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Brothers,

On this Day we remember our Veterans. “The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” is the time selected for the cessation of all hostilities on the Western Front in WWI. Many nations have recognized this as Remembrance Day, Veterans Day, and Armistice Day. Shortly prior to WWII and immediately after, most nations changed the name of the observance to Veterans Day. The United States adopted the name “All Veterans Day” which was later shortened to simply Veterans Day.

The Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is bound by its Constitution, Rules, and Regulations to observe Memorial Day in May. Even though no mention is made regarding Veterans Day, perhaps because the observance post dates the founding of our Order, I call upon all our brothers to take a moment to remember the veterans of the United States Armed Forces and the service they have rendered to the Nation and us all.

For our own part I would call upon all our brothers to carry with them a gratitude for our veterans every day. Be ready to reach out with a helping hand when a veteran calls out in need. Be mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe these men and women. They do not seek hero worship or to be romanticized, but to be allowed to live a normal life enjoying the liberty and freedom that they fought to protect. If we are to keep faith with them as they kept faith with us we must do everything possible to provide for their needs. We need to oppose at every turn the efforts of those who would marginalize them or treat them without respect.

On this day, I extend the sincere gratitude of the Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to all our veterans. Thank you for your service. To all our veterans who still remain in active combat zones you not only have our gratitude, but our constant prayers for a safe return and a bright future enjoying the gifts of the Nation and the People that you are serving.

So Ordered this 11th Day of the 11th Month, 2014

Douglas McMillin Commanding,

Pennsylvania Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Charles Kuhn, PCnC,

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