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## Memorial Day / Decoration Day 2022

This year traditional Decoration Day coincides with nationally observed Memorial Day. We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have the opportunity to fulfill our sacred oath "to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861 to 1865" concurrently with our fellow Americans' observance of Memorial Day.

As we gather around the country in cemeteries and around monuments to our country's fallen service members and listen to General John Logan's General Order #11, let us recommit ourselves to the hope that we have not forgotten as a people "the cost of a free and undivided republic".

Due to the COVID pandemic, many of you are conducting and participating in events in your local communities in some cases for the first time in three years. Let your love of country and sense of patriotism be evident as you are doing so. I also ask that at some point during the day you take a moment to remember and connect with your Civil War ancestor or another fallen service member in a special way.

I thank all of you for the good work you continue to carry out for the good of our Order.

Ordered this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2022

Muchala Fagura

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Attest:

Alan L. Russ

National Secretary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War