



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2023.17

Commission to Establish a Memorial to Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism

WHEREAS Marylanders have a long and storied history of serving their country in uniform, dating to the days of the American Revolutionary War;

WHEREAS, 115,000 Marylanders served in uniform in operations related to the Global War on Terrorism;

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of military spouses and other family members supported the members of the United States Armed Forces who served during the Global War on Terrorism;

WHEREAS 129 Marylanders lost their lives in service to their country during the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the State of Maryland recognize the service and sacrifice of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and their families,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY THE VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Establishment. There is a Commission to Establish a Memorial to Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism.

B. Membership. The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission;

- (2) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (3) two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission, designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;
- (4) four representatives of veteran services organizations, designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and
- (5) one representative of the Maryland National Guard, designated by the Adjutant General of Maryland.

C. Duties. The Commission shall:

- (1) Provide recommendations for the funding, design, construction, and placement of an appropriate memorial dedicated to Marylanders who fought in the Global War on Terrorism and their families;
- (2) On or before April 1, 2024, submit a preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly; and
- (3) On or before December 1, 2024, submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

D. Operational Support. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission.

E. Expenses. A member of the Commission may not receive compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

F. Procedures.

- (1) The Commission Chair may convene meetings of the Commission and shall preside over the meetings.

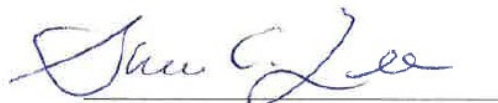
- (2) The Commission shall conduct its first meeting following the submission of the final report of the Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial.
 - (3) The Commission shall meet as often as its duties require.
 - (4) A majority of the Commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business;
 - (5) The Commission may adopt such other procedures and by-laws as may be necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business.
- G. This Executive Order shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with all applicable statutes and regulations. Nothing in this Executive Order shall operate to contravene any State or federal law or to affect the State's receipt of federal funding.
- H. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Executive Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 9th Day of November, 2023.



Wes Moore
Governor

ATTEST:



Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State

