

have environmental significance, direct service to State agencies and to the public, technical education, and, in collaboration with the campuses, instruction at the academic level.

The Center has administrative offices and facilities at the Horn Point Environmental Laboratories on a 720-acre site on the Choptank River near Cambridge. This property was originally given to the City of Cambridge by the late Francis P. DuPont and was conveyed by Cambridge to the State of Maryland for use by the University 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 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.

## MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION

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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 1966, 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). The membership was altered and the number of members increased by Chapter 859, Acts of 1980. It is composed of seventeen Maryland veterans appointed by the Governor for seven-year terms. The chairperson of the Maryland Veterans Home Commission serves as a member, each congressional district is represented by one member, one member serves at large, and of the remaining members one each is appointed from the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Catholic War Veterans, the AMVETS, the Jewish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of World War I. One of the members is designated by the Governor as the Chairperson. The Commission appoints the State Service and Executive Officer, who serves as administrative director of the agency. The department commanders of the Marine Corps League, the Polish-American Veterans, the president of the Maryland Retired Officers Association, a designee of the Fleet Reserve Association as determined by its Board of Directors of Branch 6, the designee of the Order of the Purple Heart, and the designee of the Maryland Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., 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: