

The Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies was established by the Board of Regents in 1970. The Center, in cooperation with the University campuses, conducts studies of environmental problems important to the State of Maryland. The program includes research in fields that have environmental significance, direct service to State agencies and to the public, technical education, and, in collaboration with the campuses, instruction at the graduate level through the University-wide Marine-Estuarine-Environmental Sciences Program.

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.

In addition to the Horn Point laboratories, the Center consists of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory at Solomons Island on the Patuxent River, the Joint UM/DNR Shellfish Biology Program at Crisfield, and the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory on the Frostburg State College Campus. Specialized facilities include research vessels up to sixty-five feet in length, controlled growth facilities at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, hatcheries at Horn Point and Crisfield for shellfish propagation of the Bay Region, and comprehensive analytical facilities for terrestrial, estuarine, and marine environmental sciences.

At present, research programs of the Center include studies of the Chesapeake Bay and the accompanying coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic region; forests, fish, and wildlife of the land areas of the State; waste management; 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.

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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). Membership was altered and increased by Chapter 859, Acts of 1980 and Chapter 730, Acts of 1981. The Commission is composed of twenty-three 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, and one member serves at large. 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, the Veterans of World War I, the Maryland Retired Officers Association, the Marine Corps League, the Polish-American War Veterans, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Order of the Purple Heart, and the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. The Governor designates the chairperson from the membership. The Commission appoints the State Service and Executive Officer, who serves as administrative director of the agency.

The Commission has jurisdiction over matters relating to veterans' cemeteries in Maryland, including establishment, acquisition, supervision and control, and requirements for eligibility for burial. 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).

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