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Memorial Day
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As Memorial Day is approaching I asked that all Camps and Departments take time out of their busy schedule to remember and honor our Civil War ancestors, all Veterans and their families of today's military branches for they have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for us so that we have our Freedom to enjoy and appreciate our families and loved ones.

I asked that all Brothers of their Camps, SVR Units or individually participate in events in their communities on Monday, 27 May the National Observance to fulfill the Orders of General Logan General Order No 11 of the GAR. The 30th day of May 1868, designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion.

The 30th day of May was first established as Decoration Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died during our nation's service. Comrades would go around to cemeteries decorating the graves of their fellow brothers. The holiday was changed from honoring those whom died fighting during the Civil War to honoring all Americans who died fighting in any war.

Order this 23rd day of May 2024.

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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Attest:
Daniel W. Murray
National Secretary
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