

# 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 24, 2019.

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Sunfield, Michigan

### I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:05 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the September 24, 2019 Camp # 17 meeting. Brothers were appointed to fill the vacancies of absent Officers by appointment, Pro-Temp.

### 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, and R. Shull.

**Officers Excused:** W. Peabody

### III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

### IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests.

### V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the July 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

### VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, July 30, 2019 - September 23, 2019. A couple of items to note: I ran out of checks, so had to order more. Got a note from Helen Edwin's, Tent #30 - evidently I did not forward checks for January and May - I have corrected that. The note also points out utility costs have increased and they are wondering if we can help. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

Motion to raise the donation for utilities to \$45.00 for each month we meet at the old G.A.R. Hall in Sunfield. Second. Motion passed.

### VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, and thoughts and prayers expressed for the following Brothers: Wendel Peabody fell and is getting medical attention. Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne, says his surgeries have gone well. His latest surgery is for cataracts. He has had successful cataract surgery on one eye. The cataract surgery on the other eye is scheduled in October. Continuing concerns for Lavern Aves, and John Shumway.

### VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

A Bryan Huff plans to submit an application. His Civil War lineage is to Anthony Kramer of Sunfield, Michigan. He helped build the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall, and a chair is present in the G.A.R. Hall with his name on it.

### IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates to vote on.

### X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new members to initiate.

### XI. Meeting Recess:

Meeting recess, not taken.

### XII. Committee Reports:

**By-Laws:** No report.

#### Memorials and Graves

**Registrations:** Memorials Officer Mark Hoffman - The quarterly Department GRO meeting was on September 14, 2019. I was unable to attend, but mailed in another bunch of additions, and corrections from our Camp. Contact Mark Hoffman if you want to help with researching possible Civil War Veterans buried in local cemeteries, and especially if you have subscriptions to, Ancestry.com, and/or Fold3.

**G.A.R. Monuments:** Brother Pahl states: I have been very busy, soon as, I get time, I have to make contact with the 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:** Bryan Huff is expressing interest.

#### Veterans Day:

-Mason Veterans Day Parade is November 11, 2019.  
-November 3, 2019, 2 P.M. Annual Veterans Day, Massing of the Colors, at the Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo St. Lansing, Michigan

**Patriotic Instructor:** Brother Arnold presented this report: The flag in the old G.A.R. Hall located in Sunfield, Michigan is from the gun boat, Manhattan. Brother Arnold found a photo of the boat and passed it around.

**Programs and Publicity:** No report.

**Hall Restoration:** Brother Bankhead noticed, and reports the back of the old G.A.R. Hall needs painting..

**Memorial Day:** No report.

**Remembrance Day Activities:** No report.

**Grinnell Award:** No report.

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

#### **SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:**

-# 14 -Camp #1 Department of Georgia suspended.

-#15 -Camp #7 Department of Kentucky suspended.

-#16 -Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star awarded to Brother Michael Hammerson of the Department at Large, Camp # 10 London, United Kingdom.

-#17 -Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star awarded to Brother L. Dean Lamphere Jr., PDC, of the Department of Michigan, Gov. Henry Crapo Camp # 145.

-#18 -Meritorious Service Award with Gold Stat awarded to Brother Eugene G. Mortorff , PC-in-C, of the Department of the Chesapeake and the Department of Pennsylvania.

-#19 -The Dr. Mary Walker award presented to Sister Denise Oman, PNP, Department of Wisconsin, Auxiliary, to the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War.

-#20 -Lists all Awards presented at the 138th National Encampment.

-#1 - Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris thanks all Brothers for their support and attendance at the 138<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. The National Headquarters is moved back to 91 Lancaster Dr., Lancaster, Ma 01523.

-#2 -Several National Officer, appointments, made by Commander-in-Chief Norris.

-#3 -The amendment to the constitution in Article V, Section 2(b) passed at the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment is found in violation of National Regulations, the Constitution and Congressional Charter. It, concerning, the authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

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

- # 10 - Department Order # 10 announces the passing of Brother Phillip N. Parks on September 17, 2019. Brother Parks was a member of the, Albert & James Lyons Camp # 266. He held several Department of Michigan Offices, over the years, as a member.

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

-No old business.

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

-Before the Camp # 17 meeting, the Brothers met at the, Welch Museum, for the, Annual Camp # 17 Dinner. We were treated to a great meal. Camp # 17 extends a big thank you to the, Welch Museum, personnel for hosting us, and those involved in preparing a great dinner for the Brothers. Again, thank you. We were informed the amounts collected for

the dinner were less than the dinner costs. A minimum, per person, donation of \$10.00 was expected to cover the dinner cost. It did not. Motion made to donate \$100.00 to the, Welch Museum, to make up for the lack of funds collected to cover the cost of the dinner. Second. Motion to amend the motion by increasing the amount donated to \$150.00. Second. Amendment to the motion passed. Motion passed, as amended.

-Commander Martin received an E-Mail about acquiring headstones for two Civil War graves that never had a headstone. One is in Portland and the other in Charlotte. It requested and desired Camp # 17 Brothers do a grave side dedication for each, and hopefully in November, 2019. It determined, we contact them about scheduling the dedication in April - May, 2020. We could then, perhaps, get others involved. The Brothers feel the initial, requested date in November, 2019, is not enough a notice to get all organized to do a proper dedication.

-We have, Michigan at Gettysburg, books for sale for \$20.00. The book covers the dedication of monuments.

-2020 Officer Election, and installation of Officers are scheduled for the November 26, 2019 Camp # 17 Meeting.

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

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

- Brother Keith Harrison provides a list of happenings at the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum":  
-August 13, 2019, 10 A.M. We held Civil War Discovery Camp.

-September 14-15, 2019, was Eaton Rapids Urban Air. The "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", was open 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. both days).

-Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, (3 PM), Program, "The Last Veterans of the Blue and Grey", (Speaker: Larry Hathcock), was well attended.

-October 19, 2019, the, Paranormal Society, will conduct a, "Ghost Tour at the Museum".

-Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, (7 PM), Program: "Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army -Stories of Native Americans who fought in the Civil War", (Speaker: Quita Shier).

-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 the National Encampment was held in, Cleveland, Ohio.

-The, 2020, Department of Michigan Encampment is June, 6. 2020. The Daughters will join us.

-Kermit Douse E-mailed a brochure to Camp # 17. A, Nashville 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial, book is available for purchase, for \$15.00. Our S.U.V.C.W. firing squad is pictured.

Brother Pahl - On a more fun note, I have prepared a game of, Curtenius Guard Jeopardy. The board has 25 questions, with amounts of \$100 to \$500 in each category. Of course, the higher the, dollar amount, the

harder the question. I would like to divide us up into three teams and see what happens. My wife sent a two liter bottle of Mountain Dew to use as a door prize. We played the game after the meeting adjourned. Team # 3 included, Brothers; Grimes, Hoffman, Hummer, and Holcomb. Not to rub it in, but we won by thousands of dollars

#### **Websites:**

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

**Pass the Hat:** We did not pass the hat.

#### **XVII. Closing Ritual:**

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin closed the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary