



*Maj. General Wm. T. Sherman*

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Dept. of Michigan March to the Sea Camp Number 135 August 2008 Newsletter

*"Preserved by the grace of God...."*

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***Camp happenings:***

**Prairie River Monument Re-dedication:**

This is coming to its conclusion on August 30 at 10:00AM. Hand outs are at the printers, we have our own Cameron Brown scheduled to give the address and we appear to have all the positions covered for the ceremony. On behalf of Camp 135, many thanks to the crew from Camp 20 who will be coming packing heat to round out our rifle squad.

We have scheduled a dry run of the ceremony for Friday August 29 at 7:00 PM at the cemetery. Please plan to be there so we can sort out the logistics of the event and, perhaps, help us avoid looking like "F Troop" out there on Saturday.

***Congratulations!***

Heartfelt congratulations to Brother John Lichty and his wife Nadyne on the celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 17.

### ***Opportunities:***

It is time for the St. Joseph County Grange Fair to roll around again, and the County Historical Society has issued a request for help in staffing their booth. Their president, Martha Starmann, is in the process of setting up three hour shifts starting at 11:00 AM for the week of the fair (September 14 through 20). If you can man any shifts during the week please let me know your preferred times and I will coordinate this with Martha. I can be reached via email at [bgosling@charter.net](mailto:bgosling@charter.net) or by phone 651-6542 (home) and 651-3228 (work). She did indicate that the three hour shifts are not carved in stone and that if people had other preferences that they would be happy to accommodate them.

Regarding the cannon tube that formerly was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Sturgis, I chanced to have a meeting with Mr. Lyman Brown who has been actively working to get this monument replaced. He has fabricated a support system for the tube so all that seems to be needed is authority from the Cemetery Board and an appropriate base. I advised that we interested in working with him on the project, and that we would be in touch with him after closing out the Prairie River Cemetery project.

### ***September Meeting:***

Remember, we will be changing the venue of our September meeting for his talk on Gettysburg on September 16 at 7:00 PM. It is advisable to get there early to be able to assure you get good seating. Refreshments will be served.

### ***Election of Officers:***

Election of officers will be the main item on our agenda for November. If you have any hankering to become an officer of the Camp please speak up! We will be having nominations in October so do give this some thought.

Remember, as an organization we benefit directly from the skills and knowledge of our membership. The recruiting of new members who can bring fresh energy, thoughts and skills to the group is very important. Be sure to promote the order when you can, and bring a friend to a meeting.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty

*Bruce Gosling, Signals Officer*