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Remembrance Day Appreciation

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 – On the weekend of Saturday, 18 November 2017, Department of Michigan Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders of the GAR attended annual ceremonies and events in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in honor of the 1863 Consecration of the National Cemetery located there, and President Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address on that date.

Section 2 – It is with sincere appreciation that I thank each and every Brother and Sister that participated in placing the flags at the National Cemetery, played a part at the Woolson Monument Ceremony, marched in the parade, and honored the brave soldiers of the 16th Michigan Infantry at their monument on the southwest slope of Little Round Top.

Section 3 – Heartfelt and high gratitude is given to the various law enforcement agencies on the local, county, state, and federal levels that protected all of the Remembrance Day participants, and kept everyone safe.

Section 4 – I would like to thank PDC Gary Gibson for his efforts in securing the necessary permits with the National Park Service on behalf of the Department of Michigan.

Section 5 – The Department of Michigan thanks Dutchman Tree Farms in Manton, Michigan for supplying the two wreaths that were placed at the cemetery and at the monument at no charge. Their patriotism is greatly appreciated.

Section 6 – A special thank you to Captain Dean Lamphere and the Irish Rifles of Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR for making the Department proud. Your professionalism and attention to details is clearly evident in how valued the 14th Michigan is by the National Order.

Section 7 – Special recognition is extended to Department Color Bearer and 14th Michigan Color Sergeant Ed Dowd for his efforts during Remembrance Day. Brother Dowd carried and presented the National Colors at the Woolson Monument Ceremony, carried the National Colors at the front of the parade, and carried and presented the Stars and Stripes at the 16th Michigan Infantry monument. Color Sergeant Dowd's commitment and dedication as a Color Bearer for the Department and SVR is exemplary, and we are honored to have his service to the Order.

Section 8 – Finally, I wish each and every Brother and Sister of the Allied Orders of the GAR a safe and joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-second 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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