

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Meeting Minutes:

July 26, 2016

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

The July 26, 2016 Camp # 17 Meeting held at the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Commander Robert Payne assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent Officers by appointment Pro-Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Robert Payne opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:09 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, B. Benedict, G. Copenhagen, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, R. Payne, R. Shull, and D. Zank.

Officers Excused: J.B. Pahl and, D. Traub

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests today.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the May 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurer James B. Pahl in an E-Mail indicates the following:

- No financial activity reported with the Office of Camp Treasurer since the last meeting, so no written report.

-Treasurer Pahl E-Mail further indicated

he filed the Camp # 17 Group Exemption letter with the National Treasurer in compliance with the request to help further the Order's application to the Internal Revenue Service for 501C3 status. A copy filed with our Department Chief of Staff.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Camp # 17 Brothers: Jon Armstrong, Laverne Aves, Gary Copenhagen, Paul Hodges, and John Shumway. Dave Bankhead has a cyst in his shoulder socket. Surgery anticipated this fall. David Thompson is working with a Heart Specialist. August surgery projected. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all on this extensive list.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

Application received for membership from Arthur Gordon Powers. His application presented by Brother Mark Hoffman..

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The Ballot Box was located, and a ballot taken. Arthur Gordon Powers voted into Camp # 17 membership. We hope to initiate him at the September meeting. Brother Hoffman will contact Brother Powers.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No candidate tonight.

XI. Recess:

Meeting recess not taken.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: No Report.

Memorials, and Graves Registration:

No report.

GAR Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report

Patriotic Instruction: Paul (Dave) Arnold Camp # 17 Patriotic Instructor

provided interesting information about Theodore Roosevelt. He survived loss of his mother, and wife on the same day, and an assignation attempt. While a child, April 1865 he watched Abraham Lincoln in a New York Parade. Theodore and Franklin were cousins. He was the first President to win the Nobel Peace Prize. He considered Father of the U.S. Navy.

Program and Publicity:

-Camp # 17 is looking for a seminar program for October 25, 2016. If anyone knows of possible programs please contact Mark Hoffman.
-The planned Seminars held at the United Brethren Church on West M-43 in Sunfield, Michigan. The events scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration: No Report.

Memorial Day Activities:

No Report.

Remembrance Day Activities:

No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-#16- Provides guidance to Camps, regarding geographical boundaries. It refers to National Regulations Section #6.

-#17- Suspends the Departments of Columbia, Iowa, Kentucky, and Vermont for delinquent reports.

-#18&19- Reinstate Kentucky and Columbia.

-#20- Proposes to change SUVCW recognized Memorial Day from May 30, to the day it is currently celebrated. This to be discussed, and voted on at the 2016 National Convention.

-#21- 2016 SUVCW Scholarships Committee names listed.

-#22- New IRS Regulations indicated. Camp # 17 is again in compliance.

-All, issued, National Orders are published in their entirety on the SUVCW National web site.

-SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following orders:

-#4- Department of Michigan Secretary Gerald Jacobs resigned. All correspondence to be directed to Department of Michigan Commander L. Dean Lamphere.

-#5 Flag Day - SUVCW sets aside a day each year to celebrate our Flag.

-#6- Department of Michigan Commander L. Dean Lamphere prepared and presented a Certificate of Appreciation and presented to Dennis Fyke for his support of the Department of Michigan June 8-11, 2016. He offered critical support in preparing Form 35 Annual Report for the Department of Michigan.

-#7-General Order details Department Command coordination.

XIV. Old Business:

-Civil War Memorials, and Cannons Documentation Project. Project assigned by The Department of Michigan. No Report presented today.

SUVCW National:

-Don Martin is running for the office of SUVCW National Commander and Chief. He is the current SUVCW National Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

-Donald Shaw is running for the office of National Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

-Charlotte Maple Hill Cemetery headstone dedication thought to be firmed up for September 18, 2016. We will be coordinating with the Jackson Camp # 7. It is for there ancestor.

XV. New Business:

-Daughters are requesting help to pay the utility bills at the Hall. Motion made for Camp # 17 to pay the Sunfield Hall utility bill if Daughters lack the funds to pay them. Second. Amendment; Camp # 17, needs to obtain a utility bill monthly accounting. Second. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

-Daughters have funds in an account that could be, made available to use to restore the cannon bases at the Hall. Present bases are sandstone and need repair.

-Discussion about acquiring one of the new G.A.R. flags for Camp # 17. Approximate cost \$385.00. Motion made to solicit donations from Camp # 17 members with a goal to raise the funds, and order the flag by the end of 2016. Second. Amendment to the motion stating that the donations go to the Camp General Fund if we come up short and don't order. Second. Amendment made to include, a pole, and base, with the flag purchase. Second. Both Amendments and the Motion passed.

-National Encampment is in Springfield, Illinois August 11-14, 2016.

-2017 National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.

-Discussion of National General Order # 20 to change Memorial Day from traditional May 30 to the day it currently celebrated. Motion made to draw up a resolution from Camp # 17 indicating that Memorial Day remain May 30 indefinitely. That resolution forwarded on to National with a request indicating the resolution read at the 2016 National Encampment. Second. Motion passed.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-A moment of silence held for all the recent Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

-Motion to place the funds raised in pass the hat tonight in the donation jar for the flag. Second. Motion passed.

-Harold Holcomb mentioned proud to be meeting at the old Brainard G.A.R Hall in Eaton Rapids where his Great Grandfather Eli Cook was a member. Eli Cook was in Berdan 1st U.S. Sharpshooter Company I. a Michigan Company. He was a Corporal at, "Gettysburg", and promoted to First Sergeant on the, "Battle Field of the Wilderness".

He kept extensive field notes that Hiram Berdan requested, and provided Charles Stevens to write the book, "Berdan U. S.

Sharpshooters". The field notes are missing.

-August 20, 2016 Camp # 17 will participate in the Annual Sunfield, "Summer Picnic". Parade kicks off at 12 PM. We hope to have something to transport our Brothers. The Old Hall will be open to the public, both before and after the parade.

-The annual Jackson Civil War Muster takes place August 20-21, 2016. It mentioned we free up to attend the Muster Sunday August 21.

Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum:

-Tuesday July 19, 2016 "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall, and Museum sponsored a Free Civil War History Seminar, "When a Rose is not a Rose", by Judith Coebly. The Seminar was well attended and enjoyed by all. Program was about women in the Civil War.

-August 17 Civil War Discovery Camp opens, 9 AM to 3 PM, for children ages 8-14. The cost is \$20. A lunch provided.

- "2016 Sponsorships", are available for the "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc."

- Watch our web site for listings of future events.

- Volunteers, needed, to work days at the Museum when it is open. Additionally, volunteers needed for purposes of scanning repository records and typing. Please consider volunteering.

Pass the Hat: Camp # 17 collected \$216.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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