

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2013
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:04 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present; D. Bankhead, B. Benedict G. Copenhaver, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James B. Pahl, R. Payne, G. Roux, B. Shumway, and D. Zank.

Brothers Excused: J. Armstrong, L. Aves, C. Bauer, W. Cole, W. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, P. Hodges, J. Latchaw, S. Latchaw, J. Nash, J.A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, R. Shull, J. Shumway, and W. Zowe.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, M. Bennetts, T. Copenhaver, C. Czopek, T. Doty, T. Hummer, and M. McLauchlin.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Thomas Hummer present today.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made for approval of the May 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Motion made to approve the Treasurer Report as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.
Treasurer read the Report dated May 30, 2013 to July 30, 2013.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer,

George Roux has surgery scheduled in September 2013, and Brother Wolf Zowe. Brother Zowe shared some interesting documentation about his Civil War relative on Facebook.

VIII. Reading of applications from candidates for membership:

Brother Brian Shumway read the application for Thomas V. Hummer. Brother Shumway states the application paperwork is in order. Thomas V. Hummer considered a new applicant for membership.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The ballot box was located, and inspected. Members lined up and cast there vote. Vote passed. Thomas V. Hummer will be initiated into Camp # 17.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

Brother Thomas Hummer is present for initiation. He was brought forward for the initiation. Following the initiation ceremony, a big round of applause provided Brother Thomas Hummer a hardy welcome into Camp # 17.

XI. Recess:

We had a recess at 7:40.
General discussions took place.

XII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: - No report.

Bylaws -No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration: -

Since the last report, we turned in 74 grave registrations. No memorials report.

GAR Monuments: - No Report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: - We need to prepare a Certificate for several Eagle Scouts. Brothers Wendell Peabody and Dave Bankhead have a list. Brother Bankhead indicates they will be working on preparing Certificates.

Membership: - No report.

Veterans Day: -

Events we will participate in include;
-November 10, 2013 Annual Veterans Day Massing of the Colors.
-Monday Nov. 11, 2013. Veterans Day Parade, Mason Parade.

Military Affairs: - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity: -

The June Civil War Seminar held at The United Brethren Church, Sunfield, Michigan included a packed house. We were scrambling to find enough chairs. Program titled was, "Michigan at Gettysburg". The speaker Dr. Roger Rosentreter was very informative and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Brother Hoffman for providing another great program.

Hall Restoration: - Brother Dave Bankhead had a meeting with one contractor. That contractor indicated he is not interested in being involved with major work on a Historical Building. We will continue looking for a contractor.

Memorial Day Activities:

No Report.

Grinnell Award: - No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Encampment is August 8-10, 2013 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Camp # 17 Secretary handed out Credentials Cards for those attending.

XIV. Old Business:

Camp # 17 received a thank you letter from, "The Tea Party". The letter extended appreciation for our participation in there event in Hastings, Michigan in June 15, 2013.

It is the 30th Anniversary of Camp # 17. Brother Dana Traub, previously expressed interest in hosting an event again this year? Brothers Dave Bankhead and Dennis Zank will contact Brother Traub for confirmation.

XV. New Business: -

Brother Dave Bankhead working with Brother Wendell Peabody would like to invite all of the Eagle Scouts to our Annual Dinner to give them special recognition, including certificates.

Keith Harrison indicated everyone attending the Gettysburg 150th Reunion had a great time. He passed around the SUVCW Badge presented to him there.

The new GAR Brainerd Post 111

Museum located in Eaton Rapids Michigan is generating a lot of interest. There is still a lot to accomplish before it is open to the public. A 2014 opening planned. There Facebook website is up and streaming. Just type in there name and you should be able to find the web site. Be sure to check out some of the old GAR photos on the site, maybe add some. Cash and artifacts donations will be accepted and appreciated. Memberships will be available.

The Annual meeting of the Historical Commissions held at the Eaton County Historical Commission Saturday October 12, 2013.

-Brother Keith Harrison mentioned several events of interest to Camp # 17 Members. They include;

-August 17, 2013 Annual Sunfield Farmers Picnic and Parade. The GAR Hall opened for tours.

-August 24-25, 2013 29th Annual Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster.

-October 29, 2013 Free Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar at the United Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan.

-November 9, 2013 Michigan's fourth Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Reenactors Conference, held at the Michigan Historical Center Lansing, Michigan.

-November 10, 2013 Annual Veterans Day Massing of the Colors, held at the Michigan Historical Center Lansing, Michigan.

-November 11, 2013 Veterans Day Parade, held in Mason, Michigan.

-November 16, 2013 rededication of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Detroit, (Late word is this event is postponed until spring 2014).

-November 23, 2013 Annual Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg.

Please go to this web site for further details on any of the above events and any changes that may take place.

<http://www.micw150.us/2013events>

XVI. Good of the Order:

Camp # 17 was well represented at the 150th Anniversary Gettysburg Commemoration. Brother James B. Pahl indicates he participated in Park Service Ranger Programs, including the last march of the Iron Brigade, Confederate assault on Little Round Top, action at the East Calvary field, and Picket's charge where some 15,000 following the route of the charge, were met by several thousand on Cemetery Ridge. Brother Pahl stated it was, "A Very exciting experience".

-A Region Conference is scheduled in Kentucky later this year.

-Dept. of Michigan Encampment is May 10, 2014.

Chris Czopek Indicates years ago he discovered a grave of an Indian Civil War Solder in Calhoun County. Since then he published a book called, "Company K ". The book being about Company K of the, "First Michigan Sharpshooters", members were all Native Americans. One Hundred Forty Indians made up Company K. SUVCW recently, rededicated the Andersonville Prison Michigan Monument in Georgia. The Native Americans joined the rededicated. It was the 100th year anniversary. Native Americans were there with SUVCW. He is now working on another book about Michigan Indians in the Civil War. The National Park service observed the happening and became very interested. Andersonville National Park Rangers brought this up at a regional National Park meeting. We now have a published book called, "American Indians in the Civil War". The book sold in all National Park Stores. Thank you to Brother Czopek for this very interesting story.

Brother Dave Arnold indicates the Mt. Hope Cemetery Lot we maintenance has headstones that require cleaning. HTH Algae Guard Chemicals 3X strength are required to clean the headstones. Ten, plus Gallons estimated needed to clean 40 headstones. Additionally, he

indicates the Lawn Mower needs replacing. Brother Arnold is asking for funds to cover these expenses. Motion made by Brother Dave Bankhead to have Camp # 17 to provide up to \$100.00 for supplies for cleaning the headstones. Second. Discussion, Brother Thomas Doty promises to help. Motion passed.

Dave Bankhead will head up an election Committee for next years Candidates for Camp # 17 Offices. Anyone interested in holding an office needs to let him know of your desire to do so.

Brother Brian Shumway provided some great news. He indicates that at they have found the Hastings, Michigan GAR Post 125 Day Books.

Bro Keith Harrison has several civil war books given him to donate to a place where they will be available for public use.

Motion made to have Brother Bruce Benedict give the books to the Sunfield Historical Museum. Second. Motion passed.

Door Prize; \$40.00 collected.

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:
No Report.

XIV. Closing Ritual:
The Camp closed at 9:04 PM.

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Treasurer's Report - Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW

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Date	Num	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 5/29/2013				6,719.29
6/3/2013	DEP	S Davis	Per Capita Income	41.00
		donation	Benevolent Fund Income	41.00
		5/30	Hall Restoration Fund Income:Pass The Hat	42.00
5/30/2013 - 7/30/2013				124.00
BALANCE 7/30/2013				6,843.29
TOTAL INFLOWS				124.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				0.00
NET TOTAL				124.00