



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3
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Department of Illinois
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

June 20, 2016

Father's Day Reflection

Brothers,

Father's Day June 19, 2016. Is the day that for those of us that are fathers might have been able to sleep in or have breakfast served to us in bed just to name a few perks. For me the biggest perk of the day was being able to spend time with my parents, my wife, my kids, and my granddaughter. These times are what make life special. If Facebook was any representation I assure you that people on my friends list were extremely active posting pictures and tributes to fathers across the country.

Unfortunately, not everyone is able to have these special moments. For those we must express our sympathy. I purposely did not send a note to all of you prior to the holiday because many things in my life have changed and I needed to see how things played out. For me and my family things worked out but I recognize that I was fortunate.

I truly hope that all of you had a very very special day with your families and all loved ones.

To all of the Great Grandfathers, Grandfathers, men, and Fathers within the Department of Illinois I truly hope Father's Day 2016 was a joyous occasion for you all.

God Bless.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

/s/ Paul T. Zeien Jr
Department Commander

ATTEST: By: /s/ Steve Aarli
Department Secretary