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Veterans Day

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

Section 1 – Saturday, 11 November 2017 is the traditionally observed Veterans Day within these United States. It is a day to honor all American Veterans – living and deceased – that have served in times of war and peace.

Section 2 – Originating on 11 November 1919 on the first anniversary of the end of the War to End All Wars – World War I – it was originally named Armistice Day. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 to observe the date annually, and the date became a national holiday in 1938. In 1954, the 83rd Congress officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Section 3 – It is highly encouraged that all Brothers attempt to participate in ceremonies and/or events within their communities in observance of Veterans Day. As has been stated in previous Department Orders – during your attendance, participation, and travels this Veterans Day and always, please extend appreciation to our Veterans that 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.

Section 4 – Furthermore, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the Department in honoring or helping Veterans or our active duty Military, please contact the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee via Chair and Military and Veterans Affairs Officer Nathan Smith at military.affairs@suvcwmi.org.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

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ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
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