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1. One the greatest legacies left to us by the Grand Army of the Republic is the observance of Memorial Day. On 05 May 1868, GAR Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan issued General Order #11 establishing a day of reflection and remembrance for those that gave their lives that our Nation might live.
2. I ask that all Brothers, either as part of their Camp, SVR unit or individually, participate in an event in their respective communities on Monday, 28 May, the day of National observance, to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR....*if other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.*
3. I also encourage all Brothers to observe the “National Moment of Remembrance” at 3:00 pm (local time) for a minute of silence in remembrance of all of those that have died in service to our Nation. The “National Moment of Remembrance Act” was signed into law in December 2000. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states...*it’s a way to put the “Memorial” back into Memorial Day.*
4. Finally, I ask that Brothers continue their reflections and remembrances on Wednesday, 30 May...the traditional date of Memorial Day as established by General Logan’s Order. As an organization, we are committed to bringing Memorial Day back to its traditional date. We must support our own Restore Memorial Day Committee and keep working with our legislators to make it a reality.

Ordered this 27th Day of May 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.
Commander-In-Chief
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Attest:

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