

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for
September 26, 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:

Commander Robert Payne opened the,
Camp # 17, meeting at 7:05 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

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

Officers Excused: M. Hoffman

III. Roll of the Camp:

Not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Department of Michigan Secretary
Dick Denney, L. Lloyd Lamphere
Commander Camp # 145, and Terrance,
(Terry), McKinch PCC of Camp # 145,
Timothy S. Kolean former member of
Camp # 1, and Dana Traub.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the July 25,
2017 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted.
Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl provided a
report dated July 25, 2017 to September
26, 2017. Motion made to approve the
report, as presented. Second, Motion
passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed, for the following,
Camp # 17 Brothers: The family of Paul
D. Hodges. Brother Hodges passed away
September 16, 2017. He was a valued
member and, will be, missed. Mark
Hoffman injured his rotator cup. Ken
Hershberger PDC who attended many
National Encampments passed away.
Brian Shumway states John Shumway is
doing much better. He is in Caledonia,
Michigan.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for membership:

Timothy S. Kolean is a new applicant.
He obtained an honorable discharge
from Camp # 1 December 13, 2016. His
Great Grandfather Jan R. Veen,
mustered into the Michigan 25th Infantry
August 16, 1862 with the rank of
Private. He, was, discharged June 26,
1865 as a Private.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The Old Ballot Box was located, and
Camp # 17 Brothers cast ballots.
Commander Payne announced Timothy
S. Kolean is a new member of Camp #
17.

X. Initiation of new Brothers:

Being a previous SUVCW member it
was determined an initiation for Timothy
S. Kolean unnecessary.

XI. Recess:

Commander Robert Payne, declared a
mid- meeting recess. Brother Harrison,
brought in, a, Fifth Anniversary
Celebration cake for the, "Michigan
G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum".
The Brothers enjoyed it. Thank you,
Keith Harrison.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

No Report.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: Eagle Scout
Kameron Conley painted the Old G.A.R.
Outhouse in 2015. He agreed to do this
project to obtain Eagle Scout. Camp # 17
prepared an Eagle Scout Certificate for
him. Cameron Conley is working nights
and unable to be at a meeting. Brother
Bankhead will attempt to meet him for

lunch and present the Certificate to him.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instruction: Paul (Dave)
Arnold Camp # 17, Patriotic Instructor
had Dana Traub bring his old cylinder
record player so he could play some old
cylinder recordings he has.

-The first song, **The Vacant Chair**,
played to honor Brother Paul Hodges
who just passed away.

-Next song, Finches, **The Blue and The
Gray**. It gives the history of Memorial
Day

-Last song he played, **The Grand Army
of the Republic Patrol**.

Program and Publicity:

-A Civil War Seminar is, scheduled for
October 24, 2017. Mike Culp will be
presenting on the 13th Infantry.

-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.

At this time, we are uncertain of where
the seminar will be, held? Watch your E-
Mail.

Hall Restoration:

The Old G.A.R. Hall entry door
threshold and window frame have
deteriorated. We have a problem it needs
repaired. Please see the Camp # 17
motion under, "Old Business", below.

Memorial Day:

No report.

Remembrance Day Activities:

Brother Pahl will be traveling to
Gettysburg for Remembrance Day
activities. He invites Camp # 17 Brothers
to consider joining him.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

General Orders # 26-31 include
Meritorious Service Awards presented,
at the August 2017 National Convention
in Lansing, Michigan. They follow:

-#26 -Meritorious Service Award presented to Dexter Bishop who helped organize and has been president for 25 years of the Gen. Lander CWRT. Award presented to him during the SUVCW National Convention in Lansing Michigan August 2017.

-#27 -Terry Ray Dryer PDC awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award during the National Convention Lansing, Michigan.

-#28 -Meritorious Service Award presented to Nick Camp for re-organizing the Illinois SUVCW and bringing Illinois SUVCW back after it had dropped out of existence several decades ago.

-#29 -Meritorious Service Award presented to David McReynolds PDC of the Department of Tennessee, for superior performance in the accomplishment of the ideals and principles of SUVCW during the period June 1, 2014 until May 15, 2017.

-#30 – Meritorious Service Award presented to Donald Palmer PC-in-C Department of Missouri. He chairman of the committee to preserve and restore the monuments at Vicksburg.

-#31 -Meritorious Service Award presented to Henry E. Shaw Jr. PCC. He has continuously made significant contributions to the order during his twenty years of service.

-#32 -Lists the Awards presented at the 136th National Convention in Lansing, Michigan August 10-13 2017.

-#33 –The state of Idaho returned to the Department of Colorado/Wyoming.

-#1 -Thank you to all Brothers helping, make the National Convention a success. Commander in Chief headquarters transferred to Mullbury Place Lynchburg, Virginia. 24502.

Congratulation to the new Presidents of the Auxiliary, WRC, and Daughters. General Order directs Brothers to become familiar with SUVCW policy on the Confederate Flag.

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

-#2 -Individual Brothers and Camps need to refrain from getting involved in acting as a media spokesperson, or agent for SUVCW regarding removal of veteran monuments.

-#3 -Ruling on using hyphenated names when forming a new Camp.

-#4 -This General order reports multiple National Committee assignments.

SUVCW Department of Michigan, issued the following Department Orders:

-#8 -Department of Michigan expresses appreciation to the Michigan Brothers for making the 2017, “National Encampment”, a success.

-#9 -Appreciation and gratitude expressed to all Department of Michigan Brothers who took part in the G.A.R. Monument, Memorial Dedication on Mackinac Island August 19, 2017.

-#10 & 11 -Guidance provided on IRS Form 990 compliance, non-compliance, and Camp suspensions.

-#12 -U.S. Grant Camp # 67 Department of Michigan reinstated.

-#14 -Frederick H. Hackerman Camp # 85 reinstated.

-#13-Past Department of Michigan Commander Paul D. Hodges and Camp # 17 member passed away September 16, 2017.

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

XIV. Old Business:

-Motion to allow Brother Bankhead to locate a contractor and pay him up to \$300.00 for repairs to fix the Old Hall front door sill. Second. Motion amended to allow him to contact the Camp Council if necessary for additional funds. Second. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

-The Department of Michigan had the largest turnout at the 2017 National Encampment in over 40 years. Congratulations to Camp # 17 Brothers who participated in helping make it a successful encampment.

-August 19, 2017 - Some Brothers attended the Sunfield Farmers picnic and Parade and some traveled to Mackinaw Island for the Memorial Dedication of the G.A.R. Monument.

XV. New Business:

A discussion took place on alternative places to hold our October 24, 2017 seminar. At this time, it is uncertain if we will be able to hold the October 24, 2017 seminar at the United Brethren Church.

-Brother Latchaw indicates he is working on nominations for Officers for 2018.

-Department of Michigan Commander David Smith has asked Dave Arnold to install our 2018 new Officers. Brother Arnold has notified him he will be happy to be the Installing Officer.

- National has notified us several Brothers lost homes during the recent hurricanes. Motion to send \$100.00 plus the money collected tonight to National SUVCW for Hurricane Relief. Second. Motion passed.

- The 2018 National Encampment is in Boston, MA.

-Brother Terrance, (Terry), McKinich PCC, of Governor Grapo Camp # 145 is present. He asked for the floor. He announced his candidacy for the 2018 Office of Junior Vice Commander Department of Michigan. He is asking for Camp # 17's support.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Brother Harrison indicates the tours during the National Encampment were well attended and enjoyed by those attending.

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

-Brother Keith Harrison reports:
-The Annual Civil War Discovery Camp held August 16, 2017 was a success. Encourage children you know to consider attending next year.
-September 24, 2014 we held our, “5th Anniversary Celebration”. We showcased, “Lincoln Memorialized - Early Monuments to the 16th President”. The speaker was Bruce Butgereit. His speech was very interesting and enjoyed by all in attendance. Many Lincoln monument photos were shown and history given.

-November 21, 2017, (7 PM), “Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum”, (224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan), will be presenting a program on, Michigan role and significance at Antietam. The two presenters will be State of Michigan History Commissioners and Civil War Historians and Authors Brian Egan, and Jack Dempsey. They will be discussing their recently published book entitled,

“Michigan at Antietam”. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the program.

-The Museum currently has several items available for purchase by anyone. Items are to help generate funds to support the Museum.

-“2017 Sponsorships are available for the “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum”.

- 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.

-Camp # 145 Commander L.Loyd Lamphere invites Camp # 17 Brothers to attend the Camp # 145 Christmas dinner December 9, 2017. He, request, you contact him in advance to let him know you will be there.

-November 4, 2017 is Michigan’s Annual Reenactors Conference. Conference will be, held at the Michigan Historical Center 702 West Kalamazoo Lansing, Michigan, time 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

-November 5, 2017 is the Annual Friends of Michigan, Inc. Veterans Day Massing of the Colors. The location is the Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan. Time is 2:00 - 4:00 PM. The Camp, was, asked to provide, if possible, its three Colors. It, was, noted that we have two halters. Keith Harrison, a member of the sponsoring organization, will have other responsibilities during the event and will not be able to serve as one of the flag bearers. If you can participate, please contact Camp # 17 Commander Payne, who has our flags and two of three needed flag halters. The speakers and program being finalized for that event

will be will be good ones. All Brothers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

-Brother Arnold indicates a Veterans Day Parade is scheduled November 11, 2017 in Mason. Parade staging time will be, announced closer to the time of the event. Parade kicks off at 3 PM. Camp # 17 intends to participate and to march in the parade.

Pass the Hat: Pass the hat collected, \$103.00. We will be sending \$203.00 to National for Hurricane Relief.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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