

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for  
March 27, 2018.

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  
meeting at 7:04 PM.

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

**Officers Present:** D. Arnold, D.  
Bankhead, D. Grimes, H. Holcomb,  
T. Kolean, R. Payne, W. Peabody, and  
R. Shull.

**Officers Excused:** M. Hoffman, S.  
Martin, and J. B. Pahl.

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

Roll of the Camp, not called.

### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

Guests - Dana Traub, and Rod Russell.

### *V. Approval of Minutes:*

Motion made to approve the January 30,  
2017 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted.  
Second. Motion passed.

### *VI Treasurers Report:*

-Treasurer James B. Pahl is in Virginia.  
He E-Mailed the Treasurers report, dated  
January 30, 2018 to March 20, 2018.  
Motion made to approve the report  
Treasurer Pahl E-Mailed. Second,  
Motion passed. Brother Pahl's E-Mail  
included, the Camp # 17 Annual IRS  
report on form 990N. It shows it filed  
with the IRS.

**VII. Concern for Brothers:** Concerns  
expressed, for the following, Camp # 17  
Brothers: Concerns expressed for  
Commander Payne's wife. She fell and  
broke her collarbone while on vacation  
in the Caribbean. Several weeks later,  
doctors have decided, surgery is  
required. Brother Hoffman had an  
emergency appendectomy. A serious  
concern expressed for Wendel Peabody's  
parents. They were, injured in a bad car  
accident. Continuing concerns for John  
Shumway. Concerns for Brother Zank's  
family following his death. The Eagles  
in Charlotte, Michigan held a dinner  
March 24, 2018 to raise funds to help the  
family with sizeable medical and final  
expenses.

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

Brother Bankhead introduced Rodney D.  
Russell as a new applicant. He is from  
Vermontville, Michigan. He lists his  
Civil War relative as his Great  
Grandfather Joel Russell, N.Y. Heavy  
Artillery Company D. He entered service  
as a Private September 26, 1863.  
Discharged September 26, 1865 as  
Corporal.

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

The old Ballot Box, was located, and  
Brothers cast their ballots. Commander  
Payne announced Camp # 17 has a new  
Brother. Camp # 17 Brothers welcomed  
Rodney D. Russell into Camp # 17 with  
a big round of applause.

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

Commander Payne asked Brother  
Bankhead to present Rodney D. Russell  
to the Camp # 17 alter, for initiation. His  
initiation followed.

### *XI. Recess:*

Commander Payne announced, at 7:40  
PM, that Camp # 17, to take a meeting  
recess.

### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Bylaws:** Several new Department By-  
Laws changes will be up for  
consideration at the Department of  
Michigan Encampment. A Camp # 17  
vote on By-Laws passed at the  
Department Encampment, maybe  
needed?. If a Camp # 17 vote needed,

It to take place at either the May or July,  
Camp # 17 Meeting.

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

-Brother Hoffman, recovering from a  
recent surgery, sent the reports in an E-  
Mail. On this report, he indicates 31  
names submitted, to add to, the Graves  
Registration database, the end of March,  
2018. Nothing to report for the  
Memorials Report.

**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 hometown 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:**

-The Civil War Seminar, "Michigan at  
Antietam", February 27, 2017 was well  
attended, and enjoyed by all present.

-Scheduled Seminars include:

-April 24, 2018 Seminar titled,  
"Mexican War Veterans in the Civil  
War". The speaker is Paul Scheidler.  
-June 26, 2018 - Tom Nanzig, "Ten True  
Civil War Tales"..  
-October 30, 2018 Seminar titled, "13<sup>th</sup>  
Michigan Infantry". The speaker is Mike  
Culp.

### **Hall Restoration:**

The Old G.A.R. Hall entry door threshold and window frame have deteriorated. We know we have a problem and it needs repaired. The Eaton County Historical Society has indicated a grant is available. Brother Bankhead will attempt to fill out the grant form for the needed repairs. In addition, he will include, a needed, new Camp # 17 computer.

### **Memorial Day:**

Memorial Day we have several events scheduled. Those we know we will participate in include:

-May 26, 2018, 10:30 AM, the Annual Memorial Day event at Mt. Hope Cemetery Soldiers and Sailors lot. Arlington Cemetery event follows immediately after.

-May 27, 2018, 9:30 AM Helen Edwins Tent # 30 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold a Memorial Service at the Sunfield United Brethren Church.

-May 28, 2018 Annual Eaton Rapids Memorial Day parade. Line up is at 10 AM. Parade kicks off at 11 AM.

-May 30, 2018 Camp # 17 Meeting with a Ceremony.

### **Remembrance Day Activities:**

-No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

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

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

-#17 - Appoints PC in C, Ken Freshley to represent the Commander in Chief at the 2018 Department of New York Encampment.

-18 - General Order indicates continuing efforts to obtain 501-C3 status.

-19 - General Order shows revocation of the Charter, for Admiral John L. Worden Camp # 150 in New York.

-20 - Brother John Eger steps down as National Guard. Brother Charles Lewis will replace him.

-21 - National grants an extension of time to William Pittenger Camp # 21 to install 2018 Officers.

-22 - PC in C, Eugene Mortorff appointed to represent the Commander in Chief at the 2018 Department of New Hampshire Encampment.

-23 - Encourages Camps to submit nominee's for various awards.

-24 - This General Order issues an opinion about giving a ruling on appointing special committees.

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

-#24 - General Order expresses appreciation to all Brothers involved in installing new Camp Officers, and thanking the Camps for being great hosts. It acknowledges all Department of Michigan Camps have filed a Form 22.

-#25 - 2018 Department of Michigan Encampment is Saturday May 5, 2018. The location is Great Lakes Christian College 6211 W. Willow, Lansing, Michigan.

-#26 - General Order announces Department of Michigan Vice Commander Robert Griggs turned in his resignation effective March 6, 2018. He will not run for 2018 Department of Michigan Commander.

-All National, and Department of Michigan Orders, are published on, the, "Department of Michigan", website.

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

The only old business discussed at tonight's meeting is covered above under, "Committee Reports".

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

-Motion to endorse Brother Terrance L. McKinch PCC, Governor Crapo Camp # 145 for the office of, Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander for 2018. Second. Motion passed.

Motion Camp # 17 endorses Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne PC, & CC, for the office of Department of Michigan Commander for 2018. Second. Motion passed.

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

-Brother Peabody informed Camp # 17 that the Camp # 17 American flag stands shorter than the new G.A.R. Flag is. This violates flag etiquette. Brother Peabody will look into changing the flags from pole to pole to correct the problem..

-Brother Arnold indicated the Eagles held a dinner last weekend to support Brother Zank's family. Brother Bankhead, informed us, a few days back, many medical and final expenses remain. Motion to donate all the funds collected

tonight in pass the hat to help with the unpaid bills of Brother Zank. Second. Motion approved.

-Motion, Camp# 17 match the \$228.00 collected in pass the hat tonight. Second Motion passed.

-Motion that Camp # 17 add, an additional \$44.00 from its benevolent fund. This amount added to \$456.00 makes the total amount of the donation to the Zank family an even \$500.00. Second. Motion passed.

-Motion Commander Payne take, the funds collected tonight and deliver them to Camp # 17 Treasurer Pahl. He then to instruct Treasurer Pahl to write a check to the Zank family as a donation, in the amount of, \$500.00. Second. Motion passed.

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

-March 20, 2017, 7 PM, the, "Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum", 224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, showcased, "The Worst Colonel I ever saw".

-April 7&8, 2018 the museum will hold a 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the G.A.R. SUVCW Brothers, invited to display their private collections of Civil War G.A.R. artifacts.

-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.

**Pass the Hat:** Pass the hat collected, \$228.00.

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

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