

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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## DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

### Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2015

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

Meeting followed another wonderful dinner at Brother Dana Traub's home. Thank you Brother Traub for again, hosting what has become the, Annual Camp # 17, Dinner and Meeting. 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, B. Benedict, D. Bankhead, G. Copenhaver, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, T. Hummer, J. B. Pahl, R. Payne, W. Peabody, R. Shull, D. Traub, and D. Zank.

**Officers Excused:** Mark Hoffman.

#### *III. Roll Call of Camp:*

Roll of the Camp not called.

#### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

-Brother Brian Shumway brought Karl Ost. Karl's Great Grandfather James Monroe fought with Company J, 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania. He wounded at Cold Harbor obtaining a Confederate Battle Flag. This action earned him the Medal of Honor.

-Brother Wendel Peabody had the following attend. Marley, and Beth Hilts, brought Kameron Conley Eagle Scout from Sunfield. Kameron Conley is offering to do Hall maintenance to earn

his Eagle Scout Badge. He will be scraping and painting the Outhouse.  
-Paul Arnold brought Sue Moore.

*V. Approval of Minutes:* Motion made to approve the July 28, 2015 meeting minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

*VI. Treasurers Report:* Treasurers Report dated July 28, 2015 to September 29, 2015. Treasurer James B. Pahl presented an overview of the report, Motion accepted for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Second. Motion passed.

#### *VII. Concern for Brothers:*

Concerns expressed for the following Camp # 17 Brothers: Laverne Aves, and Charles Bauer. Paul Hodges, in an E-Mail, states that after living in the same house for 47 years, he has moved to a senior living community. His new address is Independent Village of East Lansing, 2530 Marfitt Road Apt. 136, East Lansing, MI 48823. Brother Kenneth Rousseau is now in HOSPICE Care and needs of our prayers. John Shumway is still in need of our prayers. Commander Dave Bankhead indicates he has a bone biopsy scheduled. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all included on this extensive list.

#### *VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:*

Brother Harold Holcomb presented Barry C. Bohnet application for membership into Camp # 17. Barry Bohnet resides in Lansing, Michigan. He indicates his Civil War lineage is to Valentine Bretz his Great Grandfather who served in 21<sup>th</sup> Michigan Company A. Brother Holcomb indicates, he has reviewed, vetted the application and finds it in proper order for balloting. Motion made to accept the candidate into membership. Second.

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

The ballot for membership taken, by show of hands. Commander Bankhead announced Camp # 17 has a new Brother, Barry C. Bohnet.

#### *X. Initiation of New Brothers:*

Brother Bohnet, in an E-Mail, indicated he would be in England during the time of the September meeting but plans to attend the November, 2015 meeting.

#### *XI. Recess:*

We did not take a recess.

#### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Camp Council:** No report.

**Bylaws:** No report.

#### **Memorials and Graves Registration:**

Brother Gary Copenhaver reports he completed five graves registration.

**GAR Monuments:** No report.

#### **Eagle Scouts Certificates:**

No report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Veterans Day:** Veterans Day is November 11, 2015. No Report

**Patriotic Instruction:** No Report.

#### **Program and Publicity:**

-The Seminar scheduled for October 27, 2015 is titled, "Canada and the Civil War", by Mike Unsworth. The planned Seminars held at the United Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan. The event scheduled for 7 PM.

-Many in Camp # 17 attended and participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Jackson Civil War Cascades Muster August 22-23, 2015. Brother Keith Harrison recognized for his years of service as Commander. He decided it was time in life to give up his Commander position. He will now concentrate his efforts at the G.A.R. Hall Memorial and Museum.

**Hall Restoration:** Roof flashing completed. We hope this is the final work needed at the Hall to solve the roof leaks. Sunfield Boy Scout Kameron Conley will be scraping and painting the outhouse.

**Memorial Day Activities:** No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

*XIII. Orders and Communications:* -- SUVCW National issued the following General Orders;

-# 28 Revokes the Charter of General Ellis Camp # 3 Asheville, North Carolina.

-# 1 Change of Command; Eugene G.

Mortorff is 2015-2016 National Commander and Chief.

-#2 Allied Orders Leadership 2015-2016.

-#3 Regarding- Living Real Sons; In Michigan we are fortunate to have living real son Harold Becker Rockford, Michigan.

-SUVCW Official: New ROTC Award Application is available. Camp # 17 needs to pursue worthy individuals.

-Department of Michigan issued General Order;

-#4 Brother Bruce Butgereit resigned his appointed position as Department of Civil War Memorials Officer. Brother Dennis Fyke appointed to fill the open position.

#### *XIV. Old Business:*

-Brother Wendell Peabody had Kameron Conley a Boy Scout from Sunfield, Michigan attend the meeting. Kameron Conley gave details of plans to complete the needed scraping and painting of the Hall outhouse. Doing this will assist him in earning his Eagle Scout rank. Thank you, Kameron.

-Brother James Pahl is working on the Camp # 17 portion of the project, assigned by the Department of Michigan, to Document all Civil War Cannons, in Michigan. He states, he has completed photographing and documenting five Civil War Monuments, and five Civil War Cannons located in Camp # 17 area. He will continue to pursue the remaining few.

#### *XV. New Business:*

-Camp # 17 Brothers participated in the Parade in the Annual Sunfield Picnic Celebration, held August 13 to 15, 2015.

The Old G.A. R. Hall open to visitors 10 AM to 2 PM. Parade at 12 PM.

-ROTC award contacts - Brother Keith Harrison has a contact at MSU. He indicates the contact is Rose Baxter. Brother Steve Latchaw, in an E-Mail, states his son Jeremy Latchaw is ROTC Instructor at WMU and a contact there.

-Brother Dana Traub was host to another great Camp # 17 dinner. The location was his home just outside of Sunfield. Camp # 17 Brothers, always, looks forward to attending his banquets. Thank you Brother Traub. The Camp # 17 meeting held in the adjacent room immediately following dinner.

-Brother Bruce Benedict has, "G.A.R. Grand Army of the Republic Samuel Grinnell Post # 283", recently published books for sale.

-Brother Robert Payne is seeking candidates for 2016 Camp #17 Offices. If you desire to hold a 2016 Camp #17 Office, please contact him. Camp # 17 elections are at the November 24, 2015 meeting. Camp #17 current Officers are hoping newer Brothers will step forward and seek a position.

-Saturday, October 10, 2015, Sunfield will hold a ghost walk at the local cemetery. Camp # 17 Brothers requested, as volunteers to tell about individual Civil War Soldiers buried there. Commander Bankhead will work out plans with the Sunfield Historical Society.

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

-Jim Pahl attended the National

Encampment August 20 – 23, 2015 held in Richmond, VA. The ROTC award was one item to evolve. The 2016 National Encampment is in Springfield, Illinois, and 2017 National Encampment is in Lansing, Michigan.

-"James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111, Memorial and Museum, Inc.", Eaton Rapids, Michigan;

-Brother Keith Harrison passed out "Certificates of Appreciation", to individuals who volunteered at various times, helping out the Memorial and Museum in some way

-"Sponsorships", are 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. The next event is the October 13, 2015 presentation titled, "Radical Republicans and their influence before and during the Civil War". The presenter will be Elizabeth Ann Homer.

Volunteers, needed, 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.

**Door Prize:** Camp # 17 collected \$46.00.

*XVII. Closing Ritual:* The Camp closed at 8:10 PM.

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