

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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## Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

### Meeting Minutes

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

The Brothers conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony in front of the GAR Hall in Sunfield, Michigan. We then proceeded inside and 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 7:10 PM.

#### II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brother Officers Present; D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, James B. Pahl, R. Payne, W. Peabody, G. Roux, R. Shull, B. Shumway, D. Traub, and D. Zank.

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

#### III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, M. Bennetts, and S. Church, J. Shumway

#### IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests present today.

#### V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made for approval of the March 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### VI. Treasurers Report:

Motion to approve the Treasurer Report as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

Treasurer read the Treasurer Report dated March 26, 2013 to May 29, 2013.

Treasurer indicates SUVCW National has not received a C-3 tax deductible status approval.

#### VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer, Paul Hodges, Ken Rousseau. Brother Rousseau has indicated he has hearing loss.

#### VIII. Reading of applications from candidates for membership:

No new applications.

Michael McLaughlin submitted his Transfer Form. His desire is to transfer into Camp#17. He is transferring from, "March to the Sea", Camp # 135, White Pigeon, Michigan. Keith Harrison made a motion to accept Michael McLaughlin transfer to Camp # 17. Second. Motion passed.

Welcome to Camp # 17 Brother McLaughlin.

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

No candidates to vote on.

#### X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new Brothers present to initiate.

#### XI. Recess:

We did not break.

#### XII. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council:** - No report.

**Bylaws** -No report.

**Memorials and Graves Registration:** - No 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. They will be working on preparing Certificates.

Bro. Steve Latchaw has indicated he is moving to Jenison, Michigan and has submitted his Resignation as Eagle Scout Coordinator. Resignation Accepted.

**Membership:** - No new applicants.

Brother Paul Arnold indicates Camp # 17 missed getting the Austin Blair Award at the Department of Michigan Encampment by one vote. We need to strive to obtain it this year.

**Veterans Day:** -No report.

**Military Affairs:** - No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - No report.

**Program and Publicity:** - Brother Mark Hoffman has a Civil War Seminar Program scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2013. Seminar held at The United Brethren Church, Sunfield, Michigan at 7PM. Program is titled, "Michigan at Gettysburg". Speaker is Dr. Roger Rosentreter.

Christopher Czopek produced an interesting documentary film about Native Americans that were in the Civil War.

**Hall Restoration:** – Brother Dave Bankhead has two local individuals willing to look at our building structure. He is indicating they are the type of professionals we need to inspect the beams and foundations under the Hall.

We have a leak back in the Hall front entryway. We thought the leak fixed. The recent rain was heavy. Maybe we need just observe for a few months.

#### Memorial Day Activities:

Camp # 17 Brothers were present at the following Memorial Day Events. Events we attended include:

-Mt. Hope Cemetery Ceremony well attended, including the News Media.  
-Little Arlington – We marched in one Flag. Speaker gave a very moving presentation of an Individual in Iraq.  
-United Brethren Church  
-Woodland Cemetery- A traditional Memorial Day Ceremony took place. It included; The Lake Odessa Band, reading of all War Veterans Buried in the Cemetery, placing of a Memorial Wreath, and a Military Salute.

**Grinnell Award:** - No Report.

#### XIII. Orders and Communications:

The Department of Michigan Encampment May 4, 2013 well represented by Camp # 17 Brothers. Congratulation extended outgoing

Department of Michigan Commander Paul Arnold for a job well done. Commander Arnold turned the gavel over to the new Department of Michigan Commander Paul Davis. We also, want to extend a job well done to Department of Michigan Guide Bruce Benedict.

**XIV. Old Business:**

No old business to report.

**XV. New Business: -**

-Saturday, June 1, 2013 Camp # 17 will participate in the Lansing, Michigan Event, "Be a Tourist in Your own Home Town". We will be participating by being at Mt. Hope Cemetery at the Soldiers Lot/Civil War section of the Cemetery. We will provide historical detail about the Civil War and Soldiers buried there.

-The other part of the Tour Event we will participate in is at the Michigan State Capitol. A Band will play music from the Civil War era for the pleasure of those who stop by.

-Saturday June 8, 2013 Mt. Hope Cemetery we will do a Headstone Dedication held for Civil War Veteran Randall. A Headstone placed. He served with the 102<sup>nd</sup> Color Guard.

-Saturday, June 15, 2013 Camp # 17 invited to the Flag Day Event held at Fish Hatchery Park in Hastings, Michigan. A picnic and the promised speaker is Patrick Henry.

-Brother Keith Harrison mentioned the upcoming November 16, 2013

rededication of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Detroit and the November 23, 2013 Annual Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg. This year in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the state of Michigan, Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and Michigan History Partners will be holding a special commemoration at the graves of the Michigan soldiers buried at Gettysburg. All Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial events may be found by going to this web site.

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

-Brother Dave Bankhead read a letter received from Eagle Scout Dakota Lee Greig-Berends of Boy Scout Troop# 157 in Sunfield, Michigan. He is asking for a \$100.00 project donation. The requested money is for materials to construct a map of the local Cemetery. Motion made by Brother Bankhead to donate \$100.00. Second. Motion Passed.

**XVI. Good of the Order:**

Moment of silence held for the following Brothers who have recently passed. They include Charles Langworthy, Brian Mac Vean, and Ric Green

Brother Paul Arnold presented the Ribbon received at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois.

Brother Arnold indicates that to maintain the Mt. Hope Cemetery Soldiers lot.

The following needed;  
-reseed the area  
-better lawnmower  
-Headstones need cleaning.

A GAR/WRC Flag Stand present to Camp # 17. The stand donated by the Bellevue Historical Society. There desire to place it at a location where it will be preserved and maybe utilized. The stand came from the old GAR Hall located in Bellevue. Stand had been in the Masonic Temple in Bellevue since there GAR Post closed.

Door Prize: None collected.

**XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:**

No Report.

**XIV. Closing Ritual:** The Camp closed at 8:40PM.

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