



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2016.07

Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments
(Amends Executive Order 01.01.2011.06)

- WHEREAS, The Military Monuments Commission (the Commission) was created in 1989 by Executive Order to identify, restore, and publicize Maryland's military monuments;
- WHEREAS, By Executive Order 01.01.2008.17, the Commission was transferred from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- WHEREAS, The Commission was originally slated to have up to 21 members appointed by the Governor, and there are currently 17 sitting members following recent resignations;
- WHEREAS, In 2009, Sections 9-912 and 9-913 of the State Government Article were added to the Annotated Code of Maryland and established the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the law was amended in 2013 to include the Maryland Veterans Trust;
- WHEREAS, Under Executive Order 01.01.2011.06, funds contributed to the Commission were transferred to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Veterans Trust applied to the Internal Revenue Service for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which was approved with an effective date of July 1, 2013;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Veterans Trust now serves as depository for gifts, grants, and contributions intended to assist Veterans in need;
- WHEREAS, The Commission is separate from the Veterans' Memorials and Monuments Program established under the State Government Article, Section 9-908 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, whereby the Department of Veterans Affairs maintains and preserves three monuments: the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Maryland Korean War Memorial, and the

Maryland World War II Memorial;

WHEREAS, The Veterans' Memorials and Monuments Program is not included in this reorganization and will remain with the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Transfer of the Commission from the Department of Veterans Affairs to the Department of Planning will provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in performing the duties of the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., 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 01.01.2011.06, AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. There is a Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments (**THE COMMISSION**).

B. Membership and Procedures.

(1) The Governor's Commission consists of up to [21] 17 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, MEMBERSHIP SHALL REPRESENT THE POPULATION AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

(3) TWO OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST, AND HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN FIELDS SUCH AS HISTORY, CONSERVATION, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, OR RELATED DISCIPLINES.

(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS FOUR YEARS, AND THE GOVERNOR MAY REAPPOINT A MEMBER FOR A SECOND TERM AT THE END OF THE MEMBER'S TERM; TERMS ARE TO BE STAGGERED.

[(2)] **(5)** The Chairperson shall be the Maryland Secretary of [Veterans Affairs] **PLANNING, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.**

(6) THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST SHALL STAFF AND SUPPORT THE COMMISSION.

[(3)]**(7)** The Secretary of [Veterans Affairs] **PLANNING** may appoint subcommittees to carry out the work of the commission.

(8) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EVERY CALENDAR YEAR.

[(4)]**(9)** 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, **INCLUDING MISSING MORE THAN ONE OF THE COMMISSION'S ANNUAL MEETINGS.**

[(5)]**(10)** The Secretary of [Veterans Affairs] **PLANNING** 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)]**(11)** In the event of a vacancy on the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor [for the remainder of the life of the Commission] **TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.**

[(7)]**(12)** In the event of a vacancy on a subcommittee, the Secretary of [Veterans Affairs shall] **PLANNING MAY** appoint a successor [for the remainder of the life of the subcommittee].

[(8)]**(13)** 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 **AND BYLAWS** necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business.

[(9)]**(14)** 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]
THE MONUMENTS.

(2)The Commission shall make a determination, [as to the cost of restoration of each monument which is in need of repairs] **BASED ON HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, DESIGN, FINANCIAL NEED, AND PHYSICAL CONDITION, AS TO WHICH MONUMENT SHALL RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH THE COST OF RESTORATION.**

[(3) The Commission shall assign responsibility for on going maintenance of each monument.]

[(4)] **(3)** The Commission shall procure sufficient funds for the restoration of the monuments, **INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS SECURED FROM GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.**

[(5)] **(4)** The Commission shall prepare education and tourism materials for public distribution.

D. GRANTS AND Fundraising.

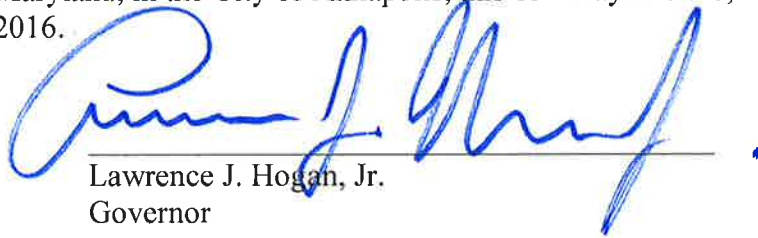
(1) Contributions received by the Commission shall be deposited [with the Maryland Military Monument Commission Fund of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund within the Department of Veterans Affairs and disbursed at the direction of the

Commission] ACCORDINGLY:

(A) ALL FUTURE FUNDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST TO BE HELD IN A SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING AND PAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION; AND

(B) THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST WILL TRANSFER FUNDS PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMISSION TOTALING \$5,937.00 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST TO BE HELD IN A SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT AND USED FOR COMMISSION PURPOSES.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 13th Day of June, 2016.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:



John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State

