ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY (Crownsville) Richard E. Shatzer, Superintendent 1122 Sunrise Beach Road Crownsville, MD 21032 . . . (410) 987-6320 BALTIMORE COUNTY (Garrison Forest) E. Barnes Fleming, Superintendent P.O. Box 409 11501 Garrison Forest Road Owings Mills, MD 21117 . . (410) 363-6090 DORCHESTER COUNTY (Hurlock) Denzil T. Cheek, Superintendent 6827 East New Market Ellwood Road Hurlock, MD 21643 . . . . . (410) 943-3420 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (Cheltenham) Vacancy, Superintendent P.O. Box 10 11301 Crain Highway Cheltenham, MD 20623 . . . (301) 372-6398 VETERANS MEMORIALS & MONUMENTS PROGRAM (23.15.00.03) FY1994 appropriation ...... \$95,819 FY1994 authorized positions . . . . . Michael Olienyk, Manager . . . . (410) 333-4428 MARYLAND VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL Middle Branch Park 2825 South Hanover St. Baltimore, MD 21225 . . . . (410) 354-3550 MARYLAND KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL Canton Waterfront Park 2903 Boston St. Baltimore, MD 21224 . . . . (410) 354-3550

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). In 1971, the Commission became part of the Department of Employment and Social Services, which became the Department of Human Resources in 1975 (Chapters 370 and 617, Acts of 1971). In 1977, the Commission was made an independent agency (Chapter 895, Acts of 1977).

The Commission serves Maryland veterans and their dependents. It works through three programs: Veterans Service, conducted through veterans service centers across the State; Veterans Cemetery, in five counties, and a Civil War cemetery; and Veterans Memorials and Monuments, in Baltimore City. The Commission also provides staff support and assistance to the Maryland Veterans Home Commission and the War Memorial Commission.

The Commission prepares and issues booklets, brochures, and flyers on federal, State and local benefits available to veterans. These publications are distributed to the public by selected State agencies and by all State veterans organizations.

Composed of twenty-five Maryland veterans, the Commission is 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 following: American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.; American Legion; AM-VETS; Catholic War Veterans; Disabled American Veterans: Fleet Reserve Association; Jewish War Veterans; Korean War Veterans Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Veterans of World War I; Maryland Retired Officers Association; Marine Corps League; Polish-American War Veterans; Military Order of the Purple Heart: and Vietnam Veterans of America. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Commission appoints the Director (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-904 through 9-914).

## WASHINGTON CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Samuel E. Pruett, President, 1996

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In 1982, the Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees was transferred from the Department of General Services to the Maryland Veterans Commission (Chapter 269, Acts of 1982). The Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees oversees the maintenance of Washington Cemetery, Hagerstown, where the Confederate dead of the battles of Antietam and South Mountain are buried. At the Cemetery, 2,468 bodies are interred. Of this number, 346 have been identified.

The Board of Trustees was chartered in 1870 (Chapter 213, Acts of 1870). Originally the Board was composed of five members: three from Maryland and one representative each from Virginia and West Virginia. Virginia and West Virginia initially contributed to the cost for funding and maintaining the Cemetery and so were given a place on the Board. In over one hundred years, however, neither Virginia nor West Virginia has appointed a representative. Presently, the Board has only three active members, all from Maryland. They are appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms.

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Through its Service Program, The Maryland Veterans Commission advises, assists, and represents Maryland veterans, their dependents, and survivors seeking federal, State and local veteran