



*Maj. General Wm. T. Sherman*

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

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

***Camp Officers:***

Commander, Bruce Gosling  
Sr. Vice Commander, Mike McLaughlin  
Jr. Vice Commander, David Gosling  
Council Members, John Dudd  
Carl Holsinger  
Christopher Herrmann

Secretary, Treasurer, Chuck Worley  
Chaplin, Richard Cripe  
Patriotic Instructor, John Dudd  
Signals Officer, Bruce Gosling

***Camp happenings:***

We are on our way to filling next year's slate of officers, but still need some help. So far we have confirmed the following:

Camp Commander: Bruce Gosling  
Jr. Vice-Commander: David Gosling  
Council Members: Christopher Herrmann  
Carl Holsinger  
David Herrmann

Brother Chuck appears to be destined for the position of Commander of the Department of Michigan this upcoming year and therefore is concerned about having time to properly fulfill the requirements of Camp Secretary/Treasurer. So, we really need to fill this key position in the Camp. It is not quite a burdensome as it might appear as the books are in the care of our internal accountant and there is the support of both our former Secretary/Treasurers. Please contact CC Bruce if you have interest or questions.

We also still need to confirm candidates the positions of Chaplin, Patriotic Instructor and Sr. Vice-Commander. Again, let CC Bruce know if you have interest in serving in any of these capacities.

Update on the Oak Lawn Cemetery Mortar restoration project in Sturgis: A committee consisting of Carl Holsinger, David Gosling and Bruce Gosling has been created to investigate and develop recommendations on a course of action for this project. Mr. Lyman Brown has done a lot of work individually on this already, so we hope to be able to coordinate our efforts with him, and perhaps recruit a new member.

### ***Brothers in Distress:***

It was reported that Brother John Dudd had suffered a fall in his yard and broke three ribs. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for speedy recovery.

### ***Welcome:***

Welcome to Kimber Ruedger who visited us at the October Camp meeting. His great-great grandfather served as a Sergeant in the Third Illinois Cavalry. He is in the process of securing the necessary paperwork to support his application, and will be a great addition to our camp.

### ***November Meeting:***

Our elections will be held at November 18 meeting. We will also be firming up the date and location for the annual meeting for the installation of officers. Potential locations suggested are the Willow Glen Pond Inn and DaVinci's restaurant in Sturgis. Brother Chuck is investigating and will report back at the November meeting.

### ***Final Thoughts:***

We will be "going dark" for December, January and February with the closing down of the Stone School. So, with the exception of the January induction meeting, we will not reconvene until March 16, 2009.

Please give thought to ideas that would make our meetings more interesting and meaningful to you and pass them on to me.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty

*Bruce Gosling, Signals Officer*