UNION DEFENDER'S DAY ORIGINS

The "Ritual and Ceremonials" defined "Union Defender's Day" as a ceremonial occasion to be observed by a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

"UNION DEFENDER'S DAY - Commemorating the birth of Abraham Lincoln, February 12th, to be observed with appropriate exercises in honor of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the Army and the Navy of the United States, of 1861 - '65."

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