



*Maj. General Wm. T. Sherman*

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Dept. of Michigan March to the Sea Camp Number 135 November 2010 Newsletter**

***“Preserved by the grace of God...”***

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## ***Camp happenings:***

Nominations and elections of officers for the upcoming year have been completed with no changes in personnel except for Brother Eric Shafer taking the place of Brother Carl on the Council of Administration. We have tentatively set our induction meeting for Tuesday January 11 (the second Tuesday) at 6:30 PM at the Fisher Lake Inn.

November 6 Brothers Chuck, Kimber, Bruce and David G. joined ten other Camps from the Department of Michigan in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade. This was quite an adventure thanks to errant programming of the signals officer's GPS, but with the aid of a couple local residents and our native Detroiter we saw a lot of sights along Jefferson Ave and managed to join the rest of the marchers at Fort Wayne in time to make the parade. Total representation of the SUV was a bit short of the goal of 50 marchers, but we made a great representation for the 200 or so spectators along the parade route. Although sparsely attended this was a large and nicely run parade.

Following are some photos of the event that hopefully will be able to pick up steam in the future.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan display of Camp Colors Nov. 6, 2010

Brother Kimber finally found some lighter colors to carry!



Four men of Camp 135 ready to March.....to the lake?



We awarded an Eagle Scout Commendation to Austin Sroczyński of Troop 402 on November 16, just in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in the United States. Keep your ears open for Eagle Scouts in your home area so that we may be able to properly recognize their achievements as well.

### ***Brothers & their families in distress:***

We heard from his fellow Rotarians that Brother John is doing well in his recovery from his surgeries, which is very good news indeed.

### ***For the Good of the Order:***

As part of the Sesquicentennial observance, the Michigan Council for History Education is sponsoring an essay contest for Michigan grade school students from grades 3 through 12. Brother Chuck will be making contact with the various school systems, but could use help. If you have appropriate contacts with your hometown school system, please let Chuck know you can help. Call him and he will make sure you have the necessary information.

It has come to our attention that the Parrot Rifle tube in Constantine has been painted red in recognition of the High School football team making the playoffs. While this is not in and of itself a bad thing, the tube has been layered with so many coats of paint that the markings have become totally illegible. The students are charged with repainting the cannon black, but this may be an opportunity to do some restoration of the memorial. At the November meeting we appropriated \$50 toward having the tube sand-blasted and Brother Dick Denney offered to provide the paint necessary to complete the proper restoration. Perhaps we will be able to perform a rededication in time for Memorial Day. Brother Chuck will be in contact with local officials to see what we can do to coordinate restoration activities.

### ***Upcoming events:***

We have no scheduled events upcoming save for the annual induction of officers. However, with the upcoming Sesquicentennial we should all be thinking of appropriate observances for the next several years. Perhaps an appropriate historical marker for the Michigan Eleventh in White Pigeon or supporting grade school programs such as the essay contest...the sky is the limit. Please be thinking of possible projects to promote our causes and the Order in general.

### ***Next Meeting:***

January 11 at Fisher Lake Inn in Three Rivers at 6:30 PM.