

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

01.01.2008.17

Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments

(Amends Executive Order 01.01.2004.59)

- WHEREAS, The Military Monuments Commission was created in 1989 to identify, restore, and publicize Maryland's military monuments;
- WHEREAS, Under State Government Article, Section 9-933, Annotated Code of Maryland, there already exists in the Department of Veterans Affairs a War Memorial Commission charged with management of the War Memorial Building in Baltimore;
- WHEREAS, The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is uniquely positioned to understand the importance of maintaining monuments that honor those who have served our State and nation; and
- WHEREAS, Transfer of the Military Monuments Commission to the Department of Veterans Affairs will provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in performing the duties of the Commission.
- NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2004.59, AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
- A. There is a Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments.
  - B. Membership and Procedures.
    - (1) The Governor's Commission consists of up to 21 members appointed by the Governor.
    - (2) The Chairperson shall be the Maryland Secretary of [State] VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(3) The Secretary of [State] VETERANS AFFAIRS may appoint subcommittees to carry out the work of the commission.

(4) The Governor may remove any member of the Commission for any cause adversely affecting the member's ability or willingness to perform his or her duties.

(5) The Secretary of [State] VETERANS AFFAIRS may remove any member of a subcommittee for any cause adversely affecting the member's ability or willingness to perform his or her duties.

(6) In the event of a vacancy on the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the life of the Commission.

(7) In the event of a vacancy on a subcommittee, the Secretary of [State] VETERANS AFFAIRS shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the life of the subcommittee.

(8) A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any Commission business. In any subcommittee, a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any subcommittee business. The Commission and the subcommittees may adopt such other procedures necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business.

(9) The members of the Commission and the subcommittees may not receive compensation for their services.

#### C. Scope.

(1) The Commission shall undertake an inventory of Maryland military monuments, which shall include the following information:

(a) Name, date of construction, location and means of access, and the original sponsorship of each monument;

(b) Current ownership of each monument and of monument land;

(c) Complete description of each monument including construction materials, condition, theme, and inscriptions, if any; and

(d) Responsibility for maintenance of monument.

(2) The Commission shall make a determination as to the cost of restoration of each monument which is in need of repairs.

(3) The Commission shall assign responsibility for ongoing maintenance of each monument.

(4) The Commission shall procure sufficient funds for the restoration of the monuments.

(5) The Commission shall prepare education and tourism materials for public distribution.

D. Fundraising. Contributions received by the Commission shall be deposited with the Maryland Military Monument Commission Fund of the Baltimore Community Foundation, Inc. and disbursed at the direction of the Commission.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2008.

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Martin O'Malley  
Governor

ATTEST:

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John P. McDonough  
Secretary of State