



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.: 04

DATE: 14 May 2021

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RE: MEMORIAL DAY

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

1. Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 31, 2021, while the traditional date of Decoration Day recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic is Sunday, May 30, 2021. All Camps and Brothers are highly encouraged to attend or participate in services or other acts of remembrance in Keeping Green the Memory of our Union ancestors and all American Veterans that are no longer among the living.
2. If you cannot attend an event (or even if you do attend an event), consider going to a local cemetery and honoring Veterans by placing American flags and leaving flowers such as the lilacs placed by our ancestors on the graves of their Comrades.
3. While Memorial Day is for honoring and remembrance of those that have gone to the "great bivouac of eternity," – let us not forget the Veterans living among us. During your attendance, participation, and travels this Memorial Day and always extend appreciation to our veterans you may meet or see. Freedom is not free, and our Veterans have paid the price to preserve our liberties. Let them know that we are grateful for their sacrifices and service to our Nation.
4. While this Department Order is about Memorial Day, I want to remind Brothers that Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 will be having a Commemorative Plaque Dedication at the Macon Township Cemetery in Clinton, Michigan, on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 3:00 pm to honor Corporal William H. Crittenden of Co. E, 4th Michigan Cavalry who was involved in the capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War