

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for
March 26, 2019.

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G.A.R. Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M., Commander Steve Martin opened the, March 26, 2019, Camp # 17 meeting.

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:

One guest Aaron Dickinson.

V. Approval of Minutes:

The January 29, 2019 Camp # 17 meeting, being, cancelled due to bad weather. Motion made to approve the November 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report, dated January 29, 2019 to March 25, 2019. Treasurer Pahl stated, four Brothers have not yet paid Camp # 17 annual dues. A Brother added a comment that he believe one of the four paid? Motion to take the needed funds to pay for these four individuals dues from the benevolent fund. This to cover the 2019 annual dues of all unpaid Brothers. We will only send in the per

capita and Department required amounts for the unpaid. Second. Motion passed. -The approval of the above motion allowed Camp # 17 to finalize the, prepared Annual Report, and collect all required signatures the night of the meeting.

-Treasurer Pahl reports he filed the required IRS Form 990. He states he has not received an acceptance back yet.

-Motion to approve the Treasures Report as presented. Second. Motion Passed.

-Treasurer Pahl reports the Camp # 17 Council met and completed an audit of the books on March 26, 2019.

VII. Concern for Brothers: Concerns expressed, for the following, Camp # 17 Brothers: David Arnold indicates he is much improved. Dave Bankhead is doing well. Both, were present tonight. Condolences to Brother J. B. Pahl in the loss of a grandchild, Brother K. Harrison who lost his Brother, and to Brother M. Hoffman's loss of his Father-in-Law. Brother J. D. Park underwent a medical procedure. Brother Shull reports Dana Traub is doing better. John Shumway is doing well.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for membership:

Brother Shull read the application presented for membership from Aaron Mathew Barton Dickinson. He is a Great, Great Grandson of Civil War Samuel Hamilton Barton mustered into service October 27, 1863 and into Company E, 2nd Michigan Calvary, with the rank of private. He, honorably discharged August 17, 1865 with the rank of private.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The old ballot box being located, Camp # 17 Brothers cast their ballots. Commander Martin announced Camp # 17 has a new member, Aaron Mathew Barton Dickinson.

X. Initiation of new Brothers:

Commander Martin asked Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne to come forward, take charge of the meeting, and perform the initiation. Department Commander Payne did, and proceeded with the initiation of Aaron Dickinson. Following the initiation, Brother Aaron Dickinson welcomed into Camp # 17 with a big round of applause.

XI. Meeting Recess:

At 7:45 P.M., Commander Martin announced, Camp # 17 will take a meeting recess. Refreshments provided. A Camp # 17, thank you, to Commander Martin for furnishing the refreshments. The Brothers appreciate your generosity.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: A Camp # 17, thank you, to Brother Keith Harrison for preparing a completed copy of the 2018 new By-Laws. Copies of the new By-Laws, are properly, filed in permanent Department, and Camp # 17 records.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

-Brother Hoffman presented his latest Graves Report. Camp # 17 submitted 49 additions, or corrections at the March 2019 quarterly G.R.O. meeting. Grave Registration Officer Hoffman circulated a draft copy of the results for Ingham, Eaton, and Barry Counties for the last Veteran project. This version included, several changes that Brother Benedict brought to our attention since the previous version. This is a work in progress. G.R.O. Hoffman is looking for Brothers who are willing, and available to research Civil War Veterans who have been located in our Camp # 17 area cemeteries Subscriptions to either, Fold-3, or Ancestry makes the job much easier. Please contact me if you are available and willing to help research Civil War Veterans records.

-Brother Pahl is working on, historically documenting, all Civil War cannons and monuments in the Camp # 17 area. He is putting together a summer 2019 schedule/route, checking on monuments in the Camp # 17, three counties. This is an ongoing project.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: Brother Shull has two prospects as prospective members.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instruction: Brother Arnold presented the following report. "Old Abe the War Eagle", was a mascot of the 8th Wisconsin. The Eagle was purchased by the troops when a young bird. The

bird seemed to enjoy being in a battle. The Eagle always being a target of the Confederates. Interestingly, the Eagle got used to and understood Bugle Calls. No one carrying the eagle in battle, ever shot while carrying him. Shots went around him and through his feathers. The eagle would warn of Confederates presents, near bye. He was, mustered out of the service, returned to Wisconsin where his fame only increased. Fifteen years later, "Old Abe", was in the Wisconsin Capital building when a fire broke out. He did not die in the fire, but with panic, and old age, he passed away following the fire. Department of Michigan Commander Payne added, he is memorialized on the. "101st Airborne", patch.

Program and Publicity:

-Brother Hoffman reports a Camp # 17 Seminar titled, "Andersonville", scheduled for, Tuesday, 7 P.M. April 30, 2019. The speaker is Bruce Butgereit.
-Civil War Seminar, held at, "The United Brethren Church", Sunfield, Michigan.
-Brother Hoffman reports we are pursuing several possible speakers for 2019 dates.

Hall Restoration:

-No Report.

Memorial Day:

-We have several events scheduled. Those we know we will participate in include:
-May 25, 2019, 10:30 A.M. the annual Memorial Day event at Mt. Hope Cemetery Soldiers and Sailors Plot.
-Arlington Cemetery follows immediately after Mt. Hope.
-May 26 2019, 3:00 PM Helen Edwins Tent #30 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will hold a Memorial Service at the, United Brethren Church, Sunfield, Michigan.
-May 27, 2019 11:00 Annual Eaton Rapids Memorial Day Parade. The, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", is open 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
-May 30, 2019 7 P.M. 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:

-#6 -Reports the death of President George H. W. Bush.
-#7 -Amended Article V, Section #2 of the Constitution. Allows the Commander-in-Chief to rule on actions of National proceedings.
-#8 -Reports the passing of Real Son Frederick M. Upton. He was a Brother of Col. John Bryner Camp # 67, Department of Illinois.
-#9 -Reports the passing of Janice Mae Corfman, Past National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.

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

-#12 -In accordance with the By-Laws of Department of Michigan Article IX, the 2019 Nominating Committee to consist of five members, not currently elected, to Department of Michigan Offices. The newly appointed Brothers are, listed.
-#13 -Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne, reports all installations are complete and all Camps need to insure they have properly filed all proper paper work. All Camps, reminded to complete the updates required to Camp By-Laws.
-The Department of Michigan Encampment to be held at the Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Dr., Okemos, Michigan 48863 on April 27, 2019.
-A testimonial to honoring Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw to be, held April 27, 2019 at the Okemos Conference Center. It will commence shortly after the Department Encampment adjourns.
-#14 -James B. Pahl appointed to Department of Michigan position of, Camp Organizer.
-#15 & #16 - Henry Plant Camp # 3 Suspended for not filing Form 22MI, and reinstated after filing Form 22MI.
-All National, and Department of Michigan Orders, are published on, the, "Department of Michigan", website.

XIV. Old Business:

-Brother Pahl delivered the new Camp # 17 compute. It will be, put to use starting with the May 30, 2019 meeting.
-Camp # 17 treasurer Jim Pahl is collecting 2019 Camp # 17 dues tonight. The 2019 dues amount is \$41.00.

v. New Business:

-Camp # 17 has received a request from a Kermit Douse, Nashville, Michigan. He requests, Camp # 17's, participation on August 3, 2010 in the Nashville, Michigan Parade. This followed by Civil War memorial dedication. We need to respond.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne presented Past Camp # 17 Commander Mark Hoffman with his Past Commander Badge.
-Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin is running for the 2020, Office of Department of Michigan Council. Motion for Camp # 17 to support him. Second. Motion Passed
-Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne is running for Department Commander 2020. Motion for Camp # 17 to support him. Second. Motion passed.
-The Department of Michigan Encampment is April 27, 2019. The location is the Okemos Entertainment Center 2187 University Park Dr. Okemos, Michigan. An evening reception follows for Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw

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

-Brother Harrison reports, the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum will sponsor five free seminars in 2019.
-March 19, 2019 - Program was, "Andersonville", (Speaker Bruce Butgereit). Seminar was, well attended.
-May 21, 2019, 7 P.M. - Program, "Three Ties that bind us to the Civil War: The Medal of Honor, Taps, and Memorial Day", (Speaker Dave Finney).
-July 16, 2019, 7 P.M. -Program. The "Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville", (Speaker Dr. Jim Paula).
-September 22, 2019, 3 P.M. - Program, "Last Veterans of the Blue and Gray", (Speaker Larry Hathcock).
-November 19, 2019, 7 P.M. - Program, "Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army - Stories of Native Americans who fought in the Civil War" (Speaker Quita Shier).
-April 6, 2019, 10 A.M. - 5 PM and April 7, 2019, Noon to 5 P.M. the, "Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum", to Commemorates the 153rd Anniversary of

the Grand Army of the Republic.

-July 4, 2019 - Eaton Rapids 4th of July Parade.

-Civil War Discovery Camp is August 15, 2019.

-The Museum has men's ties available for sale. The price is \$20.00.

-Brother James B. Pahl elected as a new Board Member of the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum".

- "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.

-Brother Arnold discovered some first edition books, for sale, online. He acquired them. The books are of the

forming of the, "Sons of Union Veterans, 1882". They are signed by, A. P. Davis, Founder, of the, Sons. The books will be on display at the 2019, Michigan Department Encampment, and donated to the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall, and Museum".

-Brother Pahl reports - "The Banner", has been using a grade of paper for a wrapper that has the delivery address on it. The U.S. Post Office processing machines seem to catch on the current wrapper, destroying it, and causing, "The Banner", to be undeliverable. A new better wrapper material will, be used, for the next issue, and on. We believe this will solve the problem of Brothers not receiving their, "The Banner". The new wrapper material turns out to be less expensive. A hopeful win, win situation.

-May 31 is the cutoff to place articles in

the next, "Banner" issue".

Websites:

-Have you logged onto, "Curtenius Guard Camp # 17", website lately? Many events are, planned. Go to, "Michigan History Partners", on the website to locate 2019 events.

Pass the Hat: "Pass the Hat" collected \$76.00

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Martin closed the meeting at 9:10 PM.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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