

## Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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### DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Meeting Minutes:  
November 29, 2016

Samuel W. Grinnell  
G.A.R. Post #283 Hall  
115 Main Street  
Sunfield, 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 7:05 PM.

#### *II. Roll Call of Officers:*

**Brothers Present:** P. Arnold,  
B. Benedict, D. Grimes, M. Hoffman,  
H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, J. B. Pahl,  
R. Payne, W. Peabody, and R. Shull.

**Officers Excused:** K. Harrison, D.  
Traub, and D. Zank.

#### *III. Roll Call of Camp:*

Roll of the Camp, not called.

#### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

Two guests present from Gov. Crapo  
Camp 145 Flint, Michigan. They are,  
Brother Dave Wallace Department of  
Michigan Chief of Staff, and Lloyd  
Lamphere Sr. Brother Wallace states he  
joined SUVCW at Camp # 17, 25 years  
ago and has returned for his 25th  
anniversary.  
Mark Hoffman invited Leland Howe,  
and Brian Shumway brought his brother,  
Michael Shumway.

#### *V. Approval of Minutes:*

Motion made to approve the September  
27, 2016 Meeting Minutes as  
transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### *VI. Treasurers Report:*

Treasurer  
James B. Pahl submitted the Treasury  
Report dated September 27, 2016 to  
November 28, 2016. Treasurer Pahl gave

a summary of the report. He is  
collecting 2017 Camp # 17 dues of  
\$41.00.

#### *VII. Concern for Brothers:*

Concerns expressed for the following  
Camp # 17 Brothers: We were pleased  
to see Laverne Aves in attendance.  
Concerns expressed for Gary  
Copenhaver, Paul Hodges and Dave  
Thompson. Brian Shumway reports John  
Shumway is doing better and expects to  
move to Caledonia. Dave Bankhead had  
surgery November 23, 2016 for the cyst  
in his shoulder socket. He reports he is  
doing well. Our thoughts and prayers go  
out to all on this extensive list.

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

We have two applications for  
membership. The applicants are, Michael  
Shumway, and Leland Howe.

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

The old ballot box was located and an  
individual ballot taken for each new  
applicant.  
The result tabulated. Commander Payne  
announced Michael Shumway and  
Leland Howe accepted into Camp # 17.  
The new Brothers welcomed into Camp  
# 17 with a big round of applause.

#### *X. Initiation of new Brothers:*

Both new Brothers present they initiated  
into Camp # 17 membership. Another  
round of applause followed the initiation.

#### *XI. Recess:*

A meeting recess not taken.

#### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Bylaws:** No Report.

#### **Memorials, and Graves Registration:**

Brother Mark Hoffman gave the report  
in the absence of Gary Copenhaver. He  
reports we are just finishing Maple  
Grove Cemetery in Mason and expect to  
have around 40 newly identified,  
additional Civil War Veterans grave  
registrations to turn in.

**GAR Monuments:** No report.

#### **Eagle Scouts Certificates:**

No requests.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** Two new Brothers added  
to the Camp # 17 Roster.

#### **Veterans Day:**

We had a great turnout for the Mason  
Veterans Day Parade November 11,  
2016. Several playing Civil War Drums  
followed directly behind the Colors. We  
believe we were very impressive.  
Brother Tom Hummer followed in his,  
completely restored, 1961 light blue  
Cutlass convertible. Bill Haines rode  
with him. SUVCW signs affixed to the  
convertible.

-The State of Michigan conducted the  
Annual Veterans Day Massing of the  
Colors. This event held at the Michigan  
Historical Center 702 West Kalamazoo,  
Lansing, Michigan, 2 PM, November 6,  
2016. Three attended.

#### **Patriotic Instruction:**

Paul (Dave)  
Arnold Camp # 17 Patriotic Instructor  
provided the following. Dwight  
Eisenhower attended West Point, and  
played football there with Jim Thorp,  
until injured. Thorp became a large  
influence for Eisenhower.  
Eisenhower excelled in academics. He  
was top in his class and known for his  
ability in planning and logistics.  
Following WW-II he asked by both  
parties to run for President  
During Eisenhower's Presidency, we  
saw the creation of NASA, and the states  
of Alaska and Hawaii entered the union.  
Eisenhower acquired a large farm  
located on the West edge of the  
Gettysburg Battlefield. It donated, and  
now part of the Park system.

#### **Program and Publicity:**

-Camp # 17 is looking for seminar  
programs for 2017. If anyone knows of  
possible programs please contact Mark  
Hoffman. Due to a lack of programs, we  
are coordinating with The Michigan  
G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum  
helping them on seminars.  
The planned Seminars held at the United  
Brethren Church on West M-43,  
Sunfield, Michigan. The events  
scheduled for 7 PM.

**Hall Restoration:** No Report.

**Memorial Day:** No Report.

#### **Remembrance Day Activities:**

Several Brothers from Camp # 17  
traveled to Gettysburg for the November

19, 2016 Remembrance Day celebration. At least 5000 participated in the parade, service and various events. 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Rob Payne promoted to 2<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. Congratulations Brother Payne

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

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

-#6-Advises SUVCW Brothers to pay attention to all government actions and advise about any thing discovered that could concern SUVCW.

-#7-Passing of real son and Brother Ernest John Pool Col. John C. Boyer Camp # 67 Department of Illinois..

-#8- Mailing costs to send the, "Banner", to international members requires in an increase in Per Capita for those living overseas.

-#9-Kenneth Wright suspended by Department of Columbia.

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

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following orders:

-#10-A special Hearing conducted in the matter of SUVCW Michigan member Bruce Butgereit.

-#11-Brother Richard W. Denney of Marching to the Sea Camp # 135 to fill vacancy as new Department of Michigan Secretary.

-12- Bruce Butgereit expelled from SUVCW for two years.

-#13-Honors 153 year of Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address" and the dedication of, "The Gettysburg National Cemetery"

-All Department of Michigan General Orders published on the Department of Michigan website.

**XIV. Old Business:**

-We have agreed to help the Daughters with the utility bills. Motion made to give the Daughters, a one time, amount of \$100 to help with utility bills. We then need to sit down with them and see if additional assistance needed. Second.

Motion passed.

-A Civil War Memorials, and Cannons Documentation Project assigned by The Department of Michigan. Project is a work in progress but is currently taking a backseat to other important work.

- Total purchase amount for the G.A.R Flag is \$541.00. Flag will be on display at the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall and used for Camp # 17 events. Before tonight's meeting, we were short \$170.00.

**XV. New Business:**

-Since 1996 National has attempted to get a list of the last surviving son in each County. This, important project revived by National. Camp # 17 has committed to it. Information we have and believe correct for Ingham County shows the last Ingham County surviving Civil War Veteran was James A. Hamilton 12<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Company B. He passed away December 23, 1941 and buried in Deep Dale Memorial Gardens Lansing Michigan. We are seeking the individual in Eaton and Barry Counties. Brother Keith Harrison offers John Henderson as the last surviving Civil War Veteran in Eaton Rapids as the possible Eaton County person. He served with the 132<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The investigation will continue. This project continues to be a work in progress.

-Nomination and Election of 2017 Camp # 17 Officers: Motion made that if only one candidate nominated for the Officer position and unopposed to elect that nominated candidate as that Officer to fill the position when read from the slate of presented Officers. Second. Motion Passed.

Camp # 17 2017 Officers are:  
Robert Payne Commander  
Mark Hoffman Senior Vice-Commander  
Brian Shumway Junior Vice-Commander  
Harold Holcomb Secretary  
James B. Pahl Treasurer  
Keith Harrison Camp Council

Ron Shull Camp Council  
Wendel Peabody Camp Council

-Motion made to elect the first five individuals on the standing roster who do not have credentials as delegates and all other Camp # 17 Brothers attending as alternates to the Department of Michigan Encampment May 5, 2017.

**XVI. Good of the Order:**

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

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

-The November 22, 2016 seminar titled, Michigan at Antietam”, presented by Brian James Egan, Executive Producer at, “Henry Ford Museum”, and member of the, “Michigan Historical Commission”. Seminar was well attended and enjoyed by all attending.

- 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.

-Brian Shumway indicates the Veterans project in Hastings is proceeding and Camp # 17 invited to provide an Honor Guard for the dedication. Date yet, to be determined.

**Pass the Hat:** Camp # 17 collected \$159.00. Adding this to what we previously collected for the flag, we now have \$530.00 of the needed \$541.00 for the flag and accessories. It determined we place the order for the G.A.R. flag.

**XVII. Closing Ritual:** Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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