

benefits. It helps them develop, prepare, submit, and approve claims for veterans' benefits enumerated by federal, State and local law. Veteran benefits include compensation for service-related disabilities, pension, education, home loans, and insurance, as well as benefits for health care, burial, and surviving family members. To achieve these purposes, the Program operates veterans service centers throughout the State.

Trained in veteran laws and regulations, Veterans Service officers present and prosecute claims before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. They represent claimants by power-of-attorney through the adjudication and appellate processes.

VETERANS CEMETERY PROGRAM

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In 1973, the Maryland Veterans Commission was authorized to acquire cemetery sites for Maryland veterans honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States and their immediate families (Chapter 504, Acts of 1973). Since State land would be used, funds were authorized in 1974 to develop cemeteries rather than to acquire sites (Chapter 775, Acts of 1974).

Through its Cemetery Program, the Commission acquires, establishes, supervises, and controls cemeteries. It sets eligibility requirements for burial. The Commission also 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. The five veterans' cemeteries located in Maryland are in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Dorchester and Prince George's counties (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-913 through 9-914).

VETERANS MEMORIALS & MONUMENTS PROGRAM

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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

The Veterans Memorials and Monuments Program was established in 1989 (Chapter 790, Acts of 1989). At that time, responsibility for administration of the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial was transferred from the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission to the Maryland Veterans Com-

mission. Responsibility for administration of the Maryland Korean War Memorial also was reassigned from the Korean War Memorial Commission to the Maryland Veterans Commission in 1989.

The Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial (dedicated May 28, 1989) and the Maryland Korean War Memorial (dedicated May 27, 1990) are open to the public 365 days a year. They are operated and cared for by the Maryland Veterans Commission (Code State Government Article, sec. 9-915). The Maryland Veterans Commission operates, maintains, and provides security for these memorials.

MARYLAND VETERANS HOME COMMISSION

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BUDGET (CODE 23.17.00)

Funds	FY1992 (actual)	FY1993 (actual)	FY1994 (approp.)
General	\$1,259,903	\$1,306,165	\$1,249,903
Special	\$ 229,031	\$ 144,106	\$ 229,031
Federal	\$1,806,409	\$1,825,171	\$1,806,409
Total Funds	\$3,295,343	\$3,275,442	\$3,285,343
Staff			
Authorized	3	3	3
Contractual (FTE)	0	0	0
Total Staff	3	3	3

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

MARYLAND VETERANS' HOME COMMISSION
Thomas M. Bailey, *Chairperson*, 1994
Daniel H. Burkhardt, *Vice-Chairperson & Secretary*, 1994

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Col. Mary Rozina Boyd, 1994; Robert N. Ford, 1995; Maurice I. Long, Sr., 1995; Maj. Gen. Andrew H. Anderson, 1996; Clarence M. Bacon, 1996; Robert M. Johnson, 1996; W. Leroy Maddox, Esq., 1997; Charles A. St. Clair, 1997; Norris J. Walbert, 1997.

Ex officio: William Donald Schaefer, Governor; C. Bernard Fowler, designee of Senate President; John F. Wood, Jr., designee of House Speaker; Calvin E. Patton, Chairperson, Maryland Veterans Commission.

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The Maryland Veterans Home Commission was created in 1975 to provide a home for veterans in the State of Maryland (Chapter 575, Acts of 1975). The Maryland home, known as the