



*Maj. General Wm. T. Sherman*

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

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

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***Camp happenings:***

**Memorial Day:**

On Monday May 26 we met at the White Pigeon Library to assist with their Civil War program. Three of us were in uniform, which provided some color to a very nice display. One of the visitors was Richard Magee who will be conducting a lecture on the Battle of Gettysburg at the White Pigeon Library on September 16 at 7:00 PM. Since this is our meeting night for September, the Camp has decided to substitute this event for our meeting for that month. Make note of the change, and plan to be there.

Our color guard joined the American Legion in the Memorial Day parade to the cemetery. At the cemetery we placed a wreath at the GAR monument.

On Friday May 30 three stalwarts braved some very inclement weather to continue our tradition of observing the true Memorial Day with a Sons service at the monument at the Prairie River Cemetery in Centreville. Due to Mother

Nature's lack of cooperation, we were forced to abbreviate the ceremony and forego the volleys.

### ***Prairie River Monument Update***

The committee charged with the responsibility to organize the event has met and the wheels are moving forward. We have scheduled the event for 10:00 AM on August 30. This is a very big event for our Camp, so please be sure to reserve the date and time on your calendars.

### ***Random Thoughts:***

Last month we had been notified that an Andrew Jackson Weatherwax was buried in the White Pigeon Cemetery without an appropriate marker. Brothers Chuck, Bruce and David G. researched the situation and located his grave site which had an appropriate military marker and flag holder. We provided his descendant with our findings and photos of his marker.

This month I received a call from Jane Brooks regarding worn lettering on two sides of the Three Rivers GAR monument. Brother Chuck will investigate and complete the registration of the monument with the SUVCW. He will report with his recommendations at the July meeting.

Looking ahead, we have had rather light attendance at our meetings and events lately. There are a number of projects being suggested, such as creating a program of coordinating headstone maintenance with area funeral directors that require only a small amount of time, but could pay big dividends. We just need more manpower to take them on. If you have any suggestions on how our meetings could be made more meaningful and inviting please let me know.

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.

Our next meeting will be July 15, at the Nottawa Stone School at 7:00 PM.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty

*Bruce Gosling, Signals Officer*