



DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Honoring the memory of the Grand Army
Of the Republic & the Men from New York
who saved the Union. 1861-1865.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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By the authority vested in me as Department of New York Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War it is hereby ordered as followed:

On the issuing of General Order No. 11, by John A. Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and establishing May 30th "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country". .

Therefore, as General Logan noted: "Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; Let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor. . ."

A song honoring the men of the GAR written many years ago

"The Flag They Loved so Well" says a great deal about our honored dead on this important day:

*"Again the grass is growing green
Where sleep the noble brave
Again we come with fragrant flowers
To deck each hero's grave
In war they were their countries shield
And bore midst shot and shell
On many a crimsoned battlefield
The flag they loved so well"*

I therefore request that Camps and Brothers take part in services on the traditional Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30th, 2019, and on the designated Federal Memorial Day, Monday May 27th. Partaking in events and commemoration during the period known as Memorial Day Weekend, May 25th through May 27th

So ordered this 24rd day of May 2019

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Richard E. Straight, Commander,
Department of New York, SUVCW