

care, and for the purpose of providing the necessary funeral expenses of such Veterans. Such Veterans' Relief shall be distributed to such persons of the above classes and in such amounts as the Commission provided for in Section 3 of this Article shall deem proper.

The administrative expenses of the Commission, including salaries, shall be provided for in the Budget.

5. The Maryland Veterans Commission shall assist Veterans or their dependents who are or may be entitled to aid from the United States Government, pursuant to Federal legislation for the benefit of Veterans and their dependents, in preparing and presenting their claims to the proper Federal authorities and agencies, and in securing and expediting action thereon. The Commission shall use its efforts to relieve and prevent congestion of such claims, and cause, as far as possible, every Veteran and dependents of any Veteran, to receive promptly and regularly the maximum relief and benefit to which they are, or may become entitled to, under the Federal law.

The word "Veterans", as used in this Section, includes any individual who served on active duty in time of War, Campaign or Expedition, in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, including the present World War, and who has received an honorable discharge from such service or a certificate of satisfactory completion of such service.

6. The Maryland Veterans Commission shall appoint an officers who shall be known as the "State Service Officer," and such other employees as may be provided for in the budget. The Commission shall administer and disburse such direct relief funds as the budget may provide, and shall prepare in proper form and present and prosecute the claims of male and female veterans, and their dependents, with the United States Veterans Administration and other Federal agencies, and shall secure and expedite action on said claims. It shall be the duty of the State Service Officer to supervise the State Service Centers provided for in Section 7 of this Article, and 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 the other employees of the Commission, shall be paid, in addition to the salaries to which they are entitled under the Standard Salary Law of the State, their actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in