



**COMMANDER  
DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
HEADQUARTERS, EAST PROVIDENCE, RI**



**“FINISH THE WORK”**

Department Commander's Order #3  
Series 2019-2020  
May 19, 2019

**MEMORIAL DAY 2019**

As is customary in the Department, this Order is transmitted to recognize our ceremonies and encourage individual participation with upcoming Camp Memorial Day activities. All members are requested to fully engage with their Camps during their scheduled events and make every effort to attend as much as possible. Also, the Department is supporting a parade in East Greenwich. As time allows, please consider attending this important event. Our upcoming schedule is reproduced below for review:

**Saturday 25 May**

Camp 1: 9:00 AM @ Fort Adams, Newport

Camp 3: 10:00 AM @ Rodman Family Plot 145, Fiore Industrial Way, Wakefield

**Sunday 26 May**

Camp 12: 12:30 PM @ Maple Root Cemetery, Rt. 118 @ Hill Farm Rd, Coventry

**Monday 27 May**

Department event: East Greenwich Memorial Day Parade, 9:00AM @ Academy Field in East Greenwich, 10:00 AM Step Off (Blazers and member badge or in Civil War kit).

Camp 7: 6:00 PM @ Pocasset Cemetery, 417 Dyer Ave., Cranston

If you have other commitments during this time, I wish you well. If you can spend a moment in time with your comrades, it will be greatly appreciated by your brothers. This will be the Union's 151st consecutively observed Memorial Day since General Logan's famous General Order No. 11 was issued on 5 May 1868. Logan was also the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the time. I need not repeat the full Order here, as we will undoubtedly read that Order during our observances. Rather, in Logan's words we are urged to "honor the memory" of these departed comrades as our solemn duty, and to "keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us."

Finally, take a moment to pause and reflect again on the solemnity of the occasion of Decoration Day, our original holiday, on Thursday May 30th.

And if you can, plan on attending the Pawsox baseball game on May 31st. This is also a fundraiser that will go to our Department. Contact Brother Ben Frail, PDC, for details.

So ordered on 19 May, 2019.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

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Attest:

Benjamin Frail, PDC  
Department Secretary