

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2015

Samuel W. Grinnell
G.A.R. Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Bankhead assigned
Brothers to fill vacancies of absent
Officers by appointment Pro-Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Dave Bankhead
opened the meeting per the Ritual at
7:00PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, D.
Bankhead, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman,
H. Holcomb, J. B. Pahl, R. Payne, W.
Peabody, R. Shull, and D. Zank

Officers Excused: D. Traub.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present:

M. Bennetts, A. Deardorff, W. Haines,
S. Latchaw, D. Rehkopf, D. Thompson.

Brothers Excused:

L. Aves, C. Bauer, M. Haines, R.
Hamilton, N. Harrison, P. Hodges,
J. A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, B. Shumway, J.
Shumway,

IV. Welcome to Guests: No guests
present.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion
made to approve the January 27, 2015
meeting minutes as transmitted. Second.
Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurer
James B. Pahl passed out copies of
Camp#17 January 27, 2015 to March 30,
2015 Treasurers Report. Treasurer James

B. Pahl, gave an overview of the report.
Motion accepted for approval of the
Treasurer's Report, as transmitted.
Second. Motion passed. Motion by
Brother James B. Pahl to drop a
presented list of Brothers for
nonpayment of 2015 per capita dues,
with the understanding that they may be
automatically reinstated within the next
year upon payment of the \$41.00 per
capita and a \$10.00 reinstatement fee.
One previous Camp # 17 Officer and one
current Officer excluded in the motion.
Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following
Camp # 17 Brothers: Laverne Aves,
Tom Doty, Brother Doty and his wife are
both having medical issue. Brian
Shumway indicates he will be seeing
doctors next month for hip problems.
John Shumway may be well enough to
come a meeting. It most likely will be
the Memorial Day meeting. Concerns
expressed for Charles Bauer, Paul
Hodges and Kenneth Rousseau.
Commander Dave Bankhead and his
wife have had recent medical issues.
Additionally, the flu bug has provided an
inconvenience for the Bankhead family.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

It is encouraging to learn we have a few
prospective candidates.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

New members were not available for
initiation at this time.

XI. Recess:

We did not take a recess.

XII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:
No report.

GAR Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:
No report.

Membership: No other applications.

Veterans Day: No report.

Military Affairs: No report.

Patriotic Instruction: Brother Arnold
provided a history lesson on the Battle of
Ironclads. He indicates the Battle of
Monitor and Merrimac ended in a draw
at Hampton Roads. The Virginia lost its
Smoke Stack. Battle was 153 years ago.

Program and Publicity:

-The Program for February 24, 2015
Seminar titled, "Save the Flags" by Matt
Van Acker Director of the State Capitol Tour
Guide Information Services and Co-
Chair of, "Save the Flags", project. His
talk was about the Michigan Battle Flags
collection.

-Seminar scheduled April 28, 2015,
titled, "The Wreck of the Sultana",
presented by Gary Holmes. Please invite
your friends, relatives and acquaintances.

-The June 30, 2015 Seminar scheduled,
titled, "South Carolinians in Lee's Army;
Gregg/McGowan's Brigade", presented
by Ben Cwayna.

The planned Seminars held at the United
Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan.
The events scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration: Paint is falling off
some of the back of the Hall. Brother
Bankhead indicates one Scout Troop has
volunteered to scrape and paint.
Suggestion made to contact other Scout
Troops indicating a, worth while project
could be working on the Hall exterior.
Liability concerns expressed.

Memorial Day Activities:

Camp # 17 Brothers will participate in
several events including;

-Annual Memorial Day Program at Hope
Cemetery Soldiers and Sailors Lot.

Location is Mt Hope and Aurelius Road
Lansing, MI. Time 11:00 AM on May
23, 2015. Service immediately follows
at Evergreen Cemetery.

-United Brethren Church Memorial Day
Sunday Service 8436 West M-43
Sunfield, Michigan 3 PM May 24, 2015.

-Annual Memorial Day Program
Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery
South of M-43 on Velte Road
Woodland, Michigan 10:00 AM on May
25, 2015.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National issued General Order #15- IRS Requirement for By-Laws of Subordinate Entities. All Camps nationwide were required to immediately provide a copy of their By-Laws. The IRS requires them to consider granting 501(C) 3 to SUVCW. Camp # 17 By-Laws were located and mailed.

-Department of Michigan General Order #5-Indicates all Camps must provide at least, one contact person and their E-Mail for communication from Department of Michigan to the Camp.

-Department of Michigan General Order #6-Department of Michigan for, March 28, 2015, location for this day will be the site of the Department of Michigan Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

Department of Michigan General Order # 1 informs Department of Michigan Camps that Dale Aurand installed 2015 Commander and that he has taken Command of the Department of Michigan. It provides contact E-Mails and addresses.

-Department of Michigan Officers for 2015:

-Commander- Dale Aurand, PCC

-Senior Vice Commander- Dean Lamphere Jr., CC

-Jr. Vice Commander-David Smith

-Treasurer- Bruce Gosling

-Secretary- Gerald L. Jacobs

-Council- Charles Worley, PDC

Kevin Lindsey, PCC

Bob Griggs, PCC

-Chief-of-Staff- Don Shaw, PDC

-Counsel-James B. Pahl, PC in C

-Chaplain- Charles Buckhahn

-Patriotic Instructor- Gary Granger, PCC

-Color Bearer- Edward Dowd PCC

-Signals Officer- Christopher Skillman

-Historian- Chris Cox

-Editor & Graves Registration Officer- Rick Danes PCC

-Guide-TBA

-Guard- Robert Payne

-G.A.R. Records Officer- Gary Gibson

-Civil War Memorials Officer- Bruce Butgereit PDC

-Eagle Scout Coordinator- Jerry Olsen

-Camp at Large Coordinator- Dennis Zank PCC

Aid de Camp- Keith Harrison PC in C

-Department of Michigan Encampment March 27-28, 2015 held in Lansing Michigan well attended by Camp # 17 Brothers.

XIV. Old Business:

Brother Gerry Grieve is on the Department of Michigan Civil War Committee. They are in the process of accumulating information on, and recording all Civil War Cannon located in Michigan. Camp # 17 responded indicating we will be happy to collect and provide desired information on any Civil War Cannon in our covered area. We have recently received a reply indicating possible cannon we need to try to, locate, research and obtain documentation.

XV. New Business:

Lansing Historical Society lists several events. They and Delta Township Library have indicated a desire of our presence. Patriotic Instructor Dave Arnold volunteers to contact them to determine exactly what, and when? He will let us know. One of the above listed, likely event dates Camp # 17 will be requesting volunteers is April 25, 2015. Please consider keeping that date open.

Commander Bankhead proposes to invite Eagle Scouts, deserving Awards, to attend the May 30, 2015 Camp #17 meeting. Eagle Scout Awards presented then.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-At the Camp # 17 meeting, November 25, 2014 a collection CD's of, "150th Civil War Anniversary", donated to Camp # 17. What should we do with them? No determination made at March 31, 2015 meeting. This will carry over to the next meeting.

-Brother Keith Harrison indicates the following:

-The 150th Commemoration of the Assassination of President Lincoln held on April 11-12, 2015 in Springfield, Illinois. Several from Camp # 17 plan attending. This is the 58th Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

-150th Anniversary of Appomattox is April 10-12, 2015. Some from Camp # 17 plan to attend.

-Eaton County Genealogical Society, recently, formed a Military Veterans Division to collect, and document all Eaton County Veterans. Any relative of a service person or a living service

person, who served, and lived in the Eaton County is encouraged to contribute service member information. All collected documents and information, scanned into Eaton County computers for preservation and linking to various web sites.

-Brother Ron Shull has inexpensive SUVCW Mouse pads available for purchase.

-"James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111 Memorial and Museum, Inc.", Eaton Rapids, Michigan has a G.A.R. post Card Exhibit as a special for the April 6, 2016 150th anniversary of the G.A.R.

-Brother Harrison mentioned, "Sponsorships", available for the "James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111 Memorial and Museum, Inc.", Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

-"James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111 Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc.", has several scheduled events. They are in need of volunteers to work days at the Museum when it is open. Additionally, volunteers needed in the future for purposes of scanning repository records. Please consider volunteering.

During the Department of Michigan Encampment Brother Bruce Butgereit indicated Civil War flags flown over Gettysburg veteran graves are available for sale. Each flag indicates the veterans name and contains a small can containing a piece of earth.

Congratulations to Brother Keith Harrison. He was a recipient of the, "Abraham Lincoln Award", at the Department of Michigan Encampment. Brother Harrison was deserving of the award for successfully getting the, "James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111 Memorial and Museum" up and running.

It mentioned that the federal government might have picked up the two missing Lansing Cannons. Brother James B. Pahl will be happy to investigate after he retires the end of April 2015.

-Congratulations are due Brother Jeremy Latchaw. Brother Latchaw was the recipient of the Annual, "Hope College Young Alumni Award".

Door Prize: Collection not taken.
XVII. Closing Ritual: The Camp
closed at 8:35 PM.

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Secretary

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