

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2024. The meeting is being held at the Samuel L. Grinnell Post # 283 G.A. R. Hall in Sunfield, Michigan. The scheduled March 26, 2024 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

I. Opening Ritual:

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

Officers Excused: M. Hoffman.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Guests present tonight include: No guests.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Secretary H. Holcomb asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the January 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes. There being no objection Camp Commander D. Grimes asked for a

motion to accept the meeting minutes. Motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer J.B. Pahl provided the report date March 26, 2024 to May 30, 2024. Motion made by Brother R. Payne to approve the report as submitted. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: D. Bankhead is doing better after chemo and hopes he is past any issues. Concerns expressed for Brothers M. Hoffman, W. Peabody, J. Shumway, and for PC-in-C Gene Mortorff's family, following his passing.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

-No new applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

- Scott Dykstra was voted into membership at the January 30, 2024 meeting, pending the investigating Committee's determination. The investigating committee approved membership.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

- Brothers Scott Dykstra being present tonight was escorted forward and initiated into membership. A round of applause welcomed him into Camp # 17 membership.

XI. Meeting Recess:

A recess was not taken.

XII. Committee Reports of the Camp:

By-Laws:

- A set of changes to the By-Laws was prepared and approved at the Department Encampment. Brother R. Payne provided Camp # 17 a copy of the new By-Laws. Additionally, a copy of the Department of Michigan By-Laws is posted on the SUVCVW Department of Michigan website. -Since we lacked a quorum to conduct a March 26, 2024 meeting. Camp # 17 By-Laws Committee member Brother J. Pahl will make contact with the By-Laws Committee members to discuss reducing the number of Brothers required for a Camp # 17 meeting quorum.

Investigating Committee Reports:

- No applicants.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

-Brother M. Hoffman provided this written GRO report for the March 26, 2024 meeting: The Camp continues to submit additional information to the Department GRO for inclusion in the National Graves Database. We will have an update on the conversion process at the May 4th meeting of Camp GRO'S. I am working with the Battery C, Mich. LA reenactors on a military headstone. Updates to follow.

-GRO Report for May 30 meeting. I attended the May 4 Department Graves meeting. The process continues to enter all the information from the Department Graves database into the National database. All three of the counties assigned to Camp # 17 (Barry, Eaton, and Ingham) are among those completed. I continue to submit additions/corrections to the DGRO on behalf of the camp. I am also working

with the city of Eaton Rapids and reenactors of the 3rd Michigan Battery on a military marker for a man who served in that unit.

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:

-A discussion took place about forming a committee to look into methods we might consider to obtain new members. Sunfield Seminars being one method to consider.

Remembrance Day:

-No report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother R. Payne provided the Camp website is up.

-Patriotic Instructor Brother D. Bankhead referred to Brother R. Payne to provide the report. He provided the history of the creation of Memorial Day by General Logan.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: -No Report.

Memorial Day:

- Camp # 17 participated in the following events:
-May 25, 2024, 10:00 AM at Mt. Hope Cemetery.
-May 25, 2024 at Arlington Cemetery at 12:00 PM.
- Sunday Service with the Daughters in Sunfield, Michigan.
-May 27, 2024 in Eaton Rapids at the Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, in the Memorial Day

Parade, and a Ceremony held on G.A.R. Island.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

-#10 -Reports the resignation of Patriotic Instructor Brother B. McManus, PDC for health reasons and announces Brother T. Campbell, PC-in-C as his replacement.
-#11 -This order lists the rulings on National Counselor's Opinions 001-2024, & 002-2024.

-#12 -Disbands the Carpenter Welch Camp # 180, Department of Michigan.

-#13 -Grants lobbying to the SUVCW Department of New York.

-#14 -Revocation of the Charter of Colonel Marshall Lefferts, Camp #7, Department of New York.

-#15-Order provides general information about Memorial Day.

-#16-Reports the passing of PC-in-C Gene Mortorff.

Special SUVCW Orders:

- No Orders.

Special Message:

-None.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#15-Suspension of Camp # 250 for failure to file Form-27.

-#16 & amended by #17- Nominations are being accepted for the Abraham Lincoln Award.

-#18-The Richard Green Award Committee announced.

-#1-Transfers the location of Department of Michigan following the Encampment.

-#2 - This Order Provides Officer and Committee information following the Department Encampment.

-#3-This Order is about Memorial Day and its observance.

Department Special Orders:

-#2-This message provides 140th Department Encampment reservation information.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-No old business.

XV. New Business:

-The Department Encampment was held April 26-28, 2024 at the Okemos Events Center 2187 University Park Dr., Okemos. Many Camp #17 Brothers attended. Camp # 17 Brother Steve Martin was elected Department of Michigan Commander for 2024-2025. Brother Robert Payne is the 2024-2025 Signals Officer, and elected to be a member of the Council. Congratulations to both Brothers.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-Please see the 2024, Events and Presentations list on the museum's website.

-“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.

-Brother D. Bankhead volunteers to contact the Welch Museum to

determine if they will consider hosting our September dinner meeting. He will report back at the July 30, 2024 Camp # 17 Meeting.

-Brother D. Bankhead is asking if we might consider putting together a committee of Brothers to look into again starting having programs as a way to obtain new Camp # 17 Brothers. Department Commander S. Martin continued with further ideas and discussion. A website called Discord was discussed.

-Matt Van Acker at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing is considering a doing program on August 17, 2024 about the flags.

Brother R. Payne informed us the Camp # 17 website is now up and running.

Camp # 17 Website:

curteniusguardcamp17.org

Pass the Hat:-Passing the hat
-collected \$.58.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

-Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes closed the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

Our next scheduled Camp # 17 meeting is to be held in Eaton Rapids at the Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. The date is, Tuesday, July 30, 2024. The meeting time is 7:00 PM. It is expected the meeting to be held downstairs to accommodate those who may find it difficult to negotiate the stairs up to the G.A.R. Hall.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary