

# 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 25, 2018.

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115 Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

-Before the Camp # 17 Meeting, Camp # 17 held their Annual Camp dinner at the Welch Museum in Sunfield Michigan. Brother Thompson prepared his famous spaghetti and meatballs dinner for the Camp Brothers. The meal was excellent and enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you, to Brother Thompson, and his assistants for a great meal

-Commander Mark Hoffman assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent Officers by appointment Pro-Temp.

### *I. Opening Ritual:*

Commander Mark Hoffman opened the September 25, 2018, Camp # 17 Meeting at, 7:00 PM.

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

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

**Officers Excused;** All officers were present.

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

Roll of the Camp not called.

### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

Guests include: Brother Bill Costello from Benjamin Prichard Camp #20, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Brother Bruce Butgereit PDC, from Russell A. Alger Camp # 462.

### *V. Approval of Minutes:*

Motion made to approve the July 31, 2018 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

### *VI Treasurers Report:*

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report, dated July 31, 2018 to September 25, 2018. Motion made to approve the report as written. Second, Motion passed.

### *VII. Concern for Brothers:*

Concerns expressed, for the following, Camp # 17 Brothers. David Arnold indicates he is doing well following early August surgery. Dave Bankhead has gastric by pass surgery scheduled on October 9, 2018. David Grimes is doing much better. Continuing concerns expressed for John Shumway. Dana Traub is having health issues. James Pahl's son hit a deer. He was fortunate to receive only a few scratches.

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

Brother Bruce Butgereit submitted his transfer form to transfer into Camp # 17. His desire is to transfer into Camp # 17 from Russell A. Alger Camp # 462. He initiated into SUVCW, August 10, 1999, and derives his ancestry from Wesley Wilshire Norris who enlisted, September 18, 1861 into Company D, 43<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry. He was, discharged June 14, 1865 because of the end of the war. The paperwork, reviewed and in proper order.

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

The old ballot box was located and the Brothers cast their vote to accept Brother Bruce Butgereit into Camp # 17. The votes tallied. Commander Hoffman announced Bruce Butgereit, accepted, into Camp # 17 membership. He was welcomed into Camp # 17 with a big round of applause.

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

-Brother Butgereit, being a Brother transferring into Camp # 17, an initiation not required.

### *XI. Recess:*

At 7:40 PM, Commander Hoffman declared Camp # 17 to take a, short meeting recess. The Brothers enjoyed furnished refreshments. Thank you to

Commander Hoffman for bringing the refreshments.

### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Bylaws:** No Report.

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

-Brother Hoffman, reports, the Camp submitted 47 names/corrections at the Fall Quarterly Graves Registration Officers Meeting.

-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.

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

**Eagle Scouts Certificates:** No Report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** Bruce Butgereit transferred into Camp # 17 and accepted into membership. Brother Payne is working on a prospective member.

**Veterans Day:** We expect to participate in The November 11, 2018, Mason Parade, and to have a Color Guard in Lansing at the, Massing of the Colors.

**Patriotic Instruction:** Paul (Dave) Arnold provided myths about the Revolutionary War. Lexington and Concord were at the center of it all. 43 Patriots and 73 British troops perished there. Myths in question include:

-Paul Revere most likely used the phrase, "The Regulars are coming", due to a large number of the Colonists being British. Two other men, William Dawes, and Samuel Prescott assisted Revere with the warning.

-Embattled farmers, not Colonial Troops most likely fired the first shot.

-Patriot Troops had to be close due to using muskets.

-When the British retreated, 15000 Patriot Militia and Minutemen surrounded them at Boston.

### **Program and Publicity:**

-Scheduled Seminars include;

-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 has been replaced. and we split the \$700.00 cost with the Daughters.

**Memorial Day:**

-No Report.

**Remembrance Day Activities:**

-Remembrance Day is November 17, 2018. Some plan to travel to Gettysburg to place flags on graves.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

**Computer Committee Report:**

-Brother Pahl has consulted a Computer professional and has obtained some recommendations.

**XIII. Orders and Communications:**

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

- #35 - Meritorious Service Award presented to Brother Bruce Frail.
- #36 - Meritorious Service Award presented to Brother Robert Rogers.
- #1 Donald William Shaw takes over as Commander in Chief. He lists major areas he would like to see substantial progress.
- #2 - Suspension of the Department of Connecticut, lifted.
- #3 - Reports the passing of Marion Combs, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.
- #4 - Suspension of the Department of Columbia, lifted.

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

- #9 - Details the resolution passed at the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment allowing Installation of new Camp, Officers at earlier meetings.
- #10 - Bruce Butgereit PDC, restored to active duty.
- 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:**

Department of Michigan Commander Rob Payne gave a report on the National Encampment. Brother Don Shaw elected National Commander-in-Chief. Around 16 from Michigan attended. Department of Michigan Chaplain Rev. Charles Buckhahn, presented the National Achievement award. We toured an old G.A.R. Hall their. Brother Pahl stated, new legislation passed to move up Camp installations dates.

-Brother Pahl states, 501(c)3 status hopeful in 2019.

-Dennis Zank's internment service is set for September 29, 2018, 2 PM, at Crandall Cemetery, on 22 Mile Road, Sand Lake, Michigan. Wear your normal dress uniform, please.

**XV. New Business:**

-Commander Hoffman indicated that Camp # 17 to hold Officer Elections and Installation at the November 27, 2018 Camp Meeting. Any interested candidates who have not come forward should talk with Chaplain Grimes who is responsible to assemble the list. Additionally, this applies for anyone interested in serving in the appointed positions.

-Brother Costello From Benjamin Prichard Camp # 20, Kalamazoo, Michigan presented, a recovered, Camp Charter from J.P. Riley Camp, Kalamazoo, Michigan to Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne. Department of Michigan Commander Payne turned the, Charter, over to Brother Keith Harrison to have it placed in the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum".

Department of Michigan Commander Payne made a motion that all funds coming into Camp # 17, and not designated by the donor to go into a specific fund, placed, into the General Fund from this point in time and on. This to, remove restrictions to access and utilize funds. Second. Motion made to

table the Motion. Second. Motion to table defeated. Motion Defeated.

**XVI. Good of the Order:**

-Camp # 17 wishes to extend a thank you to Brother Thompson, and his assistants, for preparing our Camp # 17 Brothers, a wonderful, spaghetti and meatballs dinner tonight. The occasion was our Annual, Camp # 17, Dinner.

-The Fall Banner is at the printer.

-Motion made to send a donation in the amount of, \$100.00 to the Welch Museum, Sunfield, Michigan. Second. Motion passed.

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

- August 15, 2018 was the fourth, "Civil War Annual Discovery Camp", for children ages 8-14".
- September 23, 2018 Brother Fred Priebe gave his presentation on, and as, Abraham Lincoln.
- "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. Please consider volunteering.

**Websites:**

-Have you logged onto, "Curtenius Guard Camp # 17", website lately? Many events are, planned. Go to the, "Michigan History Partners", to locate future events.

**Pass the Hat:** We collected \$202.00 in, "Pass the Hat", tonight.

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

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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