

HONORING OUR UNION SOLDIERS & SAILORS ON THIS 155th ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2023 11:00 AM

Civil War Section, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay, MO 63125



Program

Posting of the Colors

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Statement & Recognition
of Special Guests

Craig Mathews, Sr.

Commander - US Grant Camp 68

Speaker: *Robert Amsler, Jr.,*

Missouri SUVCW Commander

Speaker: *Dr. Donald Palmer –*

Past Commander-in-Chief SUVCW

Keynote Speech

Written by Monsignor Michael Witt –

*Kenrick Seminary – “Carrying on the
Legacy” presented by Walt Busch, PDC*

Presentation of Wreaths

Military Salute

Taps

Benediction

Conclusion

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Woman's Relief Corps
womansreliefcorps.org



Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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and

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
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These all make up the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was created in 1866 and had thousands of posts (over 500 in Missouri) throughout the United States. The organization was the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars of its day. The last Union (and actually last Civil War soldier of either side) Veteran and GAR Commander-in-Chief, Albert Woolson, passed away in 1956. All the above organizations carry on the responsibilities and duties of the GAR today, preserving monuments, graves, and the memory of those who died to end slavery and keep a unified United States of America.



Memorial Day was established nationally in the Grand Army of the Republic by Major General John Logan, commander of the GAR as being the last day of May in 1868 and this led to the creation nationally of Decoration Day, which became our Memorial Day.

LEST WE FORGET!

We thank all the reenactor organizations, the Sons of Veterans Reserve (uniformed members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War), members of the Turner Brigade, the staff at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and anyone we missed thanking.



General John A. Logan's Memorial Day Order

General Order No. 11

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,-- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:

JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant-General.



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