

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2024. The meeting is being held at the Samuel L. Grinnell Post # 283 G.A. R. Hall in Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes opened the January 30, 2024, 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. Bankhead, D. Grimes, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Payne R. Russell, and R. Shull, B. Shumway.

Officers Excused: B. Benedict, and M. Hoffman

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Guests present tonight include: The Department of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander David Kimble, and Scott Dykstra.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander D. Grimes asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes. There being no objections the

meeting minutes accepted as presented.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer J.B. Pahl provided the report date November 28 2023 to January 27, 2024. Additionally, he provided the annually EIN Form 990-N. It filed and accepted. The Camp Council conducted a 2023 audit of the financial records of the Camp and found all to be in order. Motion made by Brother B. Shumway to approve the reports as submitted. Second. Motion passed. Treasurer Pahl is accepting 2024 dues payments. The 2024 Camp # 17 annual dues amount is \$51.00. You may mail the 2024 Camp # 17 dues to James .B. Pahl 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1519.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: D. Bankhead fell has leg injuries plus doing chemo, Cody Orr in the loss of a family member, Howard Lloyd is under medical care, D. Arnold and his wife have COVID, J. D. Park is recovering from his second eye surgery, ongoing prayers for Brother Park's wife and continuing concerns for Brothers M. Hoffman, W. Peabody, B. Benedict, and J. Shumway.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

- We have received an application for dual membership from Brother Bruce David Frail PC-in-C. He is a SUVCW Life member #1132 and member of Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 in Rhode Island.

-Scott Dykstra provided his application for membership. Motion made to accept Scott Dykstra into membership subject to Camp # 17 balloting tonight, and pending a successful outcome of the investigating Committee. Second. Motion passed.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

Bruce Frail voted into Camp # 17 membership. Scott Dykstra was voted into membership pending the investigating Committee's determination.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

- No new Brothers to initiate.

XI. Meeting Recess:

A recess was not taken.

XII. Committee Reports of the Camp and found all to be in order. By-Laws: No Report.

Investigating Committee Reports:

- Scott Dykstra's application for membership into the SUVCW Camp # 17. It turned over to the Investigating Committee Brothers J.B. Pahl, C. Orrt abd J. Armstrong to investigate, verify if any Civil War lineage and report back. He is a Coopersville, Michigan teacher.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

-Brother M. Hoffman provided this written GRO report: The Camp continues to submit additional information to the Department GRO for inclusion in the National Graves Database. The National Database is now the base file that we consult in determining if a soldier has already been added or if corrections are needed. We will have an update on

the conversion process at the April meeting of Camp's GRO's.

G.A.R. Monuments:

- Brother J. Pahl's plan is to get with the State of Michigan Officer and to obtain the Camp # 17 information they poses.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: We gave an application to prospective member Andrew Moore. He was not in attendance tonight? Commander D. Grimes will again, attempt to make contact with him and invite him to the March 26, 2024 meeting.

Remembrance Day:

-No report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother R. Payne provided today's report. He accessed one of the internet websites providing the history of what happened on this day, and reported it is time of the year when President Abe Lincoln gave his proclamation speech.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: - We have received an application to obtain a grant for repairs on the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall. This is from the Eaton County Historical Commission. Previous discussions have indicated needs to consider replacing both the porch railing and maybe the whole porch. Brother Park suggests the Hall under structure needs to be checked for potential deterioration too. It may need repair. Brother A. Dickinson will look into it when the weather

improves. The grant must be submitted before May 1, 2024.

Memorial Day: - No report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

Veterans Day: Brother

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

- #8 -Disbandment of the Henry Wallace Camp # 160 of the Department of Michigan.
- #9 -Announces the new Sons of the Veterans Reserve Commander SVR Brigadier General Donald E. Darby.

Special SUVCW Orders:

-No Orders.

Special Message:

-None.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-Re: By-Laws Article IX, Section 12. The Department Nominating Committee and Letters of intention for the year 2024: The Brothers selected and appointed and the need for those running for Department Offices to submit letters of intent.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-No old business.

XV. New Business:

-The 140th Department of Michigan Encampment is scheduled for April 26-28, 2024. The location is the Okemos Events Center 2187 University Park Dr., Okemos, MI

48864. Keep checking the websites for reservations.

-Installation of Camp # 17 2024 Officers:

-Commander D. Grimes asked Department of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander David Kimble to come forward to install our Camp # 17 2024 Officers. Camp # 17 Secretary H. Holcomb was asked to read off the list of elected Officers:

- Camp # 17 2024 elected Officers:
- David Grimes -Commander
- Aaron Dickinson- Sr. Vice Commander
- Steve Carr- Jr. Vice Commander
- Dave Bankhead -Patriotic Instructor and Council
- Rob Payne -Council
- Ron Shull -Council
- James B. Pahl-Treasurer and Memorials Officer
- Harold Holcomb-Secretary
- Rodney Russell -Chaplain
- Mark Hoffman -Graves Registration
- Michael Cox -Guide
- Marvin Hanes -Color Bearer
- Bruce Benedict -Guard
- Brian Shumway -Historian

The Department of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander David Kimble proceeded with installation of the 2024 Camp # 17 Officers. When he completed the installation he asked 2024 Commander David Grimes and all other Officers to take their respective stations, and continue tonight's meeting.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-The Eaton County Historical Commission is asking for nominations for their, Annual Heritage Award. I suggest a great candidate for it this year is Chris Allen for all his work in promoting the Michigan G.A. R. Memorial Hall and Museum. A form needs to be filled out and submitted. The award includes a nice butcher block of the State of Michigan that is engraved.

-Please see the 2024, Events and Presentations list, (Attached).

-“Annual Sponsorships”, from \$25 to \$200 are available to help support the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Volunteers are needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month.

-One year ago January 12, 2023 Brother K. Harrison passed.

-Brother S, Church informed the Camp a while back that repairs were needed for the Mt. Hope Cemetery flag pole and its flag lights. In a latest E-Mail he desires to inform the Camp # 17 Brothers the flag pole has been repaired and the flag is flying. He further indicates continued work is planned to get the night lights on so the flag is illuminated.

-Commander D. Grimes asked the Brothers to stand in silent [prayer in memory of President A. Lincoln.

-Our next scheduled Camp meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7 PM. The Annual Report is due soon after and 2024 Camp # 17 dues in the amount of \$51.00 are required to be up to date. Dues may be mailed to

James B. Pahl Treasurer 445 W Maple St. Mason, MI 48854. Dues paid after that subject to a reinstatement fee in addition of \$10.00.

Camp # 17 Website:

curteniusguardcamp17.org

Pass the Hat:-Passing the hat:

-Camp # 17 collected \$83.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

-Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes closed the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17,
Secretary

MICHIGAN'S G.A.R.**MEMORIAL HALL & MUSEUM**

224 South Main Street
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

**2024 Events and Presentations**

March 19, 7 pm: Deb Malewski – *Eaton Rapids in the Civil War presentation*

April 23, 7 pm: Kira O'Donnell-Allen – *Belles of the Ball: Women in the Civil War presentation*

May 21, 7 pm: John Urshell – *Andersonville presentation*

June 18, 7 pm: James Jackson – *Genealogy, Putting it All Together presentation*

August 13, 10 am - 3 pm: **Civil War Discovery Camp \$20**

August 20, 7 pm: Matt VanAcker – *Michigan in the Civil War presentation/book talk*

September 17: Ron Carley – *Abraham Lincoln*

October 17: Scott Cummins – *30 Year Anniversary of "Gettysburg," the movie*

All presentations are free and open to the public.
Donations are appreciated to help maintain the museum.

Visit us! The museum is open the first two Wednesdays of each month from 10 am until 3 pm. It is also open on patriotic holidays and city-wide events. You can call 517-922-6427 to schedule a visit by appointment. The museum can be rented for your special event or meeting.

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