

WAR RECORDS OF MARYLAND SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

This department is co-operating with the War Records Commission in assisting the Commission to make their records complete for publication by the official service records of the men from Maryland in the World War as furnished the War and Navy Departments and the U. S. Marine Corps, and from such other authentic sources that are available to this Department.

Numerous requests are received for the service records of men who served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, Spanish-American War and the World War. Every request is complied with, without charge, if the record is available in the Department, and when not available the applicant is advised of the best authentic source to seek the same. Only in respect to the records pertaining to the Revolutionary, War of 1812, and Mexican Wars are our records rather incomplete and the incompleteness is solely due to the methods used in those days of making and preserving records.

CONTROL OF STATE ARMORIES.

By Act of the General Assembly of 1922 (Art. 65, P. G. L., Md.) the State Armory Commission was abolished and the direct control of all State Armories placed with the ranking line officer of the State, to whom all applications should be made for the use of any armory, provided, however, that when applications are disapproved by the ranking line officer they shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Public Works, the ranking line officer and the commanding officer of the unit occupying the armory concerned.

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	Chestertown

Funds were provided by the 1931 Legislature for the construction of an armory at Towson, and this building will be completed in 1933.

MILITIA LAW OF MARYLAND

The National Defense Act required all States to make their military laws conform with the provisions of the Act, in so far as any State law might have been in conflict or might have been deficient as to certain mandatory features of the Act, to entitle any State to participate in the Federal appropriations for arming, equipping and training the National Guard.

Accordingly, Article 65, P. G. L., Md., was repealed and re-enacted by the Legislature at its January (1922) session in which certain provisions of the National Defense Act have been incorporated as the law of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