



Maj. General Wm. T. Sherman

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Dept. of Michigan March to the Sea Camp Number 135 January/February 2011 Newsletter

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Camp happenings:



Your 2011 freshly installed officers ...

On January 11 our own Past Dept. Commander Chuck Worley installed the Camp's 2011 officers at the annual dinner held at the Fisher Lake Inn. Once again, the dinner and fellowship were excellent.

We discussed relocating our meeting site to the Dresser Business Center at Glen Oaks Community College, this will be discussed further at our meeting in March.

It was decided to change the date of our meeting to the **second** Tuesday of the month, so our next meeting will be March 8, 2011 at the Stone School in Nottawa.

We also discussed upcoming projects and getting the Civil War Sesquicentennial off to a good start. The heightened awareness of the Civil War the next few years will be a prime opportunity for building our Camp membership, so plan to be involved in activities and in promoting our Order.

One opportunity has presented itself via a Burr Oak resident named Stoney Summey. He was contacted by Katherine Pittingsrud, a descendent of Corporal John Carney about securing a proper marker for his grave in Oak Lawn Cemetery. He in turn contacted us for assistance. He now has the application for a VA marker, and is in the process of placing the order. If all goes well the marker should be installed in time for a dedication ceremony in conjunction with the Sturgis Dam Days celebration this coming June. We will discuss this further at our March meeting.

John enlisted as a Private in Co. F of the 188th New York Infantry on September 29, 1864 and was discharged a Corporal on July 1, 1865. The regiment served at Petersburg, was at Appomattox for the surrender of Lee and his army and participated in the grand parade in Washington DC.

Congratulations! To Brother Rick Shaffer for his election to the post of Chairman of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners.

Dues:

With the coming of a new year, dues are once again due. As a result of action taken at the last National Encampment, they have been increased by \$5.00 over last year. Please make your check payable to: Camp 135 SUVCW and mail it to: Bruce Gosling, 20388 E. US Hwy 12, White Pigeon, MI 49099

Upcoming Sesquicentennial events:

The Conner Prairie Interactive History Park north of Indianapolis will be opening a \$4.3 million exhibit this coming June to tell the story of the only military action to take place on Indiana soil during the Civil War. The exhibit will tell the story of the 1863 raid by Gen. John Hunt Morgan. Morgan's raid was the longest sustained cavalry raid of the Civil War covering roughly 1,000 miles. Several southern Indiana counties were affected with homes and towns being looted and railroad bridges burned.

Closer to home, a monument honoring Civil War veterans may be returning to its original site in downtown Elkhart. In 1889 Silas Baldwin had a monument built in memory of his son Lt. Frank Baldwin who died in the Civil War. It was it was

originally located on Main St. in Elkhart but was moved to the Rice Cemetery in 1928. Now, city leaders want to return the monument to its original site in the center of Main St. and to expand it honor all veterans. This is not a done deal, but has been getting a very favorable response from the area's veterans groups and community at large.

SUV Events:

April 16, the Lincoln Annual Tomb Ceremony in Springfield Illionios

May 21, the annual Michigan Department Encampment at the Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing.

August 11 – 14 the National Encampment at Reston Virginia. There are many activities including a tour of Washington DC and one of the Bull Run battlefield.

Check out the SUVCW national website for more information.

Next Meeting: 7:00 PM at the Stone School on March 8, 2011