

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Meeting Minutes:  
March 28, 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 # 17 Commander Robert Payne  
opened the meeting at 7:09 PM.

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

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

**Officers Excused** M. Hoffman, and  
S. Latchaw.

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

Roll of the Camp - Not called.

### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

Brian Shumway brought Stephen Daniel  
Carr.

### *V. Approval of Minutes:*

Motion made to approve the January 31,  
2017 Meeting Minutes as transmitted.  
Second. Motion passed.

**VI. Treasurers Report:** Treasurer  
James B. Pahl submitted the Treasury  
Report dated January 31, 2017 to March  
27, 2017. Treasurer Pahl gave a  
summary of the report.

-Motion the remaining amount in the  
G.A. R. Flag, fund, transferred, to the  
General Fund and close the Flag Fund.  
Second. Motion Passed.

-Motion made, that those Brothers who  
have not paid their dues by April 1,  
2017, dropped from Camp # 17 roll.  
They may reinstate by paying 2017 dues

of \$41.00, plus a \$10.00 reinstatement  
fee before the end of 2017. Second.

Motion Passed.

-Motion made to approve the Treasurers  
Report dated January 31, 2017 to March  
27, 2017. Second. Motion passed.

### *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 has  
been having some seizures. He has  
moved to Caledonia. Dave Bankhead is  
doing very well. Mark Hoffman asked he  
excused from tonight's meeting to care  
for his mother who fell. We were sad to  
learn Brother William Steele passed  
away in April 2016. Our thoughts and  
prayers go out to all on this extensive  
list.

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

Brian Shumway has an application for  
membership from Stephen Daniel Carr.  
His lineage is to his Grandfather Jacob  
Clum who Mustered August 25, 1861  
into 38<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry Company C as a  
private and discharged September 10,  
1864 as a Private.

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

The Old Ballot Box was located, and  
ballots cast. Commander Payne  
announced Stephen Douglas Carr voted  
into Camp # 17 membership.

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

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

**XI. Recess:** Meeting recessed, at 7:45  
PM, a short time.

### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Bylaws:** No Report.

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

Brother Mark Hoffman, being unable to  
attend, sent in an E-Mail for his Report.  
The E-Mail report states, we completed  
and turned in another batch of Grave  
Registrations. These completed at Maple  
Grove Cemetery, Mason, Michigan.

**GAR Monuments:** No report.

### **Eagle Scouts Certificates:**

Brother Dave Bankhead indicates no  
report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** Stephen Daniel Carr  
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", and  
paranormal happenings there.  
Paranormal investigations determined  
President Lincoln spirit is wandering  
about. Andrew Jackson's ghost reported.  
Abigail Adams returns on occasion with  
laundry. Dolly Madison has a connection  
with the rose garden. Truman era spirit  
reported trying to set a bed on fire.

### **Program and Publicity:**

-The Camp # 17 Civil War Seminar held  
February 28, 2017 titled, "St. Albans  
Raid" enjoyed by all attending. The Raid  
took place in St. Albans, Vermont.  
Location is just fifteen miles, south of  
the Canadian border. St. Albans Raid  
continued for nine days in October 1864.  
The Seminar presenter was Rick Rolf.  
Brother Hoffman in his E-Mail indicated  
that the following two Civil War  
Seminars scheduled:  
-Bob Griggs confirmed to be the June  
2017 Civil War Seminar speaker.  
-October, 2017 Seminar speaker to be  
Mike Culp.  
Exact details about the two scheduled  
seminars will follow closer to the event  
time.  
-Camp # 17 is looking for seminar  
programs. 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, Lansing, Michigan, 10:30 AM, Mt. Hope Cemetery Soldiers and Sailors lot. Little Arlington Cemetery event follows, immediately after.

-May 28, 2017 Sunfield Michigan, 9:30 AM, Daughters Memorial Day event scheduled at the United Brethren Church Sunfield, Michigan.

-Hastings Michigan Veterans Tyden Park Project dedication.

Tyden Park is located on M-43 a few blocks north of the old Hastings Courthouse at the Thornapple River. The Exact date and time will be sent in an E-Mail when confirmed.

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

No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

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

SUVCW National issued the following General Orders:

-#14 - General Order provides a ruling regarding, "Virtual Camps".

-#15 - General Order provides a replacement Charter for one lost by James B. McPherson Camp # 1 Department of Missouri.

-#16 - General Order clears up a discrepancy found in General Order # 11.

-#17 - General Order reports the passing of real daughter Rachael Perine age 100 Parkersburg, W. VA.

-#18 - General Order # 18 reports the passing of Past Commander-In-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson.

-#19 - General Order # 19 warns Brothers about expressing controversial opinions under the SUVCW name and expressing opinions using the SUVCW emblem.

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

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following General Orders:

-#15 - General Order authorizes Lockwood, Camp # 139 of Alpena to disband.

-#16 - General Order provides information about the Department of Michigan Encampment May 6, 2017, Lansing, Michigan.

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

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

-A Civil War Memorials, and Cannons Documentation Project assigned by The Department of Michigan. Brother Pahl reports he continues to work on the project.

- The New G.A.R. Flag present and displayed at, tonight. It is slightly taller than the other Camp # 17 Flags. It is a great addition.

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

-We have a request to dedicate 48 G.A.R. Cemetery Flag Holders in Dansville, Michigan. The exact date and time not set, but desired before Memorial Day.

-A clean up of the Soldiers and Sailors lot at Mt. Hope Cemetery is required before Memorial Day. Dave Bankhead volunteered to work on obtaining someone to do the needed trimming of a large tree there. The tree has branches touching the Flag and damaging it. Clean up scheduled for May 20, 2017.

-Since 1996 National has attempted to get a list of the last surviving son in each County. Brother Pahl informs us National recently approved a star available to place on the last surviving Civil War Veteran grave in each County.

-Brother Keith Harrison presented Camp # 17 a 2017 a nice, "Sponsorship Certificate". Certificate recognizes the donation Camp # 17 recently made to the, "Michigan G.A.R Memorial Hall and Museum".

-Discussion about a need to repair the Flag Pole Ropes and Holders at the old G.A.R. Hall. Wendel Peabody volunteered to look into what repairs required, and if minor repairs, perhaps take care of them. Thank you Brother Peabody.

-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.

-Activities planed for those attending the National Encampment include:

-Thursday evening we plan to attend the Lansing, "Lugnuts", ball game.

-Day trip scheduled to tour the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum" Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

-Day trip to Sunfield for tours of the, "Old G.A.R. Hall", and the, "Welch Museum".

-Don Shaw is running for the National Office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Camp # 17 Brothers need to attend and to support him.

- The 2018 National Encampment is in Boston, MA.

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

-Commander Robert Payne is running for the Department of Michigan Office of Junior Vice Commander. Camp # 17 voted to endorse him at the January, 2017 Meeting.

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

Brother Pahl indicates you should expect the next issue of, "The Banner", the end of April 2017. A National Encampment Registration form will be in it.

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

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

-Brother Keith Harrison reports: March 21, 2017, 7 PM, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial and Museum Showcased a Seminar titled, "History of the 13<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Presenter was Mike Culp

-April 1-2, 2017 we will hold a 151st Commemoration of the G.A.R.

This is to celebrate the Michigan G.A.R. 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. A special artifact display and silent auction 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.

-Paranormal Society people invited to conduct a paranormal investigation at the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum". Several paranormal happenings occurred during there investigation. Some reported communication occurred with, Elizabeth Cook, a WRC member in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, with Eli Cook, and Thomas Favorite, Brainerd Post # 111 Eaton Rapids, Michigan G.A.R members. My name, Harold Holcomb, was said called out. I am the Cook's Great Grandson. Spirits were disturbed the current WRC area was not as large as it originally was. They asked about having President Cleveland bring back Confederate Flags.

The answer was a resounding no. The Paranormal Society will prepare and provide a report soon. We expect the report to be very interesting.

-Brian Shumway provided Camp # 17 an update on the Hastings Veterans Tyden Park project. He reports veterans recently renewed work on the new Veterans Memorial being installed near the entrance of Tyden Park Hastings, Michigan. It being built through, volunteer labor and donated funds. A plaza is being built around the base of the existing 42- foot memorial structure, which was, originally installed in the intersection of State and Broadway in 1887. It was relocated to the park in 1953 during the reconstruction and rerouting of state highways. The new memorial will fly eight flags. Flags include the American flag, flags

representing each branch of military, plus merchant marine and POW/MIA flags.

The project opening/ dedication ceremony is planned for Memorial Day, 2017. A Camp # 17 Honor Guard presence requested. Camp # 17 has scheduled this as a 2017 Memorial Day participation event.

**Pass the Hat:** Camp # 17 collected \$46.00.

*XVII. Closing Ritual:* Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:50 PM.

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