



# The Maryland VETERAN



## Echo Taps Worldwide Coming to Maryland

Volunteer brass players have been recruited to perform the 24 notes of "Taps" on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19, 2007, at 11:00 AM, in recognition of Armed Forces Day at National Cemeteries, State Veterans Cemeteries and American Battle Monuments Cemeteries overseas. These volunteers are from local veterans groups and local schools. This program is scheduled at the following Maryland locations:

### 11 AM

**Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery**  
Prince George's County

**Crownsville Veterans Cemetery**  
Anne Arundel County

**Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery**  
Dorchester County

**Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery**  
Baltimore County

**Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery**  
Allegany County

Contact information for each Maryland cemetery is shown on page nine of this newsletter. This event, called "Echo Taps Worldwide," is being organized by the VA National Cemetery Administration and Bugles Across America to honor and remember American veterans through a worldwide performance of Taps. Organizers also hope the event will interest brass players in volunteering to perform Taps at the military funerals of veterans throughout the year. "Each day, America loses about 1,800 of its veterans, primarily those who fought in World War II and Korea," said Leslie Hampton, a Navy veteran of Vietnam and a member of Bugles Across America. "In honor of them and the service they provided,

it is important that our Nation preserves the tradition of a live bugler to play final military honors."

During the event, players will form a line through the cemetery and perform a cascading version of Taps. Brass players of all ages are encouraged to perform at the cemetery of their choice. Schools and other organizations are also invited to participate in the tribute as performers or support volunteers. More information and a sign-up sheet are available at [www.echotaps.org](http://www.echotaps.org).

The first large "Echo Taps" event occurred in May 2005, when 674 brass players from 30 states lined 42-miles of road between Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira, NY, and Bath National Cemetery in Bath, NY. Playing "Taps" in cascade, it took nearly three hours from the first note played at Woodlawn to the final note of Taps sounded at the National Cemetery at Bath. In 2006, players performed "Echo Taps" at 52 National and State Veterans Cemeteries across America on Veterans Day in preparation for the upcoming effort. The Armed Forces Day event in 2007 will involve buglers around



the world to include participants at American Battle Monument Cemeteries overseas.

"A live bugler performing Taps is an expression of the Nation's appreciation for the service of each veteran," said Thomas Day, a Marine veteran who founded Bugles Across America in 2000. "With more than 600,000 veterans dying each year, we are always looking for new volunteers to perform this valuable service. Echo Taps Worldwide will honor America's 40 million veterans who have served over the course of our history and draw attention to the need for more buglers to perform "Taps" as part of final military honors," Day said.

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

**MONDAY**  
**MAY 28**  
**11 AM**

**Cheltenham**  
Veterans Cemetery

**Crownsville**  
Veterans Cemetery

**Garrison Forest**  
Veterans Cemetery

**Vietnam Veterans**  
**Memorial**  
Middle Branch Park

**2 PM**  
**Rocky Gap**  
Veterans Cemetery

**Korean War Memorial**  
Canton Water Park

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 30**  
**10:30 AM**

**Charlotte Hall**  
Veterans Home

**1:30 PM**  
**Eastern Shore**  
Veterans Cemetery

# Maintaining the Mission

## Serving Maryland's Veterans and their Families

Maryland's veterans have made extraordinary sacrifices and contributions to our heritage and freedom throughout history. Lieutenant Governor Brown, an Iraq War veteran himself, and I have taken a personal interest in Maryland's veterans and/or their eligible dependents, to ensure they obtain all of the benefits and services they deserve. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) plays a multi-faceted role in the mission of the O'Malley administration, providing resources and support for all Maryland residents who served in the Armed Forces. MDVA works in conjunction with multiple State agencies, nonprofit organizations and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USVA) to ensure Maryland's veterans' needs are being met. Listed below are a few of the ongoing initiatives the O'Malley administration is working on for Maryland's veterans:

- \$500,000 budgeted for the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflict Scholarship offered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for veterans who served in the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts and their dependents
- Enhancement of the Maryland Transit Administration's Veterans Workforce Training Program.
- Active participation in the USVA's newest program, State Benefits Seamless Transition Initiative, announced by VA Secretary James Nicholson on February 12, 2007, at the mid-winter meeting of the National Association of Directors of Veterans Affairs.
- Expanded publicity in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's outreach and hiring initiatives for veterans, to include job fairs, resume writing classes, and a myriad of other services offered through Maryland's One Stop Career Centers.
- Continuing assistance for access to VA health and benefits programs
- Unsurpassed assisted living and skilled nursing at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, a long-term care facility for Maryland veterans and their eligible spouses who are unable to take care of themselves due to age or disability.
- Increased programs and collaboration between multiple State agencies to provide outreach to all veterans.
- Improving and expanding our five veteran cemeteries to provide an appropriate resting place for our veterans for the next 50 to 75 years. The largest of its kind in the nation, the Cemetery Program provides interment services Monday through Friday, and the cemeteries open to the public 365 days per year.
- Maintaining the Maryland's stunning World War II, Korea and Vietnam Memorials, as well as the War Memorial Building in Baltimore, a tribute to our WWI veterans, along with the Rose Hill Civil War Cemetery in Washington County.

We are excited about continuing the development of programs and supporting the needs of Maryland's 463,000 veterans and their dependents.



*Martin O'Malley*  
**Governor**



# Adkins to Lead Department Supporting Veterans, Troops Returning from Iraq

Governor Martin O'Malley announced the appointment of James A. Adkins as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs on May 7, 2007. A 22-year veteran of the US Army and the Maryland National Guard, Adkins will lead the department focused on supporting veterans when they return from war, and expanding opportunity for veterans already living here.

"I am proud to appoint James A. Adkins as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs," said Governor O'Malley. "As a veteran of both the US Army and our own Department of Veterans Affairs, Jim will carry on Maryland's proud tradition of supporting our veterans who return home from the field of battle and their families and help Maryland fulfill her commitment to our veterans."

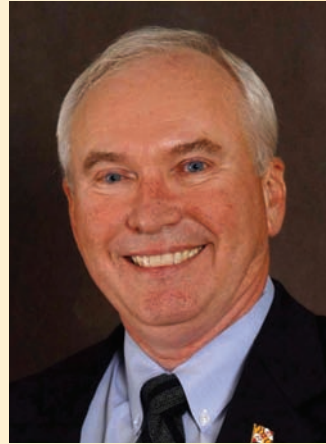
"I am honored to serve Maryland's veterans and their families," said Secretary-Appointee Adkins. "For hundreds of years, Marylanders have heeded their nation's call to duty. Today a new generation has answered the call and it is Maryland's duty to ensure that their service and sacrifice is appreciated."

Adkins is a former Deputy Secretary within Maryland's Department of Veterans Affairs. Previously, he was a member of the Maryland Military Department, rising to the position of Assistant Adjutant General for State Operations. Prior to entering state service as a civilian, Adkins served 22 years in uniform before retiring from active duty.

At the press conference, Governor O'Malley also introduced Wilbert B. Forbes, Sr., who will serve as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Forbes currently serves on the 6th District National Executive Committee

for the Disabled American Veterans organization. He is a resident of Fort Washington, Maryland in Prince George's County. Forbes earned his B.A. from Morgan State University.

"Jim Adkins' knowledge of the department as well as the workings of state government will be a tremendous asset as we move to make our government more efficient," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "Wilbert Forbes is a strong advocate for veterans with a diverse background in law enforce-



James A. Adkins

more crucial in a time of rising incidences of service-connected disabilities," he said.

Adkins received his B.A. from the University of the State of New York, and his M.A. from Washington College. He also studied at the Defense Language Institute, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. While in

the Army, Adkins earned the Legion of Merit, the Maryland Distinguished Service Cross, and the Order of the White Cross from the Republic of Estonia.

Adkins is a member of numerous organizations, including the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, US Army War College Alumni Association, 2nd Armored Division Association, 29th Infantry Division Association, Military Intelligence Corps Association, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, Friends of Blackwater, Dorchester County Humane Society, Dorchester Arts Center, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Washington College's George Washington Society.

Adkins and his wife, Mary Anne, live in Cambridge, MD, where he has served on the James B. Richardson Foundation and Maritime Museum Board of Trustees, the Dorchester County Historical Society's Board of Trustees, the Dorchester General Hospital Community Association, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Mid-Shore Community Foundation's Community Advisory Committee for Dorchester County, the Mid-Shore Community Foundation Board of Directors, the Terrapin Institute Research Consortium Board and as Vice President, Upper Eastern Shore Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

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— Governor O'Malley



Wilbert B. Forbes, Sr.

# Secretary's Corner

## Spring 2007

I begin by welcoming back former Deputy Secretary, Jim Adkins, as the new Secretary for the Department, as well as Wilbert Forbes, the new Deputy Secretary. Neither of these men are strangers to any of you as both have served the veteran community over the years in different capacities. Both have impressive resumes and credentials that imminently qualify them for their new roles. As I leave, I hope you will join me in wishing them well, as they carry on the business of service to you and your families. I would ask that you work with them as you worked with me in bringing about continued improvements to an already fine department.

In this edition we are identifying our various MDVA commissions and their membership. There are three commissions and one board to advise the Secretary in various areas. They are:

- **Maryland Veterans Commission**
- **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Commission**
- **War Memorial Commission**
- **Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees**

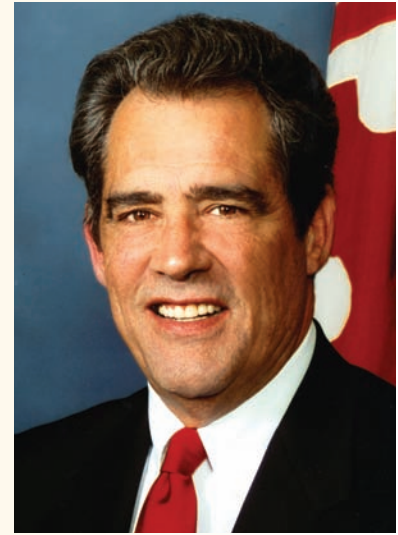
Sadly, we extend our condolences to the families of those commissioners who passed away during the year – Vernon Kershaw, Otto Smith and Cal Patton. Additionally, a good friend of this Department, American Legion Service Officer Lance Sweigart, is remembered for his many contributions to the veteran community. There are also many veteran service organizations with which we have the privilege of working.

I would like to congratulate and thank those MDVA employees who have recently retired. We are grateful for their service and commitment to the Department, and to the veterans of Maryland, who they served. Recent retirements include Gail Jenkins and Bob Thomas of the Crownsville Cemetery Program. We welcome aboard Marsha Hubbard, who joined the Crownsville Cemetery staff.

There were 49 veteran-related bills introduced during the 2007 legislative session. These may be accessed at [http://www.mdva.state.md.us/pdf/general\\_assembly\\_update.pdf](http://www.mdva.state.md.us/pdf/general_assembly_update.pdf) Some of the legislation signed into law includes lifetime complimentary fishing licenses for POW's and disabled veterans and under specified circumstances, a spouse may continue using specified special registration plates for veterans and recipients of specified armed forces medals.

In this issue we featured the Vietnam Veterans of America. You will learn about area volunteers who have stepped up to fill a very important need in support of our returning servicemen and women, and their families in the Metropolitan Washington area.

As the global war on terror continues, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs always extends personal, heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. As we go to press, the record shows that Maryland has suffered 80 casualties to date. We lost 26 of our youngest and brightest during 2006 and ten more for calendar 2007. Along with Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown, I have visited with the families at the funeral homes or at the churches, as a show of support during the families' time of grief and to thank them for the service of their loved one on behalf of all Marylanders.



*George W. Owings III*  
*Secretary*



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Combat Veterans Eligibility

If you served in a theater of combat operations in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, you are eligible for cost-free care of conditions potentially related to combat for two years following discharge from active duty. During this timeframe, you are also eligible for enrollment in Priority Group 6, unless you are eligible for a higher priority due to other eligibility factors.



The VA asks your help in establishing your status as a combat veteran by showing the Enrollment Coordinator at your local facility one of the following pieces of evidence when you apply for care, or any time.

- Your DD-214 indicating service in a designated combat theater of operations; or
- Proof of receipt of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Kosovo Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (does not include Global War on Terrorism Service Medal); or Southwest Asia Campaign Medal; or
- Proof of receipt of Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay (commonly referred to as “combat pay”) after November 11, 1998; or
- Proof of exemption of Federal tax status for Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay after November 11, 1998.

## In Memoriam

Lance H. Sweigart, American Legion, Department of Maryland Service Officer, sang “The Star Spangled Banner” at the Veterans Day Program, November 11, 2005, at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Southern Maryland. Lance, a Vietnam veteran, known for his patriotism, kindness, musical talent and love of family, friends and country will be missed by his many friends and admirers at MDVA and across Maryland’s veteran community.

*Lance at Charlotte Hall Veterans Day 2005*

# Vietnam Veterans of America

Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the only national Vietnam veteran organization, congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. With over 50,000 individual members and 630 local chapters throughout the United States, VVA’s founding principle is, “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another”. Their goals are as follows:



- Promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans
- Create a new identity for this generation of veterans
- Change public perception of Vietnam veterans

The national VVA headquarters is in Silver Spring, Maryland and there are chapters in Cumberland, Frederick, Baltimore, Bel Air, Eden, Silver Spring, Easton, Riva, Port Deposit and Edgemere. The Maryland Council President is Ed Chow and he can be contacted at [edchow@att.net](mailto:edchow@att.net) or at 202-328-0865. For more information, go to [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org) or call (800) VVA-1316.



# Yellow Ribbon Fund



Hundreds of injured servicemen and women are recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, DC and the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, MD. Their stays range from a couple of weeks to more than a year. Many of the patients are amputees, whose primary responsibility is to successfully accomplish their recovery mission.

The Yellow Ribbon Fund has one mission:

Welcoming our Injured Service Members Home

In November 2004 more than 500 individuals and companies in the Washington Metropolitan Area joined together to support these injured service members. The Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF) was established in February 2005, to offer them an opportunity to use their free time to enjoy our community and to meet local businessmen and women who can be mentors and friends. The Yellow Ribbon Fund provides free hotel rooms and apartments, as well as free taxis

and rental cars to enable the troops and their families to get out of the hospital and enjoy the Washington area. The Mentoring Program Director, Bob Talbot pairs service members with civilians who offer help in transitioning from the military to the private sector

According to Jim Bugg, YRF Chairman, "Donations have totaled over \$800,000 for these deserving men and women who have given so much to their country. The work will continue to be needed for quite a while. We intend to keep up the good fight and let our deserving families and soldiers know we are there for them, as long as they need us."

The YRF Executive Director, Kathi Bowers Wallis,, welcomes your communication and support. To learn more, go to [www.YellowRibbonFund.org](http://www.YellowRibbonFund.org) or contact them at The Yellow Ribbon Fund, 7200 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 310, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 240-223-1180.

## MDVA 2006 Hail & Farewell

*We welcome Marsha Hubbard to Crownsville to work for Superintendent Piscitelli and wish Gail Jenkins and Bob Thomas many healthy and happy years of retirement.*



### **Gail Jenkins – Crownsville**

Gail Jenkins retired from MDVA after 24 years as the Secretary to the Crownsville Cemetery Superintendents, all of whom congratulated her. L-R former Superintendents Albert Hamilton and Robert Gieron on each side of Gail Jenkins and Superintendent Chris Piscitelli is behind her.

### **Robert L. Thomas – Crownsville**

Bob entered the Navy when he was 17 years old and served 7 years, 6 months, and 19 days on three different destroyers during his faithful service to his country. He then entered the construction business and helped build the Arundel Center. Subsequently, he began a career with the Naval Academy maintenance staff and retired from that position before coming to the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in 1992. He has 5 children and 6 grandchildren and is looking forward to spending quality time with the family after 14 years with MDVA.



### **Marsha E Hubbard**

Marsha serves as Secretary to Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Superintendent Chris Piscitelli. Her background includes prior federal employment with the FBI and the IRS, having her own seamstress business and working for the Maryland Insurance Fund. Marsha has two children and one granddaughter and really enjoys her work in Crownsville.



# Out & About with Maryland Veterans



*The Warrior Brotherhood Motorcycle Club of Maryland rode to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to present a generous check to the Veterans Assistance Fund for the residents of Charlotte Hall. Thank you to Dave Clark, MDVA Chief, Veterans Claims, for organizing this event.*



*Secretary Owings presented the National President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Linda Meader, with a Governor's Citation and State House Ornament during her 2006 tour of Maryland. L-R Linda Meader, Secretary Owings and Carolyn Self, President, Department of Maryland VFW Ladies Auxiliary President.*



*Secretary Owings and Joanne Arnick with Col. Charles Williams, Executive Director of Maryland Center for Veteran Education & Training (MCVET), when Mrs. Arnick donated her late husband's, (Delegate John Arnick) wardrobe for the students at MCVET.*



*On Sunday, December 31st, 2006 Secretary Owings, Maryland State Police Superintendent Hutchins, and his son, Reed, paid their final respects and signed the Guestbook in tribute to the 38th President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, at the United States Capitol. President Ford served in the United States Navy during World War II. Secretary Owings served in the United States Marine Corps and Superintendent Hutchins served in the United States Army. Both saw duty in Vietnam.*

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Robert M. Johnson, Chair

### The War Memorial Commission

War Memorial Building  
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#### Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees (Civil War Cemetery)

William R. Divelbiss, President

# Commissions

## Maryland Veterans Commission

The Maryland Veterans Commission advises the Secretary on all issues relating to veterans, including legislation. Individuals may be called upon to represent the Department at speaking engagements for commemorative events, present Governor's Proclamations on Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and provide recommendations when changes may be requested for the Cemetery & Memorial Program. The members also review proposed veteran-related legislation and advise the Secretary accordingly.

Twenty-seven Maryland veteran entities comprise the Commission, representing veteran groups and various geographical areas. The Commissioners are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor, who also names the Chair. The Director of the Veterans Service Program also serves as the director of the Commission, and acts as a liaison between the Commission and the Secretary. The Maryland Veterans Commission currently has the following representatives:

**American Legion – Gordon B. Browning, Chairman, Kent County**  
**American Ex POW's – John H. Meyers, Anne Arundel County**  
**AMVETS – Fred L. Shinbur, Washington County**  
**Battle of the Bulge – Demetri Paris, Montgomery County**  
**Black Veterans of All Wars – Sterling B. Phillips, Howard County**  
**Catholic War Veterans – James M. Gay, Jr., Baltimore City**  
**Disabled American Veterans – Ernest E. Law, Baltimore City**  
**Fleet Reserve Association – Paul R. Gunther, Montgomery County**  
**Jewish War Veterans – Erwin A. Burtneck, Baltimore County**  
**Korean War Veterans – Raymond H. Glock, Baltimore County**  
**Marine Corps League – Harry E. Yaukey, Sr., Charles County**  
**Military Officers Association of America – Frank M. Akiyama, Howard County**  
**Military Order of the Purple Heart – Thomas D. Wallace, Baltimore County**  
**Pearl Harbor Survivors – Eugene H. "Dutch" Albert, Prince George's County**  
**Polish War Veterans – Raymond J. Dombroski, Harford County**  
**The Retired Enlisted Association – Kenneth L. McCall, Sr., Anne Arundel County**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars – William L. Self, Frederick County**  
**Vietnam Veterans of America – Thomas B. Insley, Baltimore**  
**Women Veterans – Cathy S. Hampton, Harford County**  
**World War II – Claude L. Callegary, Esq., Baltimore County**

In addition to the Commissioners representing the above named organizations, there is a Commissioner designated to represent each of the eight congressional districts, as a geographic entity.

**1st District: Alex Ilczuk, Wicomico County**  
**2nd District: John A. Jarosinski, Baltimore County**  
**3rd District: William Gillette, Anne Arundel County**  
**4th District: vacant**  
**5th District: Richard J. Santos, Vice Chairman, Prince Georges County**  
**6th District: Lynn Patton, Allegany County**  
**7th District: Leroy E. Thornton, Baltimore City**  
**8th District: J. E. "Ned" Dolan, Montgomery County**

## IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened to report the passing of the following members of the Maryland Veterans Commission during 2006, and extend our condolences to their families:

**Vernon Kershaw**, of Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County, represented the Fleet Reserve Association since 1992.

**Otto B. Smith** of Fort Washington, Prince George's County, represented the Maryland Retired Officers Association since 1998.

**Calvin E. Patton** of Camp Springs, Prince George's County, represented the Fourth Congressional District since 1985, and served as Past Chairman.

## Maryland Veterans Home Commission

The Maryland Veterans Home Commission advises the Department on issues relating to our State veteran home and interacts with veterans and other organizations to disseminate information concerning Charlotte all Veterans Home, in St. Mary's County, the only State-owned veteran facility in Maryland.

The Commission has fourteen members. Eleven are named to five-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Three serve ex-officio, representing the Governor, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

**Robert M. Johnson, Chairman, Charles County**

**Mary R. Boyd, Vice Chairman, Charles County**

**Andrew H. Anderson, Talbot County**

**Thomas E. Davis, Calvert County**

**John H. Fellowes, Anne Arundel County**

**Kathryn S. Gleeson, Montgomery County**

**Frederick Douglass Gray, Prince George's County**

**Toni Rae King, Prince George's County**

**Alfred N. Simmons, Baltimore City**

**Warner I. Sumpster, Somerset County**

**Thomas J. Vanderhorst, Baltimore County**

**Ex officio: Martin J. O'Malley, Governor**

**Delegate John F. Wood, (Designee of the Speaker of the House)**

**Senator Bernie Fowler, (Designee of the President of the Senate)**

## War Memorial Commission

The Commission has custody and supervision of the War Memorial Building and the War Memorial Plaza. Both were erected in 1927 in Baltimore to honor those Marylanders who died in World War I. The War Memorial Building is located directly across from City Hall, and with the Plaza, was designed by Baltimore architect, Lawrence Hall Fowler.

The Building is open and available for meetings of veterans groups, patriotic societies and for civic gatherings. Use by these groups is permitted provided that no collection or donation is taken nor any admission charged. The Commission's ten members serve five-year terms.

**William B. Proctor, Chair**

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**Norman Johnson**

**Thomas C. Johnson**

**Earl W. Nesbitt**

**Wilson J. Thornton**

**Harold R. Wright**

## Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees

The Cemetery's Board of Trustees was chartered in 1870. Originally, it was to have had five members: three from Maryland and one each from Virginia and West Virginia. Virginia and West Virginia contributed to the cost for funding and maintaining the Cemetery initially and so were given a place on the Board. In over one hundred and thirty years, however, neither Virginia nor West Virginia has appointed a representative. Of recent significance, was the rebuilding and restoration of the original 1866 Speakers Stand at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

**William R. Divelbiss, Chairman/Superintendent, Washington County**

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