

1984). The Corporation is responsible for patient care, medical education, community health services, and emergency medical treatment provided by the medical systems of the University of Maryland.

The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of twenty-eight members. Seven are non-voting, *ex officio* members. Twenty-one are voting members appointed to five-year terms by the Governor. Appointed members include minority representatives, three regents of the University of Maryland, one senator and one delegate, at least one person knowledgeable in the administration of hospitals, and at least one member of the Community Advisory Council. The Board elects the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors appoints a Community Advisory Council, whose members serve three-year terms. The Committee advises the Board on services offered by the Corporation that are of importance to the community (Code Education Article, secs. 13-1B-01 through 13-1B-13).

MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION

Chairperson: Claude L. Callegary, 1991

Joseph C. Blue, 1987; Edwin D. Gosnell, Sr., 1987; William R. McCartin, 1987; Robert W. Neal, 1987; Lewis Powell, 1987; Charles E. Reeder, 1987; Chester Silverman, 1987; Genevieve T. Wenski, 1987; Frank A. Athanason, 1988; Bartholomew B. Bechtel, 1988; Stephen Giernalczyk, 1988; Carl Lenhart, 1988; James L. Meagher, 1988; Earl T. Reichert, 1988; Meyer Sokolow, 1988; William T. Eady, Sr., 1989; T. Leo Sullivan, 1990; Robert T. O'Leary, 1992; Calvin E. Patton, 1992; Paul L. Thompson, 1992; David L. Brigham.

Ex officio: Thomas M. Bailey, *Chairperson, Veterans Home Commission*

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Origins of the Maryland Veterans Commission trace to 1924 when the State created a relief fund

for disabled veterans of World War I (Chapter 344, Acts of 1924). From 1929, the Veterans Relief Commission administered the fund (Chapter 134, Acts of 1929). The Commission was renamed the Maryland Veterans Commission in 1935 (Chapter 481, Acts of 1935). The Commission became part of the Department of Employment and Social Services (later named Department of Human Resources) in 1971 (Chapters 370 and 617, Acts of 1971). In 1977, the Commission was removed from the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Resources and made an independent agency (Chapter 895, Acts of 1977).

The Maryland Veterans Commission is a multifaceted State agency that provides quality service to veterans and their dependents. By this service, the Commission assists in the development, preparation, submission and approval of claims covering the full range of veteran's benefit entitlements enumerated by federal, state, and local agencies. The Commission manages and operates authorized Maryland State Veterans Cemeteries, including a Civil War cemetery located in Washington County; and provides staff support and assistance to the Maryland Veterans Home Commission, the Maryland Korean War Memorial Commission, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission.

The Commission prepares and issues booklets, brochures, and flyers setting forth the various federal, state, and local benefits available to veterans. Distributed by selected state agencies and by all state veterans organizations, these publications are available to the public.

With an operating staff of approximately 70, the Commission is composed of twenty-three Maryland veterans appointed to seven-year terms by the Governor. 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 Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Commission appoints the Director (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-904 through 9-914).