

necessary, to administer the disbursement of such direct Relief Funds as the Budget may provide, and to prepare in proper form and present and prosecute the claims of ex-service men and women and their dependents, with the United States Veterans Administration and other Federal agencies, and to secure and expedite action on said claims. It shall be the duty of the State Service Officer to keep in contact with the United States Veterans Administration, so that the status of any claim shall be known at any time; to continue to survey the State, in order that no Veterans or their dependents may be neglected and to perform such other duties as the Commission may direct. The State Service Officer, and such other employees as the Commission may deem necessary, shall be compensated as provided by the Commission, within the limits of the Budgetary allowances for the administration of Veterans' affairs, and shall be paid actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of such duties as the Commission may authorize and direct.

The Maryland Veterans Commission shall make and preserve a permanent registry of the graves of all persons who served in the Military or Naval forces of the United States in time of war and who are buried in the State of Maryland.¹

War Memorial Commission.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 61. 1924, ch. 537, sec. 1.

85. A War Memorial Commission consisting of ten (10) members be and is hereby created and that the Governor of the State of Maryland is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appoint five (5) members of said Commission, and that the Mayor of the City of Baltimore is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to appoint five (5) members of the said Commission.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 62. 1924, ch. 537, sec. 2.

86. The terms of the members of this Commission shall be for five years, but that of the first five (5) commissioners appointed by the Governor and of the first (5) appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore, one shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three (3) years, one for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of one (1) year, from June 30, 1924. Said Commission is hereby authorized to elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer. No member of said Commission shall receive any salary or compensation, except payment of actual expenses authorized by a vote of the Commission and so recorded in its minutes.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 63. 1924, ch. 537, sec. 3.

87. The War Memorial Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to adopt and enforce regulations providing for the management of the War Memorial Building so that the War Memorial Building may be of the greatest possible use both to the people of the State of Maryland and of the City of Baltimore, and to the patriotic societies and organizations of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore, and as far as possible without expense to the patriotic societies and organizations of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore.

¹Sec. 2, ch. 291, acts of 1939, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.