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Flag 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 – Wednesday, 14 June is Flag Day, commemorating the adoption of the flag of these United States as occurred on 14 June 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Flag Day was officially recognized by an Act of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in August of 1949.

Section 2 – The week of 14 June is National Flag Week. It is strongly encouraged that Brothers observe this day of celebration in honoring our Standard by flying it during the week, as well as attending Flag Day events in their local areas.

Section 3 – Additionally, please take a moment to honor our Army Veterans as 14 June is also the birthday of the United States Army. The Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of 10 companies of riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. The “American continental army” was adopted on 14 June 1775 after reaching a consensus position within The Committee of the Whole.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of June 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 fortieth 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
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War