into a database that can be accessed nationally. Brother. Paul Arnold indicated that a computer database that will accomplish this in the works. Brother Gary Copenhaver indicates we have to schedule a grave dedication for a Mr. Randall who served with the 102nd Colored Infantry.

Brother Dave Bankhead indicates a William Bryant who served in the Civil War, and buried in an unmarked grave in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte, MI. requires a grave dedication and a marker for his grave.

GAR Monuments: - No Report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: - We need to prepare certificates for the following Eagle Scouts; Williamston Boy Scout Troop #63 Eagle Scout Alexander James Urban. He awarded Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Eagle Scout Sam Batdorf qualifies for a Certificate. (See July 31, 2012 minutes). Brother Steve Latchaw is our new Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Membership: - No other applications.

Veterans Day - No Report .

Military Affairs: - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity: - Camp # 17's next Civil War Historical Seminar Presentation is by Mr. Brown. The title is, "Abraham Lincoln". The Seminar scheduled February 26, 2013 at The United Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan. The event held at 7PM.

Hall Restoration: – Brother Dave Bankhead is trying to get a qualified contractor to inspect the Hall support structure. He believes he has found a man to do an inspection. A qualified

professional needed to inspect the old foundation and support beams holding up the hall. We are all concerned of what his report will state.

Brother Harrison mentioned that it is raining and the roof is not leaking. The Hall roof leak problem seems repaired.

Memorial Day Activities:

Events we know we will participate in currently include:

Mount Hope Cemetery

Sunfield at Camp # 17

Woodland Cemetery

We anticipate additional events.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

The Department of Michigan Encampment is May 3-4, 2013.

2013 Remembrance Day Celebration held in Gettysburg, PA November 23, 2013.

XIV. Old Business:

A discussion of plans to allow storage of Camp # 17 records by the local Welch Museum in Sunfield occurred.

Concerns were expressed over the care that will be given the records both initially and long term. A Museum leaky roof concern currently exists. It was determined that a mutual agreement must be formalized before any records be transferred. The motion that passed at the November meeting assures the records will always remain the property of Camp #17. A legal document will have to be prepared that establishes exact terms and guidelines before any transfer of documents takes place. It will likely be sometime before the Welch Museum is ready to accept the records.

XV. New Business:

Camp # 17, 30th Year Anniversary is this year. To celebrate it suggested we determine if the Welch Museum would like to coordinate helping us celebrate. Sounds like a great idea. Brother Bankhead has agreed to look into this possibility for the Camp.

Eaton County Historical Commission is expecting grant money maybe available for a 2013 worthwhile project. We need to respond with a needed project to obtain any money. Brother Keith Harrison mentioned the Camp # 17 American Flag and POW Flags are tattered and torn and need of replacement. We could use help to maintain and computerize our historical records. These are both needed projects. We could ask for grant money for them.

XVI. Good of the Order:

The 14th Michigan plans to have available rental cabins at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for Remembrance Day November 23, 2013. One van is being booked. It is filling up fast. You will need to commit immediately if you plan to go. Anyone planning to go to the Gettysburg 150th reunion needs to consider getting room reservations in.

Brother J. Douglas Parks was in the 2013, "Occasion of the Presidential Inauguration", for President Obama. He also, recently held a role in Hurricane Sandy, MACC, and the NATO held in Chicago event. He is responsible for the Central Region of the country. His service continues to have him deployed covering 15 states.

Have you paid your 2013 SUV CW dues? If not they are due. The amount is \$41.00. Please try to get them paid immediately.

XVII. Camp Officer Installation:

The below list of Camp # 17 elected and appointed Officers for 2013 were installed by Department of Michigan Commander, Paul (Dave) Arnold.

They include:

Camp Commander - Dennis Zank, PC.
Senior Vice Commander - Dave Bankhead

Junior Vice Commander - Brian Shumway, PC.

Secretary - Harold Holcomb

Treasurer - James B. Pahl, PC., PDC., PC in C.

Camp Council - Keith Harrison, PC. PDC., PC in C.

Ron Shull, PC.

Dana Traub

Patriotic Instructor - William Haines

Chaplain - George Roux, PC.

Color Bearer - Robert Payne

Guide - Bruce Benedict

Guard - Wendell Peabody

Graves Registration, & Memorials - Gary Copenhagen

Counselor - James B. Pahl, PC., PDC., PC in C.

Eagle Scout Coordinator - Steve Latchaw

By-Laws - Dave Bankhead, & Troy Copenhagen

Hall Restoration - Dennis Zank, PC. & Dave Bankhead

Historian - Keith Harrison, PC., PDC., PC in C.

Membership - Brian Shumway, PC, & Keith Harrison, PC., PDC, PC in C.

Memorial Day - Dave Bankhead, & George Roux, PC.

Military Affairs - Dennis Zank, PC. & James B. Pahl, PC., PDC., PC in C.

Program and Publicity – William Haines

Remembrance - George Roux, PC & Dave Bankhead

Signals Officer - Keith Harrison, PC., PDC., PC in C. & Dennis Zank, PC.

Door Prize: Camp # 17 collected \$40.00.

XVIII. Patriotic Instructors Report:

Brother Haines indicated he submitted a require report.

XIV. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 9:28 PM.

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