

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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

### Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2013  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
115Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Dennis Zank assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent Officers by appointment Pro Temp.

#### I. Opening Ritual:

This September 24, 2013, dinner, and meeting held at Brother Dana Traub barn. Brothers and guests enjoyed wonderful dinner. Thank you to Brother Traub for the use of his facilities, and to the women who prepared the meal. Following dinner Camp Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:25 PM. The meeting held in the adjacent room of the barn.

#### II. Roll Call of Officers:

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

Brothers Excused: J. Armstrong, L. Aves, W. Cole Jr., M. Haines, R. Hamilton, K. Harrison, N. Harrison, M. Hoffman, P. Hodges, J. Latchaw, J. Nash, J. A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, G. Roux, J. Shumway, and W. Zowe.

#### III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present include P. Arnold, C. Bauer M. Bennetts, T. Copenhaver, C. Czopek, A. Deardorff, T. Hummer, and J. D. Park.

#### IV. Welcome to Guests:

Sue Moore was a guest of Brother Paul Arnold.

**V. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made to approve the July 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp Treasurer James B. Pahl read the Treasurers Report dated July 30, 2013, to September 24, 2013. Treasurer indicated funds spent restocking the supply of SUVCW Member Badges. Members may acquire needed badges from the Camp # 17 inventory. Motion made to approve the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers; Laverne Aves, and Paul Hodges. Brother Hodges writes, indicating both he and his wife are having health issues. He states he is unable to make it to meetings. George Roux is recovering from multiple bypass heart surgery. John Shumway has recently moved from a hospital to a rehabilitation facility in Wayland, Michigan.

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

Camp # 17 did not have any new applications for membership today.

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

Camp # 17 did not have any candidates for membership to vote on today.

#### X. Initiation of New Brothers:

Camp # 17 did not have any new Members to initiate at this time.

#### XI. Recess:

We enjoyed the cake provided and decorated to celebrate the, "Thirty Year Anniversary of Camp # 17".

Brother Chris Czopek presented the 18 minute, short version of the film, "The Road to Andersonville". This interesting film produced by Brother Czopek, is a documentary, showing the involvement of Native Americans during the Civil War, and about Native Americans captured and sent to Andersonville Prison. Some of those captured died there and buried there. These graves were unknown to there Michigan Native American Ancestors until Brother Czopek research made the graves known. Traditional American Indian

burial ceremonies never performed. Brother Czopek and his filming crew followed a group of American Indians as they made the long journey from Northern and Central Michigan to Andersonville to perform final tribal burial ceremonies. They allowed to film of a portion of the secret burial ceremony.

The National Park Service, involved in this event has since published a book about American Indians in the Civil War. The book is available at all National Park Book Stores.

Following the movie, Brother Chris Czopek presented with SUVCW, "Meritorious Service Award". Congratulations on your achievement Brother Czopek.

#### XII. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council:** – No report.

**Bylaws** - No report.

**Memorials and Graves Registration:** – We attended a meeting held in Lansing. Completed 18 graves registrations since our last meeting. There were no Memorials to report.

**GAR Monuments:** – No Report.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates:** – Brother Dave Bankhead provided the following report. We plan to invite all the Boy Scouts that are to receive Certificates and Awards to the November 26, 2013 Camp # 17 Meeting. Certificates will be awarding for there individual accomplishments at that time.

**Membership:** - No new applications.

**Veterans Day:** - Camp # 17 Brothers will Participate in, the Detroit Veterans Day Parade November 9, 2013, Annual Veterans Day Massing of Colors November 10, 2013, 702 W. Kalamazoo Lansing, Michigan, and the Veterans Day Parade Mason, Michigan on November 11, 2013.

**Military Affairs:** - No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - A general concern for our country stated, asking all Brothers to, "Please pray for our

country's future".

**Program and Publicity:** - Dave Smith will be giving the next Civil War Seminar. Topic announced later. The Seminar will be a presentation at The United Brethren Church, Sunfield, Michigan on October 29, 2013.

**Hall Restoration:** – No Report.

**Memorial Day Activities:** - No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** - No Report.

**XIII. Orders and Communications:**

The 2014 Department of Michigan Encampment is March 30 and 31, 2014.

An E-Mail from Brother Keith Harrison requests that Camp #17 approve a nominal donation to the new, "G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum". He further indicates that other Camps have been donating \$100.00. The Museum is located at 224 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827. Brother Paul Arnold made a Motion to donate \$100.00 to the, "G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum". This donation amount will provide Camp # 17 a Charter Membership. Second. Motion passed.

The, "G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum", is having an open house on September 26, 2013 from 5-8 PM. All Camp # 17 Brothers are cordially invited.

**XIV. Old Business:**

We did not have any Old Business to report.

**XV. New Business: -**

SUVCW National Commander issued General Order #3. This General Order is to protect minors who are participating in any SUVCW activities nation wide.

Motion made by Dave Bankhead to purchase a power point projector. Second. Motion made to table the motion. Second. Motion passed to table.

**XVI. Good of the Order:**

Brothers attending were this year, again, provided a great dinner at Brother Traub barn. Again, thank you Brother Traub for use of your facility and for all the effort you and your food preparation people put forth to host Camp # 17 again this year.

The fourth annual Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners

Reenactors Conference is November 9, 2013. To be held at "Michigan Historical Center", 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan, 10 AM to 4 PM. To find the latest up to date information log on to our Camp # 17 website.

Door Prize: Camp # 17 collected \$36.00.

**XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:**

No Report.

**XIV. Closing Ritual:** The Camp closed at 9:07 PM.

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