

mission shall be the Maryland Commander of the American Legion. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Commission."

Under this Act Governor Albert C. Ritchie appointed the following Commission, April 14, 1920: Lieutenant Colonel Stuart S. Janney, Baltimore County; George L. Radcliffe, Baltimore; Van Lear Black, Baltimore; Captain Philip C. McIntyre, Baltimore; Major Harvey B. Stone, Baltimore.

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Since its organization the Commission has achieved notable and interesting results, and the files include a vast amount of historical data both of general and individual nature. Every phase of both military and civil activities is receiving attention and the result will prove a most valuable addition to the history of Maryland. It is the object of the Commission to have recorded every individual who contributed in any way to the great victory with his or her special designation, and the work of gathering this detail is still going on. Much of the data is gotten from newspapers, from printed and written record and reports of organizations, units, etc., and a most comprehensive filing system has been inaugurated. Not only are the records of the Marylanders who went out directly from Maryland on file, but it is the object of the Commission to include reports of the work of former natives of this State. For instance, the general state index approximates 4,200 officers, 600 nurses and 65,000 men, while the War and Navy Department figures credit to Maryland about 61,000 men. The increased figures represent former Marylanders who have enlisted from other states.

Files of a large number of newspapers published during the war have been made, as well as files of various organization publications, histories of units, companies, etc.; diaries, rosters, photographs, maps, and camp and hospital papers, and this collection is constantly being enlarged. Histories, records, photographs and reports of the various military or-