

## Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for  
January 30, 2018.

Samuel W. Grinnell  
G.A.R. Post #283 Hall  
115Main 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, 7:00 PM.  
A Memorial service for Brother Dennis  
Zank followed. He passed away January  
8, 2018.. May you rest in peace Brother  
Dennis Zank.

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

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

**Officers Excused** S. Latchaw.

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

Not called.

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

One guest, Bob Griggs, Department of  
Michigan, Senior Vice Commander.

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

Motion made to approve the November  
28, 2017 Meeting Minutes, as  
transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### *VI. Treasurers Report:*

-Treasurer James B. Pahl provided a  
report, dated November 28, 2017 to  
January 29, 2018, and the Annual  
Treasurers Report dated January 1, 2017  
to December 31, 2017. Motion made to  
approve the reports, as presented.

Second, Motion passed.

-Commander Pahl is collecting 2018  
Camp # 17 dues tonight.

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

Concerns expressed, for the following,  
Camp # 17 Brothers: Mark Hoffman  
indicates he is doing well. Commander  
Payne broke a Thumb, and his wife  
injured her shoulder. This happened  
while on vacation. Concerns expressed  
for John Shumway.

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

No applications tonight.

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

No candidates to initiate.

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

No one to initiate.

#### *XI. Recess:*

No meeting recess.

#### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Bylaws:** Brother James B. Pahl  
presented Camp # 17, proposed, Article  
XV, Section 1-5, By-Laws change.  
Please see the, (Attached Document).  
We have to vote on this change, as a  
Camp, at the March 27, 2018 Meeting. If  
accepted Curtenius Guard Camp # 17  
hopes to obtain 501-(C)3 Internal  
Revenue, status.

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

-Brother Hoffman presented a detailed  
Graves Registration Report. Please see  
his , (Attached Report). Thank you,  
Brother Hoffman for doing a great job in  
2017 and for, agreeing to continue in  
2018.

**G.A.R. Monuments:** No report.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates:** No Report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Veterans Day:** No Report.

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

Arnold shared some unusual facts about  
President Woodrow Wilson:  
-When he was a child Union Civil War  
troops entered his town in Georgia.  
-He graduated college at Princeton, and  
became President of Princeton in 1902

-He had little political experience, but  
elected New Jersey Governor in 1910.  
Two years, later he elected President  
against divided factions.

-President Wilson had health issues,  
including strokes in 1919. His health  
problems led to a Constitutional change.  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted.

-He involved in "The League of  
Nations" The stress of his involvement  
thought to have directly caused some of  
his health issues.

-He made the first National Radio  
Broadcast, as President.

-Wilson is the only U.S. President buried  
in Washington D.C.

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

-We have a great slate of Civil War  
Seminar scheduled for 2018:

-February 27, 2018 Seminar title is,  
"Michigan at Antietam". The speaker is  
Brian Egan.

-April 24, 2018 Seminar titled, "Mexican  
War Veterans in the Civil War". The  
speaker is Paul Scheidler.

-June 28, 2018 Seminar titled, "13<sup>th</sup>  
Michigan Infantry". The speaker is Mike  
Culp.

-October 30, 2018 -We need a program.  
-Camp # 17 is looking for seminar  
programs. If anyone knows of possible  
programs, please contact Mark Hoffman.

#### **Hall Restoration:**

-The Eaton County Historical Society  
sent a form to complete to obtain grant  
funds. Brother Bankhead will contact  
them to determine if the Old Sunfield  
G.A.R. Hall entryway project qualifies,  
under the grant, guidelines? If it  
qualifies, we should submit the  
application.

-The Old Hall door threshold and  
window frame have deteriorated and  
require repairs.

-Brother Tom Hummer has promised he  
will look into it when he returns from  
Florida in the spring, 2018.

#### **Memorial Day:**

No report.

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

-No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

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

#### **SUVCW National, issued the following General Orders:**

- #8 -General Order announces a committee chairman for the National Site Committee.
- #9 -General Order, identifies the Department of Michigan Encampment date, and planned attendance of an Officer from National 2018 to all Department Encampments.
- #10 -General Order lists changes implemented to the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies. The purpose of this General Order is to eliminate some confusion.
- #11 -Announces a complaint of harassment against the order and policy in dealing with it.
- #12 -General Order announces the change of the National Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.
- #13 -Announces the passing of Daughter Maggie Devane, of St. Paul, Minnesota.
- #14 -Announces the passing of Sister Frances Mary Murry Past President of the Auxiliary.
- #15 -Mark R. Day Commander-in-Chief was unable to make the Department of Kansas Annual Encampment because of weather. He appoints Alan L. Russ to represent the Commander-in-Chief.
- #16 -Appoints a Strategic Development Committee to oversee fund raising.

#### **SUVCW Department of Michigan, issued the following Department Orders:**

- #20 -This General Order expresses, Remembrance Day Appreciation.
- #21 -General Order gives guidance for the issuance of the Abraham Lincoln Award Recommendations for the Panel. Abraham Lincoln award, is to be issued, at the May 5, 2018 Department of Michigan Encampment.
- #22 -Department of Michigan Officer Nominating Committee appointed for 2018 Department Officers. Letters of Intention accepted from those running for all Offices.
- #23 -Reminder of submission of forms 22, 27, & 40 required by all Department of Michigan Camp's.
- All National, and Department of Michigan Orders, are published on, the, "Department of Michigan", website.

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

- No "Old Business", discussed during this meeting

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

- Motion that, Brothers, who have not paid their 2018 dues by end of the March 27, 2018 Camp # 17 meeting dropped from the Camp rolls. They may reinstate by paying a reinstatement fee of \$10.00, plus the Annual Dues of \$41.00. Second. Motion passed.
- Treasurer Pahl indicates some money exists in the, Benevolent Fund. If a Brother indicates to Camp # 17 Commander Payne, or Treasurer Pahl his need to claim a hardship case, his case, will be, taken under advisement and they will inform him of their determination.
- Installation of 2018 Camp # 17 Officers: Commander Robert Payne asked Brother Paul (Dave) Arnold, Past Department of Michigan Commander, to take the podium to install the Camp # 17 2018 Officers.
- 2018, Camp # 17 Officers Installed:
  - Robert Payne PC - Commander
  - Mark Hoffman -Senior Vice Commander, Program and Publicity Coordinator, Civil War Memorials, and Graves Registration Officer
  - Steven Martin - Junior Vice Commander
  - Harold Holcomb -Secretary
  - James B. Pahl PC in C - Treasurer
  - Keith Harrison PC in C - Camp Council, and Historian
  - Ron Shull PC - Camp Council
  - Wendel Peabody - Camp Council and Guard.
  - Paul Dave Arnold PC, PDC - Patriotic Instructor.
  - David Grimes - Chaplain.
  - Dave Bankhead PC - Eagle Scout Coordinator.
  - Timothy Kolean - Color Bearer.
  - Bruce Benedict - Guide.
- The Department of Michigan Encampment, scheduled for, May 5, 2018. It held in Lansing, Michigan. Look for Encampment Registration Forms to arrive soon.
- August 8-12, 2018 National Encampment is in Boston, MA.
- Reminder Memorial Day will be here before we realize it. Please consider making yourself available. We know we will be involved in many activities.

Brother Keith Harrison indicates Eaton Rapids, Michigan is planning on Camp # 17 participation in their Ceremonies including the Parade.

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

- Motion made to contribute to the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", in the name of Dennis Zank a donation of \$ 100.00 Second. Amendment made to the motion to raise the amount to \$ 150.00. Second. Amendment passes. Motion passes.
- Brother Arnold - Motion to purchase two grave markers. One Grave Marker is to, be placed, on Brother Dennis Zank's grave. The other marker is to remain in Camp # 17's inventory. Second. Motion passed.
- Brother Pahl informs Camp # 17 the latest edition of, "The Banner", is finished and ready to mail.
- Brother Bob Griggs Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander indicates he is running for Department Michigan Commander. He asks for Camp # 17 support. Motion made for Camp # 17 to endorse Brother Robert Griggs for 2018 Department of Michigan Commander. Second. Motion passed.
- Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum:**
  - Brother Keith Harrison indicates the Museum plans use funds donated to put up a Memoriam for Brother Dennis Zank. Brother Zank passed away January 8, 2018.
  - April 7-8, 2018 the Museum will hold the 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the G.A.R. SUVCW Brothers, invited to display Civil War G.A.R. artifacts.
  - Oscar, our Civil War manikin, has to, be returned.
  - On November 21, 2017, 7 PM, "The Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum", located at 224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, showcased, "Michigan at Antietam". The presenter was Civil War Historians and Authors Brian Egan. He discussed the recently published book he co-authored titled, "Michigan at Antietam". Copies of the book were available for purchase at the program. The seminar was well attended and enjoyed by all in attendance.
  - The Museum currently has several

items available for purchase by anyone.  
Items are to help generate funds to support the Museum.

-“2018 Sponsorships”, are available for the “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum”.

- Watch our website 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:** Pass the hat collected, \$108.00.

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

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Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary  
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ARTICLE XV – Replace the current language of Article XV with the following:

Section 1 - Organization

The Camp shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the Curtenius Guard Camp #17. The Camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Michigan. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 2 - Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes

No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3 - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets - In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to his duly authorized representative and shall become the property of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 4: All property of the Camp shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp shall not be divided among its members.

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any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of the State of Michigan.

Section 6 - Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

## **Camp #17 Curtenius Guard Graves Registration Update 1/30/2018**

As of our December 9, 2017, quarterly Department GRO meeting, there are a total of 70,531 Union veterans identified in our Michigan database (part of the larger national SUVCW effort). This includes Union veterans buried in Michigan as well as those from Michigan units who are buried elsewhere, especially in the various national cemeteries.

Of these, 3,972 are identified as being buried in the cemeteries in the three counties we are assigned – Barry (1170), Eaton (1464) and Ingham (1338). The graves registration project officially recognizes 156 different cemeteries in the three counties, though not all have identified CW veterans buried in them.

Though most of the Union war dead were eventually interred in the national cemeteries in the South, more than 200 men who died during the war are buried in the cemeteries in our three counties.

Of the almost 4,000 identified CW veterans buried in the three counties men, 2,860 served in Michigan Units. More than 400 each served in units from New York and Ohio units.

The burials include 20 men who served in the US Navy and 270 who were in various volunteer engineer units.

More than 100 were in various sharpshooter units, including 37 who served in Company B of the 2<sup>nd</sup> USSS.

There are more than 20 veterans of the 102<sup>nd</sup> USCT buried in the three counties.

There are also some interesting outliers from other states, including two men who were in the 1<sup>st</sup> California Cavalry for three years.

## Save the Date

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

United Brethren Church

8436 W Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43), Sunfield

Feb 27: Brian Egan, *Michigan at Antietam*

April 24: Paul Scheidler, *Mexican War Veterans in the Civil War*

June 26: Michael Culp, *13th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War*

Oct 30 -- to be determined

**Sponsored by Camp #17 Lansing/Sunfield,  
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