



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2
SERIES 2016-2017
Department of Illinois
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

May 27, 2016

Memorial Day Recognition

Brothers,

One of the most important times of celebration of our order is upon us. Memorial Day May 31, 2016. The day that we all must step back and reflect on the sacrifices that so many of our ancestors made for our freedoms.

As members of our order we are tasked to honor our fallen service personnel, for they have given the ultimate sacrifice. We of course must not forget the men and women that currently serve in our armed forces. All of these people are true heroes.

Many of our camps within our department have activities planned for Memorial Day celebration. For this action I commend you. Some camps have been unable to do so, but I would request that each and every brother within our department, fulfill our task of recognizing a veteran on Memorial Day in some fashion. The order in which you perform this task is up to you whether with your camp or individually. Do this and know in your heart that you have preserved the memory and honored the veterans to the best of your ability.

I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday weekend. God Bless.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

/s/ Paul T. Zeien Jr
Department Commander

ATTEST: By: /s/ Steve Aarli
Department Secretary