

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for
July 31, 2018.

Samuel W. Grinnell
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115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Tonight's, Camp # 17 Meeting, held at the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Commander Mark Hoffman assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent Officers by appointment Pro-Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Commander Mark Hoffman opened the Camp # 17 Meeting at 7:04 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present: J. Armstrong, D. Arnold, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, T. Kolean, S. Martin, J. Pahl, and R. Shull.

Officers Excused; D. Bankhead, B. Benedict.

III. Roll of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Nathan Tingley. Department of Michigan Guide.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI Treasurers Report:

-Treasurer James B. Pahl presented the Treasurers Report, dated May 30, 2018 to July 31, 2018. Motion made to approve the report. Second, Motion passed.

-Discussion - Daughters are involved in

the Hall door repair project. \$350.00 check needs to be, mailed to the Daughters.

VII. Concern for Brothers: Concerns expressed, for the following, Camp # 17 Brothers. David Arnold is facing surgery. It scheduled for August 10, 2018. David Grimes is suffering from Diabetes. He is in attendance and indicating, doing much better. Continuing concerns expressed for John Shumway. Dana Traub is having health issues.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for membership:

No candidates

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No applications.

X. Initiation of new Brothers:

-No candidates.

XI. Recess:

At 7:40 PM, Commander Hoffman announced, Camp # 17 will take a meeting recess. The Brothers proceeded, downstairs, for refreshments, and social interaction.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Proposed By-Laws, forwarded to all Camp # 17 Brothers with the January 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion made that Camp # 17 adopt and approve the proposed amended By-Laws as written. Second Motion passed. This gives Camp # 17, 501, (c), 3, status.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

-Brother Hoffman, reports, the Camp will be submitting about 45 more names/burial locations at the Fall quarterly Graves Registration Officer Meeting. In addition, he completed a guide for researching Union Veterans of the U.S.N. and Marine Corps that, I shared with Department Graves Registration Officers.

-Brother Pahl has been working on, historically documenting, all Civil War cannons and monuments in the Camp # 17 area. This, has been, an ongoing project. He plans to continue it this summer.

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 provided some interesting facts about Ulysses S. Grant. His birth name, Hiram Ulysses Grant. He served in the Mexican American War. Lee and Grant meet two times before the war, was close to President Lincoln, the youngest president at his time, and at age 46 he elected President. He served two terms in office.

Program and Publicity:

-The Civil War Seminar, "Ten True Civil War Tales", June 26, 2018 was well attended, and enjoyed by all present. The speaker was Tom Nanzig.
-Scheduled Seminars include:
-October 30, 2018 Seminar titled, "13th Michigan Infantry". The speaker is Mike Culp.

Hall Restoration:

The Old G.A.R. Hall
The door and threshold are being replaced by a contractor selected by the Daughters. Camp Council approved splitting the approximate \$700 cost.

Memorial Day:

-No Report.

Remembrance Day Activities:

-No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National, issued the following General Orders:

#32 - General Order lists, and suspends Departments who have not filed Annual Reports.

#33 - Gives the Commander-in-Chief, the authority to delay, or suspend implementation of action taken by any National Encampment.

#34 - Announces the May 30, 2018 passing of real daughter Patricia Albertson of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following General Orders:

-#3 - Acknowledges the 150th

Anniversary of Memorial Day.

#4 -Acknowledges the passing of real daughter Patricia Albertson, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

#5 -Flag Day Act adopted June 4, 1777.

#6 -Department Order organizes the J. Richard Greene Award Committee.

#7 -Department Order provides direction for scheduling the Department Commander. Communications, to be directed through the Department Chief-of-Staff, Dean Lamphere, Jr.

#8 -Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, scheduled for April 27, 2019. It to be held, at the Okemos Conference Center 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

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

XIV. Old Business:

Tonight's, Old Business, listed under Committee Reports.

XV. New Business:

-Bruce Butgereit's SUVCW suspension is up August 23, 2018. He then, considered a member at large. Open discussion about considering approaching him on becoming a member of Camp # 17. Brother Pahl asked opinions on sending him a letter of invitation to into transfer to Camp # 17. Should he desire to join Camp # 17 he will have to fill out, transfer-in paperwork. Brother Kolean indicates additional, previous Grand Rapids, Michigan, dissolved Camp members mite, also desire an invitation. Brother Pahl will attempt to contact him.

-Brother Payne motion we use, "Pass the Hat", money collected, over the next several Camp # 17 Meetings, place in a fund, used, for purchase of a needed Camp # 17 computer. Second, Motion passed. Treasurer Pahl will place the

cumulative amounts collected in the, "Treasurers Report", as a special line item.

-Charter draped tonight in remembrance of Real Daughter Patricia Albertson, Kalamazoo, Michigan. She passed away June 4, 2018.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Brother Tingley provided details of the scheduled Annual Civil War reenactment, at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson, Michigan. It to take place, August 25, & 26, 2018.

-It brought up, "The Banner", be mailed electronically instead of paper. Thoughts expressed, "The Banner", has to go to people who do not have computers. Items get lost in E-Mails. It considered a recruitment tool. This is what we pay, per capita for. Brother Pahl will take these thought back to SUVCW Department of Michigan.

-Our Annual, Camp # 17, Dinner Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2018, at the Sunfield, "Welch Museum". Brother Benedict notified us he has secured the arrangements. Brother Thompson has agreed to fix his famous spaghetti dinner. We anticipate a dinner cost of \$10.00 - \$12.00.

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

-July 4, 2018, the city of Eaton Rapids streets were lined with people for the, 4th of July Parade. Additionally, for the "Civil War Living History Camp", held on the Island, and the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", open for tours.

-July 17, 2018 Brian Egen presented a seminar titled, "Gettysburg: Behind the Scenes". He spent three month's, on set, during the, recent filming, of the movie,

"Gettysburg". It was a great seminar, and well attended.

-August 15, 2018 is the fourth, "Civil War Annual Discovery Camp", for children ages 8-14".

-September 8-9, 2018 the, Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn is holding a, period car/ Civil War event. The, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, will have a display at the event.

-A September 23, 2018 event will feature Fred Priebe to give his presentation on Abraham Lincoln.

-"2010 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.

-Have you logged onto, "Curtenius Guard Camp # 17", website lately? Many summer events are, planned. See the, "Michigan History Partners", list.

Pass the Hat: We "Passed the Hat", at tonight's Meeting, and collected \$81.00. Treasurer Pahl will show, cumulative amounts collected in, "Pass the Hat", donations for the next, several meetings, as a separate line item in the Treasurers Reports. The collected funds in the line item, to someday, be used to acquire a new Camp # 17 computer.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Hoffman closed the meeting at 8:55 PM.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold E. Holcomb
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