



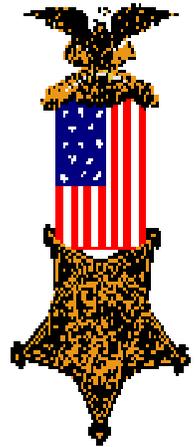
# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Pennsylvania Department**

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**(To be read in the Camps and retained in Camp files)**

**Greetings Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department,**

**As with most things during this year of the COVID pandemic, Remembrance Day 2020 will offer us a completely different experience than what we are used to. As you already know, the usual Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg have been cancelled this year. In his General Order #4, Commander in Chief Pierson urges all Departments and Camps of our Order to “conduct or participate in an appropriate patriotic service as its particular circumstances permit” and I want to echo this suggestion to the Pennsylvania Department.**

**The General Order goes on to mention that many Brothers will be traveling to Gettysburg for the Remembrance Day weekend and that an unofficial ceremony will take place at the G.A.R. Monument (often called the Albert Woolson monument) on November 21 at 11AM. I am planning to be there with the Department Colors to offer a salute and lay a small bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department in memory of the Boys in Blue. For any Brothers who will be there at this time and choose to do so, I am suggesting that we step off to the side and perform the Pennsylvania Closing before heading from the field. Given the pandemic situation, I would expect that we wear masks and distance as much as possible to do this. We will need to be flexible and figure something out when we get there. It will certainly be different than what we are used to but will still offer a brief way to come together in thanks for the sacrifices made by our ancestors.**

**Following the Pennsylvania Closing, Campbell Camp #14 of Johnstown will be having a small service for a fallen Member of their Camp.**

**Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,**

**Greg Kline, DC  
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