

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Accordingly, Article 65, P. G. L., Md., was repealed and re-enacted by the Legislature at its January (1922) session in which certain provisions of the National Defense Act have been incorporated as the law of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

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.

MARYLAND VETERANS' COMMISSION.

Chapter 481 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session 1935, repealing and re-enacting with amendments, sections 57, 58, 59 and 60 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, creates a Maryland Veterans' Commission with the Adjutant General or Assistant Adjutant General, or a Maryland Veteran, as chairman, in the discretion of the Governor, and four other members, representative of the four major National Veterans' organizations, to be appointed by the Governor.

The Governor has appointed as members of this Commission:

Name.	Address.
Thomas B. R. Mudd, Chairman..... (Maryland Veteran)	La Plata
Walter E. Quenstedt..... (Veterans' of Foreign Wars of United States)	Annapolis
Paul A. DeHoff..... (Disabled American Veterans—World War)	747 Cator Ave., Baltimore
William F. Lehnert, Jr..... (American Legion)	4404 Eastway, Baltimore
Harvey C. Noakes..... (United Spanish War Veterans)	616 N. Pulaski St., Baltimore

\$80,000 has been made available for the fiscal year 1938, which is in the nature of an emergency fund, to be used to provide the necessities of life for such Maryland veterans of the World War or any other war, or the widows or infant children of such veterans, as are sick, disabled or indigent, and who are without means to pay for said necessities or have 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 such members are killed in line of duty, then to the widows and infant children of such members. Said fund shall be distributed to such persons of the above classes and in such amounts as the Commission shall deem proper, subject, however, to the provisions and limitations of said Act.