

ROBERT M. McCURDY

Chairman



As Chairman of the American Legion's National Rehabilitation Commission for 23 years, Robert Mansfield McCurdy headed one of the major commissions of the nation's largest veterans' organization. He resigned from this position May 4, 1967.

During World War II, Mr. McCurdy was a member of the Special Committee named to draft the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (the G.I. Bill of Rights), recognized as one of the most beneficial laws ever enacted by the United States Congress.

After attending the University of Chicago and the Chicago YMCA College, he served with the First Indiana Infantry on the Mexican Border in 1916. Commissioned during World War I he served in the Army's 50th, 42nd and 6th Divisions in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, the Gerardmer sector and Verdun. He retired as captain in June, 1922, with a service-connected disability, after 35 months of hospitalization.

He was a charter member of Hamon Gray Post, American Legion, at LaPorte, Ind., and after moving to California, was Adjutant and Post Service Officer with Pasadena Post 13. He was voted life membership in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and he is a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

In 1931 he supervised construction of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and later became its Manager.

In 1966, he was appointed by President Johnson as a member on the Joint United States-Philippine Government Commission on War Claims.