



# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Meeting Times**

**Lansing/Sunfield  
Curtenius Guard  
Camp #17**

Meets the last Tuesday of  
January, March, July, September and  
November, and also on May 30th for  
Memorial Day Observances.

Meetings begin at 7pm & close about  
9:00 pm



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**115 Main St  
Sunfield, Michigan**

**<http://suvchw.org/mi/017/017home.htm>**

## **Our Goals and Purpose**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic, educational, and fraternal organization similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Its purpose of the SUVCW is to perpetuate the memory of the of the men who served honorably in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the Civil War (April 12, 1861 to April 9, 1865).

### **Soldier Grave Identification**



The SUVCW, through its Graves Registration Committee is working to register graves of those that served in the military during the Civil War. Some of our grave projects also involve the maintenance, repair, restoration, or replacement of Civil War veterans' tombstones.

### **G.A.R Record Preservation:**

A concerted effort continues to locate and preserve GAR Post records in order to make them available for research.



### **Who We Are**

The Lansing/Sunfield, Curtenius Guard, Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War consist of members who are the descendants of soldiers, sailors, marines & members of the revenue cutters service, who served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. The SUVCW was created in 1881 by the GAR (Union Veterans of the Civil War), and was congressionally chartered in 1954.

The Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 is named for a militia unit formed in Mason Michigan in Ingham County. The militia unit took its name from then Michigan's Adjutant General Frederick W. Curtenius, was formed prior to the outbreak of hostilities in 1861. Upon being mustered into federal service in 1861, the Curtenius Guard became Company B of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. The regiment fought gallantly as part of the Army of the Potomac during numerous battles during the Civil War.

The Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 meets at the Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Post #283 hall in Sunfield Michigan.

The hall is one of the last remaining original GAR halls in use in Michigan.

## **Goals and Purpose Cont.**

### **Monument Preservation**



The Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 also works to locate, preserve & restore GAR Monuments & Memorials that were erected to honor our fallen ancestors. Rededication ceremonies accompany the restorations.

### **Parades & Ceremonies**

As the legal heir of the GAR, we encourage public remembrance of our Civil War ancestors through participation in local events and parades. In particular, the Camp participates in local federally - recognized Memorial Day parades and ceremonies and in the GAR - established Memorial Day (May 30th) services at local cemeteries throughout Ingham, Eaton and Barry Counties.

