

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023. This meeting is being held at the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

## **I. Opening Ritual:**

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 Sr. Vice Commander S. Martin opened the July 25, 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:** D. Bankhead, M. Cox, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, R. Russell, and B. Shumway.

**Officers Excused:** B, Benedict, A. Dickinson, D. Grimes, M. Hoffman J. Pahl, R. Shull, and R. Payne.

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

Roll of the Camp not called.

## **IV. Guests:**

No guests.

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

S. Vice Commander S. Martin asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the May 30, 2023 meeting minutes. There were no objections. Motion by Brother Bankhead to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. Motion passed.

## **VI. Treasurers Report:**

No Report.

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

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother Bankhead's wife, and Brother J. D. Park's wife. Concerns expressed concerns for, Brothers D. Arnold, M. Hoffman, W. Peabody, R. Hamilton, and his wife. Concerns discussed for Brother B. Benedict, and Brother J. Shumway.

Congratulations to Brother B. Shumway on becoming a first time grandfather. He has a granddaughter.

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

No candidates.

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

No candidates.

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

No new Brothers to initiate.

## **XI. Meeting Recess:**

A recess was taken.

## **XII. Committee Reports:**

**By-Laws:** No Report.

## **Investigating Committee:**

- Several Brothers volunteered to do the lineage investigations. Sr. Vice Commander Martin appointed three of the volunteers to the lineage investigating committee. They will do any new member application's lineage verifications. The three Brothers to provide lineage verification for Camp # 17 new applicants are Brothers C. Orr, J. Armstrong, and J. Pahl.

## **Memorials and Graves Registrations:**

Brother M. Hoffman provided this written report. I attended the June quarterly Dept. Camp Graves Registration Officers meeting and submitted the most recent packet of new/updated entries. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the in-process changes to the Department Graves Database. The Dept. GRO is currently updating the National's database against the information in the Dept. database. This is in advance to the Dept. database going away. Once that is complete, the Dept. website will be redirect to the National. Camp GROs will continue to provide new/corrected information to DGRO Rick Danes and he'll do the updating on the National for our Department. National does not have categories for war of 1812, Mexican War, Indian, or Span-Am but does reference non-CW service in the comments field for those who did serve in the CW. We also discussed National handles cenotaphs similar to the Dept: Actual burial location is noted in the burial fields, with cenotaph comments or any other memorial reference in the comments field.

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

**Eagle Scout Certificates:** No Report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** We discussed four prospective members.

**Veterans Day:** The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum will be open on November 11, 2023.

**Patriotic Instructor:** No Report

**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:**

-#26 -Proposed changes to amend the constitution membership qualifications.

**Special SUVCW Orders:**

-Special Order # 3 -Brother J. Lyon to step away from the position of National Quartermaster due to health reasons.

**Special Message:**

-#6 -Announces the new SUVCW

Website: [suvcw@suvcw.org](mailto:suvcw@suvcw.org)

-#7-Announces the passing of MOLLUS Past Commander-in-Chief Douglas Niermeyer.

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

**Orders:**

-#7 -Establishment of the position of a Social Media Officer for the Department of Michigan.

-#8 -Wa-Bu-No Camp # 250 filed form # 27 and is suspension lifted.

-#9 -Reestablishes a Department Resource Allocation Committee.

**Camp # 17 Orders:** No Orders.

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

-No old business.

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

-Brother D. Bankhead informs us the Charlotte Courthouse Square

Association is working on a big display and program about the Civil War, 6<sup>th</sup>

Michigan. The display/program date is on September 23, 2023. The location is the Courthouse in Charlotte. They are requesting that all Civil War groups get involved. Many of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan soldiers were from the Eaton County area. Camp # 17 plans to participate. A Color Guard may be desired?

-The Jackson Civil War Muster is August 25-26, 2023. They are looking for volunteers to participate.

-Motion by Brother Bankhead to donate \$ 150.00 to the Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Second. Motion passed.

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

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

-Programs and Special Events:

-July 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> - A Civil War Living History Program followed by the, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> took place.

-Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, Bob Griggs was the speaker for a seminar titled, Colorizing the Civil War. It was a great program and a very interesting program

-August 8<sup>th</sup> -The 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.

**Camp # 17 Website:**

[curteniusguardcamp17.org](http://curteniusguardcamp17.org)

**Pass the Hat:**

-We did not pass the hat. .

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

Camp # 17 closed the meeting at 8: 10 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary