

Accordingly, Article 65, P. G. L., Md., was repealed and re-enacted by the Legislature at its January (1922) session in which certain provisions of the National Defense Act have been incorporated as the law of the State, thereby conforming to the Act.

It was also found desirable to provide for the functioning of the ranking line officer of the National Guard on active duty pay status and to place this officer in control of the military department of the State. The authority, prerogatives and duties heretofore held and performed by the Adjutant General have, by the present law, been transferred to the ranking line officer who is responsible only to the Governor, acting for and by his direction in all matters pertaining to the Military Department of the State.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND COMMISSION

Chapter 344 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1924, as amended by the Acts of 1929, creates a Soldiers' Relief Fund Commission, with the Adjutant General of the State as Chairman, and two members to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor has appointed as members of this Commission:

Colonel James E. Abbott.....	Annapolis
Mr. George G. Neumann.....	Annapolis

Fifty thousand dollars per year has been made available by the Maryland Legislature, which is in the nature of an emergency fund to be used to assist Maryland Veterans of all wars, or the widows and infant children of such veterans as are sick, disabled or indigent, and who are without means to pay for said necessities or for proper care, and for the purpose of providing the necessary funeral expenses of such veterans, and for the further purpose of providing reasonable compensation to members of the Maryland National Guard who are injured in line of duty, and in case any such members are killed in line of duty, then to the widows and infant children of such members, such sum as the Board provided above shall deem proper; and for the further purpose of providing higher education for war orphans of Maryland, the Board, above named, in its discretion, is authorized to expend not to exceed \$150 per year for each war orphan.

In addition to the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore City, State owned armories are now completed in the following towns and cities throughout the State:

Pikesville	Laurel
Frederick	Salisbury
Hagerstown	Centerville
Cambridge	Crisfield
Bel Air	Annapolis
Elkton	Pocomoke City
Hyattsville	Silver Spring
Cumberland	Kensington
Westminster	

Funds were provided by the 1929 Legislature for the construction of an armory at Chestertown, and this building will be completed in 1930.