

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2024. A Camp # 17 dinner was held at the Welch Museum, Sunfield, Michigan before the meeting. The meeting followed at the old G.A.R. Hall.

## I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:05 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes opened the September 24, 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, A. Dickinson, D. Grimes, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Payne R. Russell, 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:

- Todd Cordill, Camp # 58, & Dept. Jr. Vice Commander
- Dick Denney, Camp # 135, PCC, & Dept. Secretary
- Chuck Worley Camp # 135, PCC, & Dept. GRO
- Len Sheaffer, Camp # 20, CC
- Bill Brennan, Camp # 20 PDC, & Chaplain
- Ray Ashley, Camp # 20,

## V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander D. Grimes asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the July 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, dated July 30, 2024 to September 23, 2024. Motion made to approve the report as submitted. Second. Motion passed.

## VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following; Department Commander Steve Martin Brothers is doing well following cardiac issues requiring surgery at National in Kentucky. D. Bankhead hopes he is past his medical issues. J. D. Park in an E-Mail to Brother H. Holcomb provided an update on his wife's serious medical. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Concerns expressed for Brothers M. Hoffman, W. Peabody, J. Shumway, and for the families of Howard Lloyd and Laverne Aves following their passing.

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

-Daryl Vincent Verstrete, Jr. sent in his application for dual membership. He is a member of the Department of New York, and National Credentials Chairman. He derives his lineage from James

VerStrete his third great Grandfather who mustered into service 9 May, 1861, in Co. G of the 3<sup>rd</sup> NYLA.

## IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The old ballot box was located and we voted on his membership. Commander D. Grimes view the ballot and announced that Daryl Verstrate is a Dual Member of Camp # 17.

## X. Initiation of New Brothers:

- No candidates.

## XI. Meeting Recess:

-A recess was not taken.

## XII. Committee Reports of the Camp:

### By-Laws:

- No report.

### Investigating Committee Reports:

-Daryl Verstrete's application as a dual member. Brother J. Pahl stated he is a current SUVCW Brother of the Department of New York, a National Officer, therefore, no need for additional verification. No other applicants.

### Memorials and Graves Registrations:

-Brother M. Hoffman provided this written GRO Report for the September 24, 2024 meeting. I attended the September 21 SUVCW Department of Michigan Graves training session for camp registration officers. It was led by the new Department GRO Chuck Worley for a group that is helping finish the conversion of the Dept. of Michigan's graves database into the national database, as well as be able to submit in the future. We will have our next regular Department GRO meeting on October 19.

### **G.A.R. Monuments:**

- No report.

### **Eagle Scout Certificates:**

-Brother D. Bankhead reports that we have one request for a certificate.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

### **Membership:**

-Anticipated new membership applications;

Brother M. Hoffman in an e-mail says a Caleb Robinson is interested in joining. Brother H. Holcomb invited him to attend a meeting. A follow-up is suggested.

### **Remembrance Day:**

-Brothers R. Payne and S. Martin plan to attend.

**Patriotic Instructor:** No report.

**Programs and Publicity:** No Report.

**Hall Restoration:** No Report.

### **Memorial Day:**

- No report.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

**Veterans Day:** Commander D. Grimes has a Great Grandfather who was in the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan. He is buried in the Munger Cemetery on M-99 East of Eaton Rapids. His grave lacks a G.A.R. Marker. A planned dedication service is scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

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

-#23-This General Order lists the National Encampment Awards.

-#1-General Order provides Congratulatory Wishes and the Transfer of Command.

-#2-A Call to Action announced by C- in-C Kevin Martin.

-#3-The 2024-2-25 elected National, and Appointed Officers, and National Committee Membership is listed on the SUVCW National website.

### **Special SUVCW Orders:**

- No Orders.

**Special Message: None.**

### **The SUVCW Department of Michigan Issues the following Orders:**

-#11- 2023-2024 Nominating Committee Assignments after the passing of Brother Rick Danes.

### **Department Special Messages:**

- #1-Announces a delay in the publication due to Brother Rick Danes health issues. Of Michigan  
-#2-Department of Michigan Commander Steve Martin checked himself in to the Hospital with health issues while at the National Encampment in Lexington, Ky. An immediate need for cardiac surgery was determined and performed. He thanks all for their prayers and lets all know the command of the Department was assured during his incapacity.

-#3-announces the passing of Brother Dr. Paul Nelson of Camp # 266.

-#4-Announces the passing of Brother Rick Daanes.

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

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

-No old business.

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

-Camp # 58 Department of Michigan Jr. Commander Todd

Cordill is asking for Camp # 17 October 5, 2024, participation, again this year at the Friends of Historic Meridian Festival in Okemos. We need to let them know if we plan to participate. If so they will reserve a table. Some from Camp# 17 will attend.

-Camp # 17 plans to hold nominations and election of Officers at the November Camp # 17 meeting. Several positions are open. If you desire an officer position, please contact the Camp # 17 Officers.

### **-Camp # 17 Brothers running for an Office:**

-Robert R. Payne, PDC, Department of Michigan, SUVCW LT, Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Mich. Vol. Inf. SVR National Council of Administration National Webmaster

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

-The, Save the Flags, event at the Michigan Capitol on August 17, 2024. Several Camp # 17 Brothers were given the honor of carrying one of the 80 replica Civil War Flags in the Michigan Capitol Flag Procession. The event held on August 17, 2024. The Michigan National Guard support troops & their Commanders were present. The 126<sup>th</sup> Army Band led by Warrant Officer Kimberly Ferrante played. Michigan National Guard Brigadier General Ravindra Wagh provided remarks, and Matt VanAcker of, Save the, provided closing remarks. Those carrying the flags included Camp # 17 Brothers S. Martin, R. Payne, and H. Holcomb. Each person picked up their assigned flag in the new Heritage Center. We then marched around the streets to the Capital front steps. A photo was taken of all of us with the flags. This is

where a photo taken of the old Civil War Vets when they placed the original flags in the Capitol. One by one we marched into the Capitol Rotunda placing the flag in one of the public viewing cases where they are expected to reside for an eternity.

**-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.

**Camp # 17 Website:**

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

**Pass the Hat:**-Passing the hat collected \$77.00.

**XVII. Closing Ritual:**

-Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes closed the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Our next scheduled Camp # 17 meeting is to be held in Sunfield. The date is, Tuesday, November 26, 2024. The meeting time is 7:00 PM.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary