

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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

### Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2014  
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:

Camp Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:10 PM.

#### II. Roll Call of Officers:

*Brothers Present: B. Benedict, G. Copenhagen, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James B. Pahl, R. Payne, B. Shumway, R. Shull, D. Traub, D. Zank.*

*Brothers Excused: J. Armstrong, L. Aves, D. Bankhead, C. Bauer, W. Cole, T. Doty, M. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, P. Hodges, M. Hoffman, J. Latchaw, S. Latchaw, J. Nash, J.A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, D. Rehkopf, S. Recline, J. Shumway, W. Zowe.*

#### III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, M. Bennetts, T. Copenhagen, A. Deardorff, T. Hummer, D. Thompson

#### IV. Welcome to Guests:

Department of Michigan Commander Paul Davis is attending. He will install Camp # 17 2014 Officers. Brother Davis guided to a front row seat. Brother Phillip Cripe of Marching to the Sea Camp # 135 is attending.

**V. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made to approve the minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer, James B. Pahl indicated that, if needed, we have

enough in the benevolent fund to cover three members Annual Dues.

Brother Pahl passed out the Camp # 17 November 26, 2013 - January 27, 2014 and January 28, 2014 to March 25, 2014 Treasurers Report.

Completed January - December 31, 2013 Finance Statement, was handed out. The Annual Finance Statement includes a detailed report of our finances. He further indicates necessary tax form 990n filed, and that the Camp # 17 Annual Financial Audit completed March 25, 2014.

Motion to approve the Treasurers Reports as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

Brother Wolfe Zowe has requested a discharged for health reasons. Motion made to give Brother Wolfe Zowe an Honorable Discharge. Second. Motion passed.

Regarding 2014 Camp # 17 Roster and Dues. Motion made to report to the Department of Michigan the full remaining Camp #17 Roster and to resolve any financial issues later. Second. Motion passed.

Camp # 17 extends a thank you to Brother Pahl for all the hard work.

#### VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, D. Bankhead. Brother Bankhead daughter Marcilyn Kay Bankhead passed away March 24, 2014. Concerns expressed for the Bankhead family. A sympathy card obtained, and signed by everyone attending the meeting. Arrangements are pending. We learned of this just before the meeting. Additional, concerns expressed for Charles Bauer, Paul Hodges, and Tom Doty. Brother Doty is suffering from cataracts. Brother Mark Hoffman has promising results on tests performed. John Shumway is in assisted living in Wayland.

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

Camp # 17's has received transfer into Camp # 17 paperwork from Brother Phillip Cripe. He requests a transfer from Marching to the Sea Camp # 135 to Camp # 17. Motion for acceptance of Brother Phillip Cripe into Camp #17

membership. Second. Motion Passed. No other applications.

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

No candidates to vote on.

#### X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No New members to initiate.

#### XI. Recess:

General discussion took place.

#### XII. Committee Reports:

*Camp Council:* - No report.

*Bylaws* - No report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration:

The December 2014 meeting in Lansing cancelled due to weather. From November 2013 to March 2014, we completed 18 grave registrations. No memorials to report.

*GAR Monuments:* - No Report.

*Eagle Scouts Certificates:* - No Report.

**Membership:** - Brother Phillip Cripe transfer into Camp # 17 from Marching to the Sea Camp # 135.

**Veterans Day** - No Report .

*Military Affairs:* - No report.

**Patriotic Instruction:** - A request to Pray for our leaders to have the wisdom to navigate us through recent events.

**Program and Publicity:** - Camp # 17's next Civil War Historical Seminar Presentation Titled, "Little Known Civil War Battle in Florida", by Dave Jordan. The Seminar scheduled April 29, 2014 at The United Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan. The event held at 7PM.

#### Hall Restoration: -

The Hall roof is still leaking in the front entry.

#### Memorial Day Activities:

Memorial Day Events Camp # 17 will participate in include:  
-Mount Hope Cemetery, Saturday May 11, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

-Evergreen Cemetery right after the Mt. Hope Cemetery event.

-Lowell Michigan Veteran Monument Dedication;

We are accepting the invitation to be present at this special event. The event scheduled Memorial Day May 26, 2014. Brother David Thompson handed out the event plans. We will coordinate with the Lowell American Legion in dedicating a Memorial for a Civil War Navy Cannon. The dedication is on the parade route. This event requires our participation in the parade. Exact event details were included in a package handed out by Brother Thompson. A large Memorial Day attendance anticipated.

Motion made to make the Lowell dedication of the Civil War Cannon and Lowell Parade, Camp #17's primary 2014 Memorial Day event. This event is to be a one time special event. Camp # 17 Secretary to notify Woodland Cemetery that Camp # 17 will not be able to attend there 2014 Memorial Day Celebration. Second. Motion passed.

*Grinnell Award: No Report.*

### **XIII. Orders and Communications:**

Motion for Camp # 17 to take a lead role in Civil War Soldier David Emmons Headstone Dedication. He was a veteran of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. The Dedication is at the Webberville Cemetery. His family to select choice of Dedication dates of either June 14, 2014 or June 21, 2014. Second. Motion passed.

The Department of Michigan Encampment is May 10, 2014. It held at Great Lakes Christian College Lansing, Michigan.

### **XIV. Old Business:**

No old business.

### **XV. New Business:**

"Michigan History Magazine", published a nice article about the, "GAR Memorial Hall and Museum", in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Brother Keith Harrison is on the board. He gave a report of the progress of the Hall. Brother Harrison read a proposed resolution from the Camp requesting that Department consider the, "GAR

Memorial Hall and Museum", be considered as the Department's repository for its GAR and SUVCW artifacts and records. Motion made to adopt this resolution. Second. Motion passed. Both Brother Harrison and Brother Pahl abstained from voting due their involvement in the, "GAR Memorial Hall and Museum". A copy of the resolution was given to Camp Secretary Holcomb for transmittal to the Department and all its local Camps.

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

Brother Holcomb located, on the internet, an August 21, 1904 Sunfield, Michigan 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment Eaton County Battalion GAR Badge. He acquired the Medal and donating it to Camp # 17. We will need to find a wall hanging case for the Badge.

Several Brothers plan to attend the Memorial Service of Lincoln's Death held in Springfield Illinois. The date is April 12, 2014.

Have you paid your 2014 SUVCW dues? If not they are due. The amount is \$41.00. Treasurer is accepting payment today.

Department of Michigan Commander Paul Davis presented copies of a Unit Citation and uniform medals from the Commanding Officer of Sons of the Veterans Reserve (SRV) to members of Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR. Brother Davis asked Past SVR Commanding Officer Keith Harrison to assist in presenting the unit citations. Members of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan, SVR in the Camp who were recipients of the citations and medals were Brothers James B. Pahl, Robert Payne, Sigmund Reckline, and Ronald Shull. It was noted that a unit flag streamer also was presented to the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan at Gettysburg in November.

### **XVII. Camp 17 Officer Installation:**

Department of Michigan Commander Paul Davis was attending. He performed the installation of Camp # 17 Elected Officers and Appointed Positions for 2014. They include:

Camp Commander – David Bankhead, (His installation was delayed because of absence due to a death in his immediate family).

Senior Vice Commander - Dennis Zank PC

Junior Vice Commander - Brian Shumway, PC.

Secretary - Harold Holcomb

Treasurer - James B. Pahl PC, PDC, PC in C.

Camp Council -

Keith Harrison PC, PDC, PC in C.

Ron Shull, PC,

Dana Traub

Patriotic Instructor - William Haines

Chaplain – Robert Russell Payne

Color Bearer – Thomas Hummer

Guide - Bruce Benedict

Guard - Wendell Peabody

Graves Registration, & Memorials -

Gary Copenhaver

Counselor - James B. Pahl, PC, PDC, PC in C.

Eagle Scout Coordinator – Mark Hoffman

By-Laws - Dave Bankhead, & Troy Copenhaver

Hall Restoration - Dennis Zank, PC. & Dave Bankhead CC

Historian - Keith Harrison, PC, PDC, PC in C.

Membership – Brian Shumway, PC, & Keith Harrison PC, PDC, PC in C  
Memorial Day - Dave Bankhead, & one open position

Military Affairs - Dennis Zank, PC. & James B. Pahl, PC., PDC., PC in C.

Program and Publicity – William Haines & Mark Hoffman

Remembrance - Dave Bankhead, & one open position.

Signals Officer - Keith Harrison, PC, PDC, PC in C. & Dennis Zank, PC.

Senior Vice Commander Dennis Zank Resumed command due to the excused absence of New Commander David Bankhead.

**Door Prize:** Camp # 17 collected \$54.60.

### **XVIII. Patriotic Instructors Report:**

Brother Haines indicated he submitted a require report.

**XIV. Closing Ritual:** The Camp closed at 9:18 PM.

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**RESOLUTION**

**March 25 2014**

Whereas, the Department of Michigan has been in need of a home for its Grand Army of the Republic and its Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War artifacts and records for over 10 years; and

Whereas, the Department of Michigan has yet to find a suitable a central location for said artifacts; and

Whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum has since been established in the former James B. Brainerd GAR Post #111, located at 224 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids, and

Whereas, Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum has offered the Michigan Department to serve as the Department's repository for its Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War artifacts and records in such a fashion that the Department of Michigan retains both ownership and control over its property;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby petition the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to accept the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum's offer to serve as the Department's repository for its Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's artifacts and records; and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Department Secretary for placement onto the agenda, and to all Camps of the Department of Michigan for their consideration at the 125th Michigan Department Encampment in May 2014.

*This Resolution was adopted by the Brothers of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in regular meeting this 25th day of March 2014.*

Attest:

*Harold Holcomb*

Harold Holcomb, Secretary  
Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp 17  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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