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COMMEMORATION OF POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

1. On Friday, September 19, 2025, the United States will observe National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day. This solemn day honors the courage of those who were imprisoned in service to our Nation and remembers those whose fate remains unknown.
2. As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we recall the great suffering endured by thousands of Union soldiers held captive during the War of the Rebellion. Prison camps such as Andersonville, Libby, Belle Isle, and others bore witness to the resilience and sacrifice of our forebearers. Their trials are eternally linked with the experience of all American service members who became prisoners of war or remain missing in action in subsequent generations. Today, Andersonville National Historic Site stands as a lasting memorial to that suffering and sacrifice, and is home to the National Prisoner of War Museum.
3. Camps and Departments of the Order are directed to pause in solemn remembrance on September 19, 2025. In keeping with our mission to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, members are encouraged to:

- Incorporate POW/MIA remembrance into Camp meetings, rituals, or public ceremonies.
- Place appropriate tokens of memory—flags, wreaths, or flowers—at cemeteries, monuments, or memorials.
- Share with the public the history of Civil War prisoners of war and the ongoing significance of POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- Observe a moment of silence, especially at 11:00 AM local time, in honor of all those who did not return.

4. The “SUVCW-POW-MIA-Day” graphic image in this document is available for download at <https://suvchw.org/patriotic-holiday-graphics>. Camps and Departments are encouraged to publish it on their web sites, social media and communications leading up to and on September 19, 2025.

5. Let us join together in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, pledging that these valiant souls—past and present—shall never be forgotten, and that their sacrifices shall ever inspire the cause of liberty and Union.

Ordered this **7th day of September 2025**.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



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Attest:



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National Secretary
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