



Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

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Brothers,

Memorial Day

1. As we are humbled by looking up at the great statue of our 16th President at the Lincoln Memorial, with words that are engraved in the marble wall behind this great man, "*IN THIS TEMPLE AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS ENSHRINED FOREVER*", this should cause us to reflect on all the veterans that have given us the ultimate gift, when they gave their lives to protect the freedom we appreciate today.
2. As Camps and Departments make plans to honor our Civil War ancestors this Memorial Day weekend, let us also reflect on the freedom we continue to enjoy by those military veterans that have gone after them. Our freedom is not free. It has been earned by thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their blood and lives for this great country.
3. I ask that all Brothers either as part of their Camp, SVR Unit or individually, participate in an event in their communities on Monday, 26 May, the day of National observance to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR.
4. If at all possible all Brothers should try to observe the 30th day of May as this day was established for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion.

Ordered this 25th day of May, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
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Attest:
Alan Russ, Secretary, National Order
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