



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Wisconsin

Department Orders No. 7  
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Implementation of National General Order No. 13

1. Commander in Chief Paquette has issued a General Order which urges us as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to “remember and connect with your Civil War ancestor or another fallen service member in a special way” during observances on 30 May.
2. To implement this Order the following steps are recommended for observance of Decoration Day within the Department of Wisconsin:
  - a. Where we have control or influence respecting display of the National Colors, we see to observance of proper flag etiquette through first raising the Colors to full height, slow lowering of the Colors to half-staff, and raising the Colors to full staff at noon.
  - b. By seeing to it that the history of the holiday is recited, including its origins within the Grand Army of the Republic, its historical observance on 30 May from 1868 to 1970, and the position of our Order that 30 May should be restored as the date of the observance.
  - c. By explaining that the SUVCW is, by Act of Congress, the legal successor of the Grand Army of the Republic.
  - d. Where Taps is performed, an explanation be offered that the call originated during the Civil War at the direction of Gen. Butterfield while commanding troops in the field.
  - e. Where a Brother of our Order or a Sister of one of the Allied Orders has a principal, leadership, or speaking role in the observance, he or she should be identified by

name and officer or rank, as applicable, by stating the name, rank, and unit affiliation of any Civil War ancestor, and by stating the name, rank, and service affiliation of any ancestor or family member of the participant who gave his or her life in service to the Nation.

SO ORDERED in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John R. Decker  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Brian G. Peters, PDC  
Department Secretary