

Department Order No. 5

Headquarters Department of Maryland, August 25, 2004

1. Whereas death has taken from us one of the giants of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the passing of PCinC Richard C. Schlenker and,
2. Whereas Brother Schlenker served the Order well on all levels as shown by his having served as Commander of Lincoln-Cushing Camp, as Commander of the Department of Maryland, and as Commander in Chief of the National Order and,
3. Whereas all brothers within the boundaries of the Department of Maryland owe a great debt to Brother Schlenker for his unfailing service and dedication to the preservation of the memory of the men of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Order,
4. Now therefore, I as Commander of the Maryland Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do hereby order all camps within the Department to drape their charters in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this order, furthermore pursuant to the C&R, Chap. V, Art. III, Sec. 9, all Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty days (30).
5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Schlenker's family.
6. This order and the enclosed text from the lifetime achievement award presented to Brother Schlenker at our last Department Encampment are to be read at the next meeting of each Camp in the Department.
7. Any camp wishing to honor the memory of Brother Schlenker is encouraged to follow the wishes of the family by making a donation to the GAR Civil War Museum 4278 Griscom St. Philadelphia, PA 19124. The Department will be making such a donation as the members of the Department Council and elected Officers agree upon. Condolences for the family may be mailed to 4112 Heathfield Rd, Rockville, MD 20853.
Condolences to Millie Ames at 11508 Highview Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

James R. Hanby, Sr.
Commander Maryland Department, SUVCW