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General Order #16
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1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Sister Celestine M. Hollings on March 8, 2020 at the age of 100. She was Past National President (2003) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.
2. In the early 1980s, Sister Hollings learned that her maternal grandfather, Jacob Allen, enlisted in the Union army in Nelson County, Kentucky, on August 23, 1864, and fought for the U.S. Colored Troops, Company G, of the 107th Regiment. He was honorably discharged on November 22, 1866. After rising through the officer positions, she served as the organization's first black National President. Through tireless work she was instrumental in saving the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Detroit, Michigan.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Sister Hollings.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 13th Day of March, 2020.

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Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
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