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Memorial Day Observance

General John Logan, while serving as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) issued General Order #11 on May 5, 1868 establishing Decoration Day, which we now call Memorial Day. His charge was that we commemorate at the gravesite of fallen soldiers, sailors, and marines:

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

As the descendants and lawful heirs of the GAR, each of us pledged during our membership induction to always observe the day set aside as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors. Whether commemorating the observed Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th or traditional Memorial Day on Thursday, May 30th, or both, Camps and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War throughout Missouri and Arkansas are asked to take time to participate in Memorial Day services honoring our fallen veterans of all eras but especially those Civil War veterans.

Ordered this 24th Day of May, 2019,

Attest:

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