

## May 2023 Patriotic Instruction

Brothers,

With Memorial Day coming, we are all deep in our planning and execution stages of our Camp, Department and National Ceremonies, while we are doing this, we must keep in mind that we are fostering and growing relationships during this time. Not only are we doing so with the residents of your neighborhoods, but with other organizations that we are partnering with this weekend. These relationships can help us with our day-to-day operations, and most importantly, spreading to the population why Patriotism is important, especially this weekend.

Most Americans grow up thinking that Memorial Day is about cook outs, the beach, having a few beers and the unofficial start of summer. As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we all know what Memorial Day is truly about, some in this Order knowing more so than others having witnessed Brothers and Sisters in Arms give the Last Full Measure of Devotion. That is why it is up to us to educate the citizens of the United States that the cookouts and beach trips they enjoy, came at a very high price. Whether it is using our platforms on social media to share the stories of those men that did not come home from the Civil War, or attending a local school and making sure we cover the true meaning of Memorial Day, all of these are great ways to inform that public on the true meaning of the day.

I could go on and on about ways we can educate the masses on the true meaning of Memorial Day. However, I want to keep this short, so I will implore you all to find new ways to promote the true meaning of the holiday so that those who made the ultimate sacrifice to this great nation and our freedoms are never forgotten.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,  
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