

Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for, January 31, 2023. This meeting is being held at the, G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:15 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander David Grimes opened the January 31, 2023, Camp # 17 meeting. Brothers were appointed to fill the vacancies of absent Officers by appointment, pro-temp.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present: A. Dickinson, D. Grimes, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull, and B. Shumway.

Officers Excused: B, Benedict, D. Bankhead, M. Hoffman, and R. Russell. .

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Jerry Reed is present.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander D. Grimes asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the November 29, 2022 meeting minutes. There were no objections. Motion made to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer James B. Pahl provided the Camp # 17 financial report dated November 29, 2022 to January 31, 2022. He continued on, explaining the report. Treasurer Pahl also submitted the Camp # 17 Annual Report for the year 2022. A motion by Brother Payne to accept the Treasurers reports as presented. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brothers D. Bankhead, M. Hoffman, for Brother K. Harrison's family following his passing away January 12, 2023, for the family of PC-in-C Don Shaw following his passing, for the family of C-in-C David Medert following his passing, Brother R. Hamilton, and his wife. Brother W. Peabody is reported waiting on surgery. The passing of Auxiliary PNP Betty Baker. Possible concerns discussed for Brother B. Benedict, and Brother J. Shumway.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

Jerry M. Reed submitted an application for membership sitting his second Great Grandfather Andrew Jackson Olmstead as his primary relative for his lineage. He mustered into service September 5, 1864 in Co. F of the 185 New York Infantry as Private and discharged June 3, 1865. He was wounded March 29, 1865. Additionally, he lists three more supplemental relatives. The first being; Great Grandfather Robert Court mustered into Co. D, 9th NY Cav. As a Private and Mustered out as a Corporal on

Nov. 29, 1864. He was wounded June 11, 1864. The second; Grandfather Samuel Bockoven Reed, mustered into service, Feb. 2, 1864 into Co. K 9th Michigan Infantry as a Private. He was mustered out as a Private September 15, 1865.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The ballot taken, Commander D. Grimes opened the old ballot box and announced we have a new Camp # 17 Brother Jerry Reed.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

New Brothers Cody Orr, and Jerry Reed, being present, we proceeded with the initiation. Following initiation the new Brothers were greeted with a big round of applause.

XI. Meeting Recess:

No meeting recess taken.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother M. Hoffman E-Mailed this G.R.O. Report. The DGRO, quarterly, meeting for December was cancelled. I will continue to submit new/corrected information for the Department Graves Database.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother Payne gave this Report. He explained these two items:
-Muster Day.

-That the national website includes monthly reports worth checking.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration:

The Eaton County Historical Society has issued us an application to submit to obtain a, Historical Grant. We have some needed Hall building repairs that need fixing and this might be a way of obtaining some needed funds.

Memorial Day: Brother R. Payne indicates it is time to make plans.

Remembrance Day Activities: - Brother Dave Hahn informs Camps, in a letter, that Remembrance Day, is November 18, 2023 this year. Reservations are now available to make. The reservation information is contained in the letter.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-#13 -Reinstates Brother Eric Richart PDC. He suspended on General Order # 11.

-#14 -Announces the passing of P C- in-C Don Shaw.

-#15 -Revised Form 3.

-#16 -Announces the passing of P C- in-C Keith Harrison.

-# 17 -Announce of the passing of PNP Betty J. Baker of the Auxiliary.

Special Orders:

-None.

Special Message:

-#3 - Message honors, USMC Birthday, Veterans Day, and SUVCW Birthday.

-#4 -The National Quartermaster position was vacated upon the

passing of Quartermaster, PC-in-C Don Shaw. Brother Lyon has agreed to fill the position.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#4 -RE-Nominating Committee, Letters of Intention, and BY-Laws Awards.

-#5 -Establishes a special committee to review membership qualifications.

-**Special Message #2** -A special tribute to PC-in-C Donald W. Shaw.

-#4 -Message is a special tribute to Keith Harrison PC-in-C.

-#5 -This order is about changes to membership and qualifications.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-Camp # 17 assigned Brother B. Shumway to fill the Office of, Historian, and Brother J. Pahl to fill the Office of, Civil War Memorials.

XV. New Business:

-Treasurer J. Pahl is collecting Camp # 17, 2023, Annual Dues. The dues amount is \$51.00.

- Motion made by Brother Pahl to that we have a dinner meeting for future September Camp # 17 meeting's and these September Dinner Meeting is to be known as the, K.G. Harrison Dinner Meeting. Brothers at this meeting are to read the names of the Camp # 17 Brothers who belonged to the Camp # 17 who are deceased. Second . Motion passed.

-Brother R. Payne informs us that our Camp # 17 website is on the National Organization server and that they are getting ready to move

the website. That creates a problem for us. We need to move/create our website. This may include, but not be limited to, our own domain name, our own hosting site, our own server, thus reworking our website to a more manageable format. A motion made by Brother Payne to create our own website. The Camp # 17 site is to be known as the, CurteniusGuardCamp # 17.org. The site projected cost is, annually, about \$60. Second. Motion passed.

We need a replacement person to sign Camp # 17 checks. This to replace, Brother K. Harrison, now deceased. Motion made to assign Brother R. Payne as the 3rd person to authorized sign Camp # 17 checks. Second. Motion passed.

The 2023 Department of Michigan Encampment is in Midland, Michigan. The date is Saturday, April 1, 2023. Reservations are available on the, SUVCW Department of Michigan website. The location is in Midland, Michigan. It is at the Holiday Inn.

-Austin Blair Camp # 7, Jackson, is requesting Camp # 17 Brothers help to man the information booth at the August 26 & 27, 2023 Jackson Civil War Muster.

-The Department of Michigan Secretary Dick Denney is reminding The Camp Secretaries and Patriotic Instructors that Annual Reports need to be prepared and mailed in by the end of April. We usually try to accomplish this a few days after the March Camp Meeting. Officer signatures are required for some of the documents.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

- Several Brothers from Camp # 17 attended the Austin Blare Camp #7 Christmas Party held at the Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. This may become an annual event?
- Programs and Special Events include:
 - Tuesday, March 14th (7 PM)
Seminar: Lincoln's Michigan Visit – Shocking New Discoveries, by Dr. Tom George.
 - April 8th-The 157th Anniversary Commemoration, (Two floors of G.A.R. artifacts and memorabilia and other G.A.R. exhibits on display).
 - May 29th -Annual Memorial Day Parade, (11 AM). Memorial Day Programs, held at Memorial Park, (12:30).
 - July 1st - July 4th – Civil War Living History Program followed by the, 4th of July Parade on Tuesday July 4th.
 - August 8th - Annual Civil War Discovery Camp for kids 7-14 years of age.
 - “Annual Sponsorships”, from \$25 to \$200 are available to help support the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Please consider becoming an, Annual Sponsor.
 - Volunteers are needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month.
 - The, Parks Society, presented a, Life Time Achievement Award, to Brother Keith Harrison for his long dedicated service. This to, took place at the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, on December 8, 2022.
 - Installing the post at the Hall is said to proceed when the weather permits.

-Department Encampment is in Midland over the weekend of April 1, 2023. Reservations are on the Department of Michigan website. Brother S. Martin is a candidate for Sr. Vice. Brother R. Payne is running for the Office of Council.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”,
Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat:

-Pass the Hat collected \$49.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander David Grimes closed the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb
Curtenius Guard Camp # 17
Secretary