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Headquarters - Traverse City
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



DEPARTMENT ORDERS NO. 2
Series 2017-2018

23 May 2017

Memorial Day

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

Section 1 – Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, 29 May 2017, while the traditional date of Decoration Day as recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic is Tuesday, 30 May 2017. All Camps and Brothers are highly encouraged to attend or participate in services or other acts of remembrance in Keeping Green the Memory of our Union ancestors, and all American Veterans that are no longer among the living.

Section 2 – If you are unable to attend an event (or even if you do attend an event), consider going to a local cemetery and honoring Veterans by placing American flags and leaving flowers such as the lilacs placed by our ancestors on the graves of their Comrades.

Section 3 – While Memorial Day is for honoring and remembrance of those that have gone to the “great bivouac of Eternity” – let us not forget the Veterans living among us. During your attendance, participation, and travels this Memorial Day and always, extend appreciation to our Veterans that you may meet or see. Freedom is not free, and our Veterans have paid the price to preserve our liberties. Let them know that we are grateful for their sacrifices and service to our Nation.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-third day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and fortieth year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PCC
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ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War