

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Meeting Minutes:  
January 31, 2017

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 at 7:05 PM, per the Ritual.

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

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

**Officers Excused** M. Hoffman, and D.  
Traub.

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

Roll of the Camp, not called.

### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

Guests present today: Department of  
Michigan Commander L. Dean  
Lamphere Jr. He indicates he has fond  
memories of Camp # 17, because he  
joined SUVCW at Camp # 17. Lloyd  
Lamphere Sr. and Steven Scott Martin  
from Lansing.

### *V. Approval of Minutes:*

Motion made to approve the November  
29, 2016 Meeting Minutes as  
transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

### *VI. Treasurers Report:*

Treasurer  
James B. Pahl submitted the Treasury  
Report dated November 29, 2016 to  
January 30, 2017, and, he submitted the  
2016 Annual Treasurers Report dated  
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.  
Treasurer Pahl gave a summary of both  
reports. Motion made to approve the

Reports as submitted. Second. Motion  
passed. Treasurer Pahl asked the  
Council to do the Annual Audit of the  
books. The Council completed the audit  
and approved the books January 31,  
2017. Treasurer Pahl 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 mentioned for Gary  
Copenhaver, and Dave Thompson. Brian  
Shumway reports John Shumway is  
doing better. He has moved to  
Caledonia. Dave Bankhead had surgery  
November 23, 2016 for the cyst in his  
shoulder socket. He held his arm up and  
rotated it to indicate he is doing very  
well. Mark Hoffman asked he excused  
from tonight's meeting to care for, and  
visit his failing Father. Our thoughts and  
prayers go out to all on this extensive  
list.

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

We have an application for membership  
from Steven Scott Martin. His lineage is  
to his third Great Grandfather Nathaniel  
L. Cooley 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Calvary  
Company F. He mustered in as Private  
August 20, 1864. He captured, and held  
in Andersonville Prison. He mustered  
out June 13, 1865.

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

The Old Ballot Box, being located, and  
ballots cast. Commander Payne  
announced Steven Scott Martin voted  
into Camp # 17.

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

New Brother Steven Scott Martin, being  
present, guided to the Alter and initiated  
into Camp # 17. Following the initiation,  
a big round of applause welcomed him  
into the Camp # 17.

### *XI. Recess:* We took a recess at 8:05 PM

### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Bylaws:** No Report.

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

Brother Mark Hoffman E-Mailed in a  
report. He reports we sent in several  
Grave Registrations. These completed at  
Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason,

Michigan.

**GAR Monuments:** No report.

### **Eagle Scouts Certificates:**

Brother Dave Bankhead reports -  
January 2017, we presented two Eagle  
Scout Certificates to deserving Eagle  
Scouts in Charlotte, Michigan.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** Steven Scott Martin  
added to the Camp # 17 Roster.

**Veterans Day:** No Report.

### **Patriotic Instruction:** Paul (Dave)

Arnold Camp # 17 Patriotic Instructor  
provided the following information  
about the White House. President  
Washington selected the location in 1791  
and the first cornerstone laid in 1792.  
He never lived there. John Adams was  
the first President to take up residence  
there. Adams moved into the unfinished  
house in 1800. During the War of 1812,  
the British burned the White House to  
the ground in the year 1814. Another fire  
took place there during the Hoover  
Presidency. Theodore Roosevelt, in a  
renovation, created the West Wing. Taft  
added the Oval Office. Truman forced  
out of the White House as the structure  
was determined to be unsafe and needing  
renovation. That renovation completed  
in 1952. Some trivia - A special  
cornerstone existed for the White House.  
Construction masons installed the  
intended White House cornerstone in an  
unknown location in the foundation. Its  
actual location remains a mystery.

### **Program and Publicity:**

-Brother Paul Arnold gave the report in  
Brother Mark Hoffman's absence. He  
announced Camp # 17 to sponsor a Civil  
War Seminar February 28, 2017.  
Seminar titled, "St. Albans Raid". The  
Raid took place in St. Albans, Vermont.  
The location is just fifteen miles, south  
of the Canadian border. St. Albans Raid  
continued for nine days in October 1864.  
The Seminar presenter is Rick Rolf.  
-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 Seminar held at the United

Brethren Church on West M-43, Sunfield, Michigan. The events scheduled for 7 PM.

**Hall Restoration:** No Report.

#### **Memorial Day:**

Memorial Day events we know we will participate in include:

- May 27, 2017, 11 AM Mt. Hope Cemetery Soldiers and Sailors lot.
- May 29, 2017, 10 AM Woodland Cemetery.
- Hastings Civil War Veterans Project - Time and date to be determined.

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

No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

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

SUVCW National issued the following General Orders:

- #10- General Order announces the passing of Past Commander in Chief Charles A. Kuhn. He was Commander-In-Chief 2008-2009.
- #11- General Order announces no by-laws revisions will be, approved without established restrictions for Brothers under age 18.
- #12- General Order answers some Form 50 questions about naming and forming new Camps.
- #13- General Order Encourages Camps to Share all the good work they do with National and others for the good of the order.
- All, issued, National Orders are published in their entirety on the SUVCW National web site.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following orders:

- #14-The Brothers of Gen. John Logan Camp #1 have voted to disband the Camp immediately. They have requested an Honorable Discharge. Their request accepted by the Department of Michigan.
- 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 \$35.00 utility stipend for each month we meet in the Old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall. Second. Motion to amend, to make payments for

just the months we meet at the Old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall during 2017. Camp # 17 to revisit this subject the beginning of 2018. Second. Amendment passed. 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.

- Commander Payne Reports: The G.A.R. Flag is on order. Flag will be on display at the Old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall and used for Camp # 17 events.

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

-Since 1996 National has attempted to get a list of the last surviving son in each County. At this meeting, Brian Shumway added the name of Hugh McLaughlin, to this ongoing article, as the last Civil War survivor for Barry County. He lived to the ripe old age of 103 passing away in 1943. 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. At a previous meeting, Brother Keith Harrison offered John Henderson as the last surviving Civil War Veteran living in Eaton Rapids. It is possible he is the last Eaton County Civil War, survivor? 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.

-Dave Arnold reports, David Holfinger had some of, "Charles T. Foster G.A.R. Post # 42", Lansing, Michigan artifacts. He, sometime ago, placed the artifacts with SUVCW Curtenius Guard Camp #17. Artifacts are currently located, at the, "Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Post Hall", Sunfield, Michigan. He informed Camp # 17 he would like to see these artifacts passed on to the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan and displayed for Museum visitors. Motion made That Camp # 17 loan these items to the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall

and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Second. Motion passed.

-Installation of 2017 Camp # 17 Officers preformed by, Department of Michigan Commander L. Dean Lamphere Jr. Camp # 17 2017 Officers and Appointed Positions include:

Robert Payne Commander  
Mark Hoffman Senior Vice-Commander, & Graves Registration and Memorials Officer  
Brian Shumway Junior Vice-Commander  
Harold Holcomb Secretary  
James B. Pahl Treasurer  
Keith Harrison Camp Council, & Historian  
Ron Shull Camp Council  
Wendel Peabody Camp Council, & Guard  
Paul Arnold Patriotic Instructor  
Dave Bankhead Eagle Scout Coordinator  
Steve Latchaw Chaplain  
David Grimes Color Bearer  
Bruce Benedict Guide

-The SUVCW 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment is August 10 to 13, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing Michigan. Volunteers needed to assist in making the Encampment a success. We encourage all Camp #17 Brothers to attend and to consider volunteering to assist in any way needed.

-SUVCW Department of Michigan Encampment is May 5-6, 2017 Encampment held at Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing, Michigan. A Registration Form may be located in the, "Michigan Messenger", on the SUVCW Department of Michigan Website Michigan.

-April 15, 2017 is the date of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. Several Camp # 17 Brothers plan to attend.

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

-Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne announced he is running for the Department of Michigan Office of Junior Vice Commander. Motion made Camp # 17 endorse Robert Payne for the Office of Junior Vice Commander for the Department of Michigan. Second. Motion passed. Motion made to send this endorsement to the Department of Michigan Encampment. The endorsement to show the Camp # 17

vote was unanimous. Second. Motion passed.

-Department of Michigan Commander L. Dean Lamphere Jr. asked to be, presented to the stage. He asked that all members present and belonging to the 14th Michigan SVR please stand. Commander Lamphere Jr. presented Robert Payne with his 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Second Lieutenant Bars for his recent promotion. A big Camp # 17 round of applause offered as congratulations to Robert Payne for his promotion.

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

-Brother Keith Harrison reports:

-The Harold Becker exhibit, currently, showing at the Museum.

-April 1-2, 2017 we have scheduled a Civil War G.A.R, artifact display event, and silent auction. –

On March 21, 2017 a is Seminar scheduled.

-“2017 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.

-Brian Shumway indicates the Veterans

project in Hastings is proceeding and Camp # 17 invited to provide an Honor Guard for the dedication. Dedication scheduled over 2017 Memorial Day weekend. We are to be notified of exact date and time.

**Pass the Hat:** Camp # 17 collected \$77.10.

*XVII. Closing Ritual:* Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 9:08 PM.

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