

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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## DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for  
November 26, 2019.

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G.A.R. Post # 283 Hall,  
Sunfield, Michigan

### I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the November 26, 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, B. Benedict, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, T. Kolean, S. Martin, J. Pahl, and R. Shull.

**Officers Excused:** D. Bankhead, M. Hoffman, and 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 September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

### VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, September 23, 2019 - November 28, 2019. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Treasurer Pahl informs Camp # 17, Brothers that 2020, annual dues to remain at \$41.00. Treasurer Pahl is, currently collecting, 2020 Camp dues. Dues may be mailed to: James B. Pahl, 445 W. Maple, Mason, MI 48854-1519. Make the check payable to, S.U.V.C.W Curtenius Guard Camp # 17.

### VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, and thoughts and prayers expressed for the following Brothers: Wendel Peabody fell and reported doing better. Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne says, surgeries are completed, and I am doing well. Department of Michigan Secretary Dick Denney has a scheduled cardiac surgery at the University of Michigan. Brother Shull reports Dana Traub is doing well. Brother Bankhead had surgery over the summer. Brother Arnold says he is feeling better after recent knee surgery. Brother Holcomb is facing heart surgery mid-December. Concerns expressed for Lavern Aves, and John Shumway.

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

No new applications.

### 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, taken at 7:40 PM.

### XII. Committee Reports:

**By-Laws:** No report.

#### Memorials and Graves

**Registrations:** Memorials Officer Mark Hoffman, E-Mailed his Graves Registration Report: The next Department GRO meeting is on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and I'll be submitting another 35-40 from the camp. Anyone who is interested in helping with this project, especially those with a personal, or library access to, Ancestry.com, and/or Fold3, see Mark Hoffman.

**G.A.R. Monuments:** Brother Pahl states: I have been very busy, but, plan to continue this project in, 2020, when the weather is better.

**Eagle Scout Certificates:** Brother DePue's mother is inviting Camp # 17 Brothers to attend an Eagle Scout Award Ceremony.

**Military Affairs:** No report.

**Membership:** Discussion on what happened to an expected application from a Bryan Huff. He had a Civil War Relative that was a member of the old Sunfield G.A.R. Post. He lives out of state.

#### Veterans Day:

We participated in the following Veterans Day events:  
-On November 3, 2019, 2 P.M, the Annual Veterans Day, Massing of the Colors, at the Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan. Brother Harrison reports it was a very good program, but a long ceremony.  
-November 12, 2019, 1 PM, John

Taylor Memorial Dedication, at, John Taylor Memorial Park, Holt, Michigan. Five Brothers attended. It was a cold, windy day, and good ceremony.

**Patriotic Instructor:** Brother Arnold presented this report about, General and later President Grant. He gave a biographical history of the life of General and President Grant. We learned no one is buried in Grant's Tomb.

**Programs and Publicity:** Discussion on possible programs: We lack programs for our Camp # 17, Sunfield Seminars.

-A video on Roger B. Chaffee is available and good. He was from Grand Rapids and one of the astronauts that died on the launch pad. The video is about his life and the creating, and dedication of the Roger B Chaffee Memorial. Previous Camp # 17 member, Dave Thompson grew up with him and was involved in creating the video, obtaining the statue and placing the memorial in downtown Grand Rapids. He indicates he would be happy to introduce the one hour video. The big problem that seems to exist is, neither Camp # 17, or the church where we have the seminars has a way to show, and project the CD on a large screen and have the needed audio?

**Hall Restoration:** No report.

**Memorial Day:** No report.

**Remembrance Day Activities:** Three Camp # 17 Brothers made the trip to Gettysburg. Michigan was represented with, around, twenty attending. The weather was

beautiful, making everything, just perfect, for the event. A big highlight of the trip was a side excursion, to Arlington National Cemetery. S.U.V.C.W., had obtained permission to place a wreath at the, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is the first time a Civil War group has placed a wreath there.

**Grinnell Award:** No report.

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

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

- # 4 - Corrected an error on a ruling passed at the National Encampment that merged jobs descriptions into the constitution.
- #5 - Department of Maine, Garfield Camp #1, suspended, and the charter revoked.
- #6 - Declares, Veterans Day, as a day to honor all who served,
- #7 - Reports the passing of, Sister Sally Krantz, NP, Department of New York.

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

- # 11 - Department Order sets aside November 11, 2019 as the official day to honor our Veterans.

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

- Commander Martin sent an E-Mail back to Mrs. Davis on her request for Camp # 17 participation at headstone dedications in Charlotte, and Portland. As determined at the September Camp # 17 meeting, Commander Martin informed her we, need more time to get organized, but will be happy to perform the, requested, Portland and Charlotte, headstone

dedications, in either April, or May, 2020. Brother Shumway believes they went ahead and completed the dedications.

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

Nominations and election of 2020 Camp # 17 Officers: Commander Martin called on Camp # 17 Chaplain David Grimes to present the, 2020 Nominating Committee Report. He states the nominating committee nominates all 2019, current Officers, to the same 2020, Office. Commander Martin asked if there are any additional nominations for Officers to fill any of the any Officer positions. There were none. Commander Martin then announced, there being no other nominations for any of the Officer positions that the candidates to remain unopposed. A motion made to elect all 2019, current Officers, to the same 2020, Officer, position. Second. Motion passed. The same Officers being elected to hold the same Officer positions we did not have to hold the, Installation of Officers Ceremony.

-2020, Camp # 17 Officers, include:  
Steve Martin - Commander  
Timothy Kolean - Senior Vice Commander  
Ron Shull - Junior Vice Commander  
Harold Holcomb - Secretary  
James B. Pahl - Treasurer  
Keith Harrison - Camp Council  
Ron Shull - Camp Council  
Wendel Peabody - Camp Council  
Appointed positions;  
Paul (Dave) Arnold - Patriotic Instructor  
Jon Armstrong - Color Bearer  
James B. Pahl - Counselor, & Memorials Officer

Bruce Benedict - Guide  
David Grimes - Chaplain  
Wendel Peabody - Guard  
Keith Harrison - Historian  
Mark Hoffman - Graves Registration  
Officer , & Programs Director  
Dave Bankhead - Eagle Scout  
Coordinator

A big, Camp # 17, round of applause, given for the, 2020, Camp # 17 Officers.

- Department Commander Payne - The Department of Michigan, and S.U.V.C.W. National, are asking for a Camp # 17 poll to determine if the, Department of Michigan, should consider holding the, National Encampment, in 2022. It, determined, Camp # 17 Secretary Holcomb, to poll the Camp # 17 Brothers, and report back to Department Commander Payne, and Camp # 17 Commander Martin with the poll results, within five days.

-Brother Harrison states -We have, Michigan at Gettysburg, books for sale for \$20.00. The book contains articles about the dedication of monuments.

## **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":  
- October 19, 2019, the, Paranormal Society, conducted a, "Ghost Tour at the Museum". We are anxiously, awaiting, a report on the happenings.  
-Tuesday, November 19<sup>t</sup>, (7 PM) , we showcased a program: "Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army - Stories of Native Americans who fought in the Civil War", (Speaker: Quita Shier).

-2020 Seminars include:  
-Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, (7PM), - Seminar -The Soldiers Clothing, and Personnel Equipment, (Speaker: Rob Stone).  
-Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, (7 PM) - Seminar - Detroit's, Historic Ft. Wayne, (Speaker: Tom Bertucchi).  
- Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, (7 PM) - Seminar - Emory Paraday, and the Capture of John Wilkes Booth, (Speaker Kermit Douse).  
-Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, (3PM) - Seminar -Major General Alpheus Williams, (Speaker, jack Dempsey).  
-Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, (7 PM), - Seminar – The Eleventh Corps at, Gettysburg, (Speaker, Dr. Jim Paula).

Other, G.A.R., Sponsored Programs:  
-Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, (10 AM - 5 PM), Grand Army of the Republic, 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, (Two floors ), of G.A.R. artifacts, memorabilia and other special G.A.R. exhibits will be on display.

-Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>, (11 AM) -Annual Memorial Day Parade, and Memorial Day Program at, G.A.R. Island Park.  
-Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, (8 AM – 5 PM) - Annual , July 4<sup>th</sup>, Parade, and Civil War Living History on G.A.R. Island Park, (Artillery, Calvary, and Infantry).  
-Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>, (10AM – 3 PM), -Annual Civil War Discovery Camp for kids 7 – 14 years.

-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.

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

### **Websites:**

"Curtenius Guard Camp # 17"

**Pass the Hat:** Pass the hat collection amount, \$80.00.

## **XVII. Closing Ritual:**

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin closed the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary