

The Haversack

Newsletter of the 7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve



Commander's Comments

[ed. Note. The Commander is on a high level, reconnaissance mission to the Florida Peninsula. As his mission is most secretive, one may only speculate on whether it involves sand, waves, swamp, or relieving the enemy of excess supplies of kegged and bottled stores...]



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 22
SERIES 2014-2015
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Memorial Day

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Major General John A. Logan, the third Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), proclaimed May 30th, 1868 as Decoration Day. He ordered that this date should be set aside for the "strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country" and that there should be arranged "such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." These observances became annual events, subsequently known as Memorial Day.

Section 2: Gen. Logan further charged "if other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us."

Section 3: As the legal heirs and representatives of the GAR, it is the duty of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to carry on this heritage and assist the public in remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.

Section 4: Although Gen. Logan directed that May 30th be set aside, to not participate in observances on the designated Federal holiday would be a disservice and a missed opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of the Boys in Blue and those Americans who paid the ultimate price in any conflict.

Section 5: Departments, Camps and individual Brothers are therefore encouraged to participate in appropriate services on both the traditional Memorial Day (Saturday, May 30th, 2015) and the designated Federal holiday (Monday, May 25th, 2015).

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

Memorial Day 2015

General John A. Logan's Memorial Day Order

General Order No. 11

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic

Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is 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, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. A ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, -- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By order of

JOHN A. LOGAN,

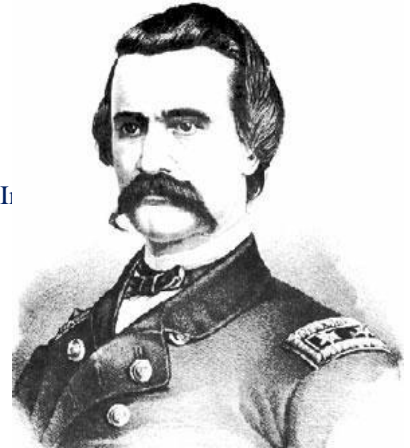
Commander-in-Chief

N.P. CHIPMAN,

Adjutant General

Official:

WM. T. COLLINS, A.A.G.



Originally called Decoration Day, the observance came to be known later as Memorial Day. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day honor their dead on separate days until World War I when the holiday changed from recognizing only those who died in the Civil War to those who Died in all wars. It is now observed in the last Monday of May as set forth in the National Holiday Act of 1971. Those who made the supreme sacrifice in every war and military action are honored in ceremonies across our great republic.

([Photo courtesy Tom Bell, Director of Media Services & Telecommunications, John A. Logan College, Carterville, Illinois])

Memorial Day – Middle Tennessee



Members of the 10th Tennessee Br. Gary Burke and Capt Dave DuBrucq offer prayers for the fallen at Fort Negley in Nashville



The resting place of the Franklin Battlefield Unknown Soldier, Franklin, Tennessee was decorated by PDC Sam Gant



Br. Bill Radcliff, Capt Dave DuBrucq, Lt George A. Huttick, Br George M. Huttick PDC Sam Gant, Br Seth Breon, Br. Gary Burke and CC Roger Tenney at Fort Negley in Nashville for the 2015 Memorial Day Observance.



Pvt Tommy Phillips and Sgt Bill Heard of the 10th Tennessee are joined by Major General Terry M. "Max" Haston, Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard at Memorial Day ceremonies in Livingston, Tennessee

Br Gary Burke and Darrel Ball At Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, Tennessee

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

by Francis Miles Finch (1827-1907)

By the flow of the inland river,

Whence the fleets of iron have fled,

Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,

Asleep are the ranks of the dead:

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day;

Under the one, the Blue,

Under the other, the Gray.

These in the robings of glory,

Those in the gloom of defeat,

All with the battle-blood gory,

In the dusk of eternity meet:

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day,

Under the laurel, the Blue,

Under the willow, the Gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours

The desolate mourners go,

Lovingly laden with flowers

Alike for the friend and the foe:

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day,

Under the roses, the Blue,

Under the lilies, the Gray.

So, with an equal splendor,

The morning sun-rays fall,

With a touch impartially tender,

On the blossoms blooming for all:

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day,

Broidered with gold, the Blue,

Mellowed with gold, the Gray.

So, when the summer calleth,

On forest and field of grain,

With an equal murmur falleth

The cooling drip of the rain:

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day,

Wet with the rain, the Blue,

Wet with the rain, the Gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,

The generous deed was done,

In the storm of the years that are fading

No braver battle was won:

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day,

Under the blossoms, the Blue,

Under the garlands, the Gray.

No more shall the war cry sever,

Or the winding rivers be red;

The banish our anger forever

When they laurel the graves of our dead!

Under the sod and the dew,

Waiting the judgment-day,

Love and tears for the Blue,

Tears and love for the Gray.

Contested Meaning

In 1861, President Lincoln's single goal was to "Preserve the Union" of these United States. Southerners sought an independent Confederacy as a kind of Second American Revolution, much the way the "Founding Fathers" did in 1776. Plantation owners, a distinct but powerful minority in the south, sought to preserve and extend slavery as the foundation of their economy and their way of life. By 1863, the American Civil War had become a war for human rights and the abolishment of slavery in America.

Americans remember the Civil War in many ways. Sons and daughters of Union Veterans remember the honor of their service, their loyalty and their fight to preserve the Union. African-Americans recall the conflict as the anvil upon which their freedom was forged. Southerners, to this day, gaze across their landscape that was once scorched earth or a battlefield scarred by warring armies. They are the only Americans to have suffered through enforced martial law and the presence of occupation troops in their major cities.

Today, we are a nation born out of adversity with our very strength formed from the diversity that is our people and our concepts of liberty and human rights. We remain one nation *indivisible*.

TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION!

The National Civil War Museum

(<http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/>), located in Harrisburg, PA is well worth a visit. Their stated mission is "to inspire lifelong learning of the American Civil War through the preservation and balanced presentation of the American peoples struggles for survival and healing." It is also the National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

The museum has numerous exhibits and walks the visitor through pre-war issues (balancing the separate issues of "states rights" and "slavery") and through the development of the war. There are multiple exhibits displaying the various weaponry and accoutrement of the common soldier, officer, civilian and slave.

The museum also provides a wonderful overlook of the city of Harrisburg and the surrounding countryside. It is not far from other Civil War battlefields in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

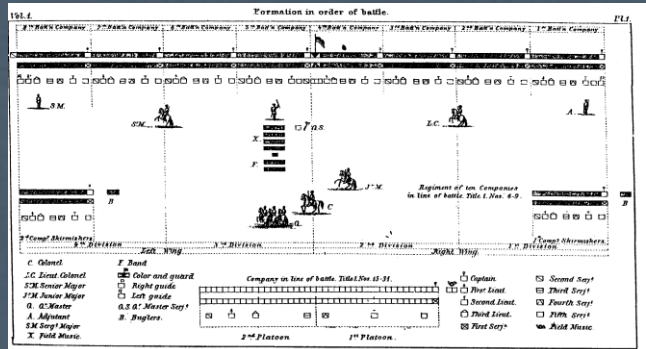
Other ...

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article I.

POSTS OF COMPANY OFFICERS SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS

19. The company officers and sergeants are nine in number, and will be posted in the following manner:
20. The captain on the right of the company, touching with the left elbow.
21. The first sergeant in the rear-rank, touching with the left elbow, and covering the captain. In the manœuvres he will be denominated covering sergeant, or right guide of the company.
22. The remaining officers and sergeants will be posted as file closers, and two paces behind the rear-rank.
23. The first lieutenant, opposite the centre of the fourth section.
24. The second lieutenant, opposite the centre of the first platoon.
25. The third lieutenant, opposite the centre of the second platoon.
26. The second sergeant, opposite the second file from the left of the company. In the manœuvres he will be designated left guide of the company.
27. The third sergeant, opposite the second file from the right of the second platoon.
28. The fourth sergeant, opposite the second file from the left of the first platoon.
29. The fifth sergeant, opposite the second file from the right of the first platoon.
30. In the left, or eighth company of the battalion, the second sergeant will be posted in the front-rank, and on the left of the battalion.
31. The corporals will be posted in the front-rank as prescribed, No. 15.
32. Absent officers and sergeants will be replaced – officers by sergeants, and sergeants by corporals. The colonel may detach a first lieutenant from one company to command another, of which both the captain and first lieutenant are absent; but this authority will give no right to a lieutenant to demand to be so detached.



Civil War Factoids Horse Lovers Edition!

- Sam, the favorite of General Sherman was several times wounded under the General, but always recovered. Lexington served as General Sherman's spare mount.
- Billy, the favorite of General George H. Thomas, named in honor of Thomas' good friend, William T. Sherman. Billy was calm, unhurried and deliberate. The perfect match for his rider.
- Rienzi, the favorite of General Phillip Sheridan. Rienzi was sometimes called Winchester after the General's famous ride during his Valley Campaign in 1864. Rienzi was preserved and can now be seen in all his glory at the Smithsonian.
- Baldy, a noble mount who was twice wounded at First Bull Run and again at Antietam and Gettysburg was the favorite of General George Meade. Despite his many wounds, he survived to walk in Meade's funeral procession in 1878.
- Daniel Webster was the favorite mount of General George McClellan. A large Bay, McClellan often called him "that devil Dan". He also rode Burns, though only in the morning as Burns had a habit of bolting for the barn around dinner time.
- General Grant's famous favorite, Cincinnati, carried him from Chattanooga to Appomattox. Grant also had Jack, Fox, Kangaroo and Jeff Davis (the four legged variety) in his stable.

Commander Petersen has requested "We will need 10 soldiers, 4 as color guard and six escorts"



*The Georgia Sisters of
The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865*

Cordially invite you to:

*The Chartering of the Clara Barton Tent
The Chartering of the Emma Stephenson Tent
The Chartering of the Department of Georgia DUVCW
(The last DUVCW Department Chartering was in 1929)*

*Saturday, the Twenty Fifth of July, Two Thousand Fifteen
At 11 o'clock,*

*At The Olde Towne Athletic Club
4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068
(Near the intersection of Lower Roswell Rd and Johnson's Ferry Rd)*

A Luncheon reception will follow the ceremonies

Reservations for lunch are required

Cost: \$25. per person

RSVP: If you plan to attend but are unable to participate in the reception, please respond by email or telephone to Sarah Meyer: Sarahmeyer@comcast.net or 770 667 5548.

For Reception reservations:

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We want articles (with pictures!)

Thanks to all the contributors of this edition!

So... What's needed...?

Articles for the Spring 2015 Edition of the Haversack!

- Unit Activities
- Biographical Sketches of your Unit or your Ancestor, Biographical Sketches of other Civil War units or persons
- Research methods
- Civil War era jokes / cartoons

Some editing may be done to long articles to fit in the space available

Email updates and articles (with pictures!) to GAHuttick@netscape.net!

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