

in 1971. The Center also includes the Natural Resources Institute (Chapter 776, Acts of 1961), which conducts a comprehensive program of research and education related to the resources of Maryland. Institute facilities include the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory at Solomons Island on the Patuxent River, the Marine Products Laboratory at Crisfield (formerly the Seafood Processing Laboratory), the College Park Station at College Park (now under the direction of the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory), and the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory on the Frostburg State College Campus. Specialized facilities include research vessels up to sixty-five feet in length, the new Reginald V. Truitt Environmental Laboratory located at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory at Solomons, and hatcheries at Horn Point for shellfish of the Bay Region.

The research programs of the Center presently involve studies of the Chesapeake Bay and its best uses; forests, fish, and wildlife of the land areas of the State; waste management; energy conservation; noise control and abatement; and investigations directed toward basic comprehension of the Maryland environment. Educational emphasis includes estuarine ecology, resource analysis, the process of public decision making in matters that affect environmental quality, and environmental education in cooperation with other public agencies and groups.

A wide series of publications is issued, including the quarterly journal, *Chesapeake Science*, devoted to research related to the Chesapeake Bay Region.

**MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION**

*Chairperson:* Claude L. Callegary, 1984

David L. Brigham, 1979; William F. Thomas, 1980; Meyer Sokolow, 1981; John J. Devlin, 1982; T. Leo Sullivan, 1983; Richard C. Manning, 1985; Robert T. O'Leary, 1985; Paul L. Thompson, 1985.

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The Maryland Veterans Commission was first established by Chapter 344, Acts of 1924. It was reorganized by Chapter 803, Acts of 1945, Chapter 310, Acts of 1968, and Chapters 370 and 617, Acts of 1971. In 1977 it was removed from the jurisdiction of the Department of Human

Resources, formerly the Department of Employment and Social Services, and made an independent agency (Chapter 895, Acts of 1977). It is composed of nine Maryland veterans appointed by the Governor for seven-year terms. One of the members is designated by the Governor as the Chairperson. Each congressional district is represented and one member serves at large. The Commission appoints the State Service and Executive Officer, who serves as administrative director of the agency. The State Commanders of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corps League, the World War I Veterans, the Amvets, the Catholic War Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans, the Maryland Retired Officers Association, the Polish-American Veterans, and a designee of the Fleet Reserve Association as determined by its Board of Directors of Branch 6 serve as an advisory committee to the Commission.

The Commission provides for the establishment of veterans' cemeteries in Maryland, the acquisition, supervision and control of veterans' cemeteries, and the requirements for eligibility for burial in veterans' cemeteries in Maryland, as well as other matters relating to veterans' cemeteries in Maryland. The agency also assists veterans and their dependents in securing federal, State, or local aid to which they may be entitled. The Commission maintains a permanent registry of graves of all persons who served in the military or naval forces of the country in time of war and who are buried in Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 96-1/2, secs. 3-7). In addition to its main office, it has information centers located in the following cities:

Annapolis:  
Employment Security Office; Solomons Island Road and Forest Drive 21401

Baltimore:  
V. A. Hospital  
3900 Loch Raven Blvd. 21218

Bel Air:  
Equitable Building, Suite 209, 220 S. Main Street 21004

Berlin:  
Town Office  
Bay and William Streets 21811

\*Cambridge:  
County Office Building, Room 106, 21613

Chestertown:  
Employment Security Office  
218 E. High Street 21620