

## Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2020.

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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:** D. Arnold, B. Benedict, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, T. Kolean, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Shull, D Bankhead, and W. Peabody.

**Officers Excused:** M. Hoffman, and J. Armstrong, and H. Holcomb

#### 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 November 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes as transmitted - D. Bankhead .  
Second. D Arnold; Motion passed.

#### VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, November 26, 2020 - January 28, 2020.

Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted - D. Grimes Second J. Doug Parks. 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: Brother Russell had his Gall Bladder removed, 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, but would like visitors. Brother Holcomb is doing well following heart surgery mid-December. Concerns expressed for Lavern Aves, and Concerns for the family of PCinC Lowell Hammer after his passing.

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

Application for: Michael Cox from Charlotte.

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

Balloted for Michael Cox elects him to membership.

#### X. Initiation of New Brothers:

Brother Cox was not in attendance for initiation.

#### XI. Meeting Recess:

Meeting recess, taken at 7:23 PM.

#### XII. Committee Reports:

**By-Laws:** No report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Officer Mark Hoffman, E-Mailed his Graves Registration Report: Attended the December 14th Department GRO meeting, and turned in 37 newly updated Union Solders. I also presented on a Union Michigan Veteran who died on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in 1938. Good discussion on the, Last Veterans, in each county project, and clarification on eligibility. I'll bring some recommendations to the camp for consideration at the March, 2020 meeting.

**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 was awarded his Eagle Scout award. Brothers Kolean and Bankhead attended. Apparently there was a congratulatory letter missing.

**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. We haven't heard back from him.

**Veterans Day:**

No Report.

**Patriotic Instructor:** Brother Arnold presented his report about, The Emancipation Proclamation.

**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. DC Payne has a portable speaker system.

**Hall Restoration:** Mention to the Daughters about helping repair broken chairs. Brother Parks has a connection to repair chairs.

**Memorial Day:** Saturday May 23, Mt. Hope Cemetery, G.A.R. has a program on Memorial Day, (observed). Camp # 17 is looking at participating in the Parade in Eaton Rapids.

**Remembrance Day Activities:** No report.

**Grinnell Award:** No report.

### **XIII. Orders and Communications:** **SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:**

-#9 - Reports the passing of Richard Partington Sr. Past Commander in Chief, 1987-1988.

-#10 –Reports the passing of, (1991-

1992), Past Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer, January 7, 2020.

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

- # 12-Appoints an exploratory committee, to explore the possibility of Michigan holding the 2022 National Encampment.

-#13 -Camps are reminded to be sure to file all required documents with the Department of Michigan Secretary before the report filing deadline.

-#14 -Appoints a Department of Michigan, 2020-2021, Officer candidate, nominating committee.

- #15-Appoints a committee to determine Brothers to consider for the, Abraham Lincoln Award. The Award to be presented, to up to three recipients for significant contributions made during, 2019-2020, year. This award will be passed out, to recipients, by the Department Commander, during the 2020 Department of Michigan Encampment meeting.

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

- Commander Martin sent an E-Mail back to Mrs. Davis on her request for 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.

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

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

Repairing of some chairs in the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall is needed. We need to hear back from the Daughters, first. While we could do the repairs, we need to consult the Daughters before we move forward. They have been guarding the artifacts for years.

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

#### **Michigan GAR. Memorial Hall and Museum:**

Brother Keith Harrison provides a list of happenings at the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum”:

-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, in Okemos, Michigan. The Daughters will join us.

-Lincoln Death Day, on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, IL.

National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia, August 13-16, 2020.

Brian Shumway will be teaching a two hour class on April 1<sup>st</sup> based on actual letters from a Barry County soldier. It is a lifelong learning class, cost is around \$25. Kellogg Community College, in Hastings

**Websites:**

"Curtenius Guard Camp # 17"

**Pass the Hat:** Pass the hat collection amount was, \$81.00.

**XVII. Closing Ritual:**

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin closed the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb  
Curtenius Guard Camp # 17  
Secretary