

corps, detached battalion, company or other detachment, may appoint for such place or command a summary court to consist of one officer, who shall have power to administer oaths and to try the enlisted men of such place or command for breaches of discipline and violations of law governing such organization; and said court when satisfied of the guilt of such soldier, may impose fines not exceeding twenty-five dollars for any single offense; may sentence non-commissioned officers to reduction to the ranks; may sentence to forfeiture of pay and allowances. The proceedings of such court shall be informal, and the minutes thereof shall be the same as prescribed for summary courts of the Army of the United States.

Veterans' Guardianship.

1929, ch. 74, sec. 56A.

56A. The term "person" includes a partnership, corporation or an association.

The term "Bureau" means the United States Veterans' Bureau or its successor.

The term "estate" and "income" shall include only moneys received by the guardian from the Bureau and all earnings, interest and profits derived therefrom.

The term "benefits" shall mean all moneys payable by the United States through the Bureau.

The term "Director" means the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau or his successor.

The term "ward" means a beneficiary of the Bureau.

The term "guardian" as used herein shall mean any person acting as a fiduciary for a ward.

1929, ch. 74, sec. 56B.

56B. Whenever, pursuant to any law of the United States or regulation of the Bureau, the Director requires, prior to payment of benefits, that a guardian be appointed for a ward, such appointment shall be made in the manner hereinafter provided.

This section is not mandatory nor is it a usurpation by the Legislature of a judicial function to make the finding of the director of the bureau *prima facie* evidence. *In re Rickell's Estate*, 158 Md. 659.

As to guardian and ward, see art. 93, sec. 149, *et seq.*

1929, ch. 74, sec. 56C.

56C. Except as hereinafter provided it shall be unlawful for any person to accept appointment as guardian of any ward if such proposed guardian shall at that time be acting as guardian for five wards. In any case, upon presentation of a petition by an attorney of the Bureau under this section alleging that a guardian is acting in a fiduciary capacity for more than five wards and requesting his discharge for that reason, the court, upon proof substantiating the petition, shall require a final accounting