

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2019.

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Sunfield, Michigan

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:02 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the May 30, 2019 Camp # 17 meeting.

Commander Martin assigned Brothers to fill the vacancies of absent Officers by appointment, Pro-Temp.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

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

Officers Excused: B. Benedict.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Kermit Douse Vice President of Nashville, Michigan Historical Society.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the March 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, March 26, 2019 - May 30, 2019. Motion made to accept the Treasurers report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, and thoughts and prayers expressed for the following Camp # 17 Brothers: Bruce Benedict's father-in-law passed away, Mark Hoffman's mother, Lavern Aves, and John Shumway. Dave McReynolds is the current National Treasurer and is not running for re-election in August due to health reasons.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

Brother Ron Shull read a submitted application for membership. Graham Hughes-Appleman DePue, age 17, from Grand Rapids, Michigan submitted his application for membership. He derives his heritage from his 3rd Great Grandfather George C. Crawford of the 21st Michigan Infantry. His ancestor mustered into service 15 August, 1862 as a private, and discharged 2 January, 1863 by reason of disability.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

Graham Applegate DePue application submitted without proper funds. Motion made that the application be accepted, pending payment, of funds. Second, Motion passed.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

None.

XI. Meeting Recess:

Meeting recess taken at 7:25 P.M.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves

Registrations: Memorials Officer Mark Hoffman provided this report: The next Department of Michigan G.R.O. meeting is in September. I expect to, again submit 40-50 veterans for inclusion in the Department Database. I am, always, looking for Brothers who have access to, Ancestry.com, or, Fold-3, and are willing to do further research on possible veterans identified through the cemetery walking census efforts.

G.A.R. Monuments: Brother Pahl states: As to Monuments -I have made contact with the Department Monuments Officer. Brother Bruce Butgereit has, also provided me with some information on Michigan Monuments from his term as, Department Monuments Officer. I have finished with all the cannon, and will be working on the rest.

Eagle Scout Certificates; No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: Several prospective applicants were mentioned that have expressed interest in joining Camp # 17. Many were handed an application. Hopefully we receive some applications back?

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother Arnold read the poem. "The Blue and the Gray".

Programs and Publicity: Brother Hoffman reports :

-The seminar titled, "Andersonville", and held at the, United Brethren Church, Sunfield, Michigan on April 30, 2019 was attended by 105 individuals. Thank you to Brother Butgereit for a great presentation.
-We don't have a speaker lined up for June, 2019. I am working on finding someone for October and beyond.

Hall Restoration: No Report.

Memorial Day: Camp # 17 participated in several Memorial Day events. They included:

-May 25, 2019 event held at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Soldiers and Sailors Plot. Arlington Cemetery event followed immediately after. The Lansing, "State Journal", did a great job in covering both of these events. Several photos are published on the, "State Journal", website.
-May 26, 2019, Helen Edwins Tent # 30, of the, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held a Memorial Service at, United Brethren Church, Sunfield, Michigan.
-May 27, 2019, Annual Eaton Rapids, Michigan Memorial Day Parade, followed by two, Memorial Service, events at G.A.R. Island Park. U.S. Congressman Tim Walberg addressed those who gathered at the second Memorial Service. The, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", was open all day.

Remembrance Day Activities: No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

-No new General Orders to report.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

- # 17 -Change of Department Headquarters to the location of the Department of Michigan Encampment.
-# 18 -Lists the Department Awards stated in the By-Laws, to be handed out at the Department Encampment.
-#1 -Newly installed Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne assumes command and transfers the Department Headquarters to his home address.
- #2 -Appoints a site selection committee to select a 2020 location for the 136th Department of Michigan Encampment.
-#3 -Appoints a special committee to look into descriptions for Scouts.
-#4 -Department Standing Committee filled.
- #5 -The date of the Department of Michigan 136th Encampment established as June 6, 2020.
-#6 -Authorizes disbursement of a special project fund established at the 2017 Department Encampment. Fund balance will be distributed to Camps.
-#7 -Camp-at-Large Coordinator, Brother George Boller steps down. He is replaced by Brother Nathan Tingley.
-#8 -Declares the observance of the, 151st Memorial Day, since General Logan announced, and instituted that we commemorate this day.

XIV. Old Business:

-Camp # 17 received a request from Kermit Douse, Nashville, Michigan for Camp # 17, presence, and participation at the, August 3, 2019, Nashville, Michigan, 150th Celebration. Kermit Douse, being present, provides details of the request. Emory Paraday settled in Nashville, Michigan following the Civil War, and is buried there. He was with Luther Baker, and participated in the capture of John Wilkes Booth. Nashville is requesting 11 A.M. Camp # 17, Color Guard, participation on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Michigan Historical Marker dedication for Emory Paraday, and the Mile Stone Marker. It will be one Ceremony. The Parade is at 12 P.M. He hopes we will consider joining in the parade too? Motion for Camp # 17 to participate in Nashville 150th Celebration. Second. Motion passed.

XV. New Business:

-Motion to have the July 2019 meeting in the, air conditioned, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Second. Motion passed.

-Motion the September meeting be abbreviated and after the meeting hold a Civil War trivia contest. Second, Motion passed.

-Brother Timothy Kolean was a Past Camp Commander of Camp # 1, and resigned from the Camp, receiving an Honorable Discharge. He has made application to our Camp for restoration of Rank, per National Regulations, Chapter II, Article II, Section, 4. Motion to submit, approve and forward Brother Timothy Kolean application to

restore his Past Commander Rank to the Department of Michigan.

Second. Motion passed.

-Motion to hold our Annual September dinner at the Welch Museum, pending their acceptance allowing us to do, so. Second. Motion passed.

XVI. Good of the Order:

- A book titled, "Confederates in the Attica", was donated to Camp # 17. Motion made to donate the book to the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum". Second. Motion passed.

Michigan GAR. Memorial Hall and Museum:

- Brother Keith Harrison reports the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", has a great line up of seminars it will showcase from now until the end of the year.

- May 7 2019. 7 P.M. we showcased, "History through Media and Antietam". The presenters were Brian Egen, William Eichler, and Timothy Troy.

-May 21, 2019, 7 P.M, we showcased, "Three ties that bind us to the Civil War: The Medal of Honor, Taps, and Memorial Day", (Speaker Dave Finney). Both of these seminars were a great success.

-Future 2019 seminars and events scheduled include:

-Tuesday, July16, (7 PM)- Program; "The Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville", (Speaker, Dr. Jim Paula).

-Sunday, September 22nd, (3 PM) - Program: "The Last Veterans of the Blue and Grey", (Speaker: Larry Hathcock).

-Tuesday, November 19th, (7 PM) -

Program: "Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army -Stories of Native Americans who fought in the Civil War", (Speaker: Quita Shier).

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

- Civil War Discovery Camp is August 15, 2019.

- The Museum has men's, G.A.R., ties available for sale for, \$20.00.

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

-Volunteers, needed to work days at the Museum when it is open. Please consider volunteering.

-Watch our website for listings of all future events.

-August 8-10, 2019 is the National Encampment, held in Cleveland, Ohio. Get your reservations in immediately, rooms are going fast. A medal is available. Go to the National website to view, the medal.

-2020 Department Encampment June, 6. 2020. The daughters will join us.

-Commander Martin conducted a traditional, Memorial Day Ceremony, just before closing the meeting.

Websites:

-Have you logged on to, "Curtenius Guard Camp # 17", website lately?

Pass the Hat: Collected \$193.32.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin closed the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary