



GENERAL ORDER No. 22
SERIES 2014-2015
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Memorial Day

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Major General John A. Logan, the third Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), proclaimed May 30th, 1868 as Decoration Day. He ordered that this date should be set aside for the “strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country” and that there should be arranged “such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.” These observances became annual events, subsequently known as Memorial Day.

Section 2: Gen. Logan further charged “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.”

Section 3: As the legal heirs and representatives of the GAR, it is the duty of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to carry on this heritage and assist the public in remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.

Section 4: Although Gen. Logan directed that May 30th be set aside, to not participate in observances on the designated Federal holiday would be a disservice and a missed opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of the Boys in Blue and those Americans who paid the ultimate price in any conflict.

Section 5: Departments, Camps and individual Brothers are therefore encouraged to participate in appropriate services on both the traditional Memorial Day (Saturday, May 30th, 2015) and the designated Federal holiday (Monday, May 25th, 2015).

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary