## **Memorial Day**

By the authority vested in me as National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations, it is hereby ordered as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>: In 1868, May 30th was proclaimed by Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, as Decoration Day. He directed that the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country should be decorated with flowers and that other appropriate observances should take place. This became an annual event known today as Memorial Day.

Section 2: It is our duty to assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their goal to carry on this heritage and assist the public in remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.

Section 3: Departments, Auxiliaries and individual Sisters are encouraged to participate in appropriate services on both the traditional Memorial Day (Saturday, May 30th, 2015) and the designated Federal holiday (Monday, May 25th, 2015).

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 21st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP National President

ATTEST: By: /s/ Tricia Bures National Secretary