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160th Anniversaries of the Civil War

With the advent of Spring a mere few weeks away, it is poignant to note that just days ago marked the 160th anniversary of the fall of Wilmington, NC, which arguably marked the beginning of the final chapter of the Civil War. In acknowledgement of this milestone, we are called to recognize and honor the 160th anniversaries of the events that delivered the eventual end to that bloody affair. The months of March and April, 1865, delivered historic successes and indescribable tragedies that would forever shape our Nation's history.

We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are charged to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865. Over the next few months, we have unique opportunities to bring awareness to our communities these historic events which occurred 160 years ago.

Therefore, as Commander-in-Chief, I encourage our individual Brothers, Camps, and Departments to host and participate in community events that pay homage to our hero-ancestors, their deeds, and their sacrifices. I also charge our Brotherhood with employing every possible opportunity, including social media, to share these moments in history and our various events and observances. Let us make a concerted effort to shed a bright light on the successes of our forefathers from 160 years ago. In doing so, we will raise awareness about our ongoing mission to preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who fought to save the Union during the Civil War.

To that end this General Order is issued this 27th Day of February, 2025.

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Attest:

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