

**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). Funds appropriated were authorized in 1974 to develop cemeteries rather than to acquire sites, since State land would be used (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 (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-904 through 9-914). 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).

**WASHINGTON CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*President:* Samuel E. Pruett, 1990

Dr. David A. Foltz, 1990; Frederick H. Hoover, 1990.

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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 the last several 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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**MARYLAND VETERANS HOME COMMISSION**

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*Chairperson:* Thomas M. Bailey, 1990

*Vice-Chairperson & Secretary:*  
 Daniel H. Burkhardt, 1990

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: W. Leroy Maddox, 1989; Charles A. St. Clair, 1989; Norris J. Walbert, 1989; Thomas H. Bland, 1990; Robert N. Ford, 1991; Maurice I. Long, Sr., 1991; Maj. Gen. Andrew H. Anderson, 1992; Robert M. Johnson, 1992; Joseph W. Torrence, 1992.

Ex officio: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor*; Bernie Fowler, *designee of Senate President*; R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., *House Speaker*; Calvin E. Patton, *Chairperson, Maryland Veterans Commission*.

L. Marcus Brookbank, *Fiscal Administrator*

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Budget (Code 23.17.00)	
FY1989 Total Appropriation*	\$2,155,362
General Funds	\$ 948,315
Special Funds	\$ 65,783
Federal Funds	\$1,141,264
FY1989 Total Authorized Positions	3

\*The State is not obligated to provide capital or operating funds for the Commission but may appropriate money for the Commission's purposes and goals (State Government Article, sec. 9-930).

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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 Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, is located at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County. The domiciliary/residential care wing opened in January 1985, followed in March 1986 by the comprehensive nursing care wing.

The Commission maintains, manages, and governs Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Applications for residency in the Home may be secured from the Commission or Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

The Commission consists of fifteen members. Four serve ex officio. Eleven are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-917 through 9-930).