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Remembrance Day

1. Although this year's official Remembrance Day ceremony and parade at Gettysburg have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our duty to honor the memory of President Lincoln and of the Union servicemen of 1861-1865 can never be cancelled.
2. Originally known as "Veterans' Night" (*Ritual and Ceremonials, Official: 1920- '25- '26*), for over a century, the Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have observed Remembrance Day in order to commemorate the anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 19 November 1863. The Gettysburg Address is ranked among the greatest speeches in American history. In a mere ten sentences, it clearly and compellingly expressed America's national identity and purpose. It remains relevant to this day.
3. Despite the challenges we face, we are resolute in our determination to faithfully continue our honorable tradition this year. We will continue to laud the memory of President Lincoln. We will continue to commemorate our veteran ancestors who prevailed through the grave perils of battle and of disease. We will continue to be visible patriots. We owe them this.
4. Therefore, on this Remembrance Day, Saturday, 21 November 2020, each Department and Camp is urged to conduct or participate in an appropriate patriotic service as its particular circumstances permit, being mindful of the health and welfare of our Brothers, and in accordance with local and state pandemic restrictions or orders.
5. Many Brothers, mindful of their duty, have already resolved to travel to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day. This is to be commended. An unofficial ceremony and wreath-laying will take place at the Albert Woolson monument on 21 November at 11:00 in the morning.
6. All Brothers are strongly encouraged to display the flag of the United States publicly and properly.
7. Please send photographs and write-ups of your Department's, Camp's and SVR Unit's Remembrance Day activities to the National Signals Officer at signalsofficer@suvchw.org and to the Banner Editor at banner@suvchw.org.

Ordered this 13th Day of November, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian C. Pierson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan C. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War