

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes,  
September 28, 2021. Tonight's  
meeting is being held at the, G.A.R.  
Hall, in Sunfield, Michigan.

### **I. Opening Ritual:**

At 7:06 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander  
Robert Payne opened the September  
28, 2021, 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. Bankhead, D.  
Grimes, H. Holcomb, t. Kolean, J.  
Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull.

**Officers Excused:** J, Armstrong, D.  
Arnold, B, Benedict, K. Harrison, and  
M. Hoffman.

### **III. Roll Call of the Camp:**

Roll of the Camp not called.

### **IV. Welcome to Guests:**

Marvin Hanes is present.

### **V. Approval of Minutes:**

Commander Payne asked the Camp #  
17 Brothers if they have any  
objections, or questions about the  
July 27, 2021 meeting minutes.  
Motion by Brother Bankhead to  
accept the meeting minutes as

presented. Second. There were no  
objections. Motion passed.

### **VI. Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer James B. Pahl, handed  
out, and then presented the  
Treasurers Report dated, July 27,  
2021 – September 27, 2021.  
Treasurer Pahl explained he cut the  
following checks. A check went to  
the, Daughters, for utilities at the,  
Sunfield G.A.R. Hall. A second check  
went to the, Michigan G.A.R.  
Memorial Hall and Museum, as a  
donation. A third check went to  
the, Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln  
Institute as a donation. Commander  
Payne asked if there are any  
objections, or questions about the  
treasurers report. Brother Shull  
made a motion to accept the  
treasurer's report as read. Second.  
Motion passed. Commander Payne  
announced the Treasurers Report,  
is now approved as transmitted.

### **VII. Concerns for Brothers:**

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers  
were expressed for the following  
Brothers: Brother Hoffman  
informs us he has been diagnosed  
with leukemia. He continued  
indicating it has compromised his  
immune system, and with a  
compromised immune system he is  
advised to have limited contact  
with people for fear of contracting  
something. Brother Harrison is  
diagnosed as needing a medical  
procedure. The diagnosis is stage  
one lung cancer. Brother Kolean is  
back to normal following a surgery  
in July. Brother Bankhead states he  
had bladder cancer surgery a few  
months back, and reports he is  
informed they got it all.

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

Marvin Lee Hanes presented his  
application. He lives in DeWitt. His  
ancestor was his third great  
grandfather, Henry Akay. Who was  
mustered in September 15, 1862, into  
Company B Michigan 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry as  
a Private.

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

The ballot box was located and Camp  
# 17 Brothers cast their votes for  
prospective member Marvin Lee  
Hanes. Commander Payne announced  
we have a new Camp # 17 Brother.

### **X. Initiation of New Brothers:**

Marvin Hanes, being present, was  
guided to the alder and Commander  
Payne preformed the initiation. A  
round of applause was provided new  
Brother Marvin Lee Hanes.

### **XI. Meeting Recess:**

Meeting recess, taken at 7:30 PM.

### **XII. Committee Reports:**

**By-Laws:** No changes.

### **Memorials and Graves Registrations:**

Brother Mark Hoffman E-Mailed in  
the Graves Registration Report: We  
continue to research and submit the  
names of Union Soldiers, and Sailors  
for the Department Graves  
Registration Database. Another batch  
was submitted for the September  
DGRO meeting.

**G.A.R. Monuments:** No report.

**Eagle Scout Certificates:** No Report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Veterans Day:**

We are not aware of any Veterans Day parades. The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum will be open.

**Patriotic Instructor:** Brother Shull filled in, in the absence of Patriot instructor Brother Arnold. He talked about trips to Gettysburg and memories of Gettysburg events he attended.

**Programs and Publicity:** No Report.

**Hall Restoration:** No Report.

**Memorial Day:** No report.

**Remembrance Day Activities:** No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

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

- #21- This General Order provides guide lines on wearable recognition buttons and buttonhole decorations.
- #22 -Order issues a ruling on Department requirement to pay per-capita dues of suspended camps.
- #23-Revokes the charter of, McClellan Camp # 91, of Ohio.
- #24 - Lists the Awards handed out at the 140<sup>th</sup> National Encampment.

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

- #5 - Orders Camps to provide communication with the Department regarding scheduling of Camp Officer Installation times and dates.
- #6 - This Order provides corrections to the National Encampment proceedings.
- #7 - Order discharges the, 2022 site

selection committee, for the 2022 Department Encampment, provides the location, and states additional information will be available on the Department website.

-#8 - Appointment of a special outreach committee for the, 136<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment.

**XIV. Old Business:**

-Funeral services for Brother Traub were held in Charlotte at the First Congregational United Church of Christ on August 27, 2021. Brother Arnold, in an E-Mail, suggests we place a motion to acquire and place on his grave a SUVCW aluminum flag holder. He believes we have flags at the old Sunfield Hall? Motion made to acquire a, SUVCW aluminum marker and flag for the grave of Brother Traub. Second. Motion passed.

**XV. New Business:**

-At the November Meeting we will be taking requests for Camp # 17, Officers for 2022.

- Brother Pahl did a title search on the old Sunfield Hall. He discovered the last deed is dated 1899, and is to the Sunfield G.A.R. The question is was a deed ever prepared and recorded conveying the property to the Daughters? Further investigation is needed. Brother Pahl will first contact the Department Commander and then the Daughters.

-Department Order # 5, Commanded all camps to inform the Department on when they desire to hold installation of 2022 Officers. Commander Payne informs us he has notified

National, and the Department of Michigan Commander that the January 25, 2022 meeting is the date we will install the 2022 Officers.

-Brother Laverne Ave has requested an, Honorable Discharge, citing age and health reasons. His, Honorable Discharge, is granted.

**XVI. Good of the Order:**

-The post on the historical sign in front of the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall, has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. A Motion made by Brother Bankhead to authorize, an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2000. Second. A discussion took place. Motion passed.

-We need to find/approve a way to increase our, general fund.

-Motion made by Brother Hanes to provide \$45.00 to the Daughters to cover utilities for the use of the old Sunfield Hall tonight. Second. Motion passed.

-Brother Pahl reports that National has authorized having virtual meetings. It was mentioned that Camp # 17 lacks internet at the Sunfield Hall.

-The 26<sup>th</sup> Illinois had 200 plus Civil War veterans who board a ship to return home after the war. A container of combustible fuel spilled, and the ship caught fire. Only a few survived.

-The fall issue of, The Banner, is at the printer.

-National now has an insurance policy that covers all Camp's, including the firing of weapons.

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

-Civil War Soldiers Camp was August 10, 2021. We had around a dozen kids participate.

-Sunday, September 19, (3 PM), we showcased a seminar, The Eleventh Corps at Gettysburg. The speaker was Dr. Jim Paula. It was very interesting.

-Tuesday, November 16, 2021 the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", will showcase a seminar, Major General Alpheus Williams. The Speaker is Jack Dempsey.

-All is depending on the virus situation at the time.

-The Museum has men's, G.A.R., ties available for sale for, \$30.00.

-“Annual Sponsorships”, from \$25 to \$200 are available for the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum.

Please consider becoming an, Annual Sponsor. -

Volunteers, needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month.

Please consider volunteering.

-Watch our website, (<https://garmuseum.com>), for listings of future events.

-The 2021 National Encampment was held, August 4-9, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. Several Brothers from Camp # 17 attended.

May 13-14, 2022 - The Department of Michigan Encampment is scheduled to be at the, Double Tree, by Hilton, 4747 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE in Grand Rapids.

-The 2022 National Encampment is in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The date is August 11-14, 2022. The location is the, Double Tree, by Hilton, 4747 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE. Grand Rapids MI 49512. A free

shuttle service to and from Gerald R. Ford Airport is available. A 2022, National Encampment, ribbon is designed, and being submitted for production. For the first time in history the, Women's Relief Corps, will meet with us.

### **Websites:**

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”,  
Department of Michigan

**Pass the Hat:** We collected  
\$.34.00.

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

Camp # 17 Commander Robert  
Payne closed the meeting at 8:50  
P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb  
Curtenius Guard Camp # 17  
Secretary