

tions shall be equipped and paid by the State and shall, in so far as applicable, be considered a part of the National Guard of the State.

68. No body of men other than the regularly organized corps of the National Guard and the militia and the troops of the United States, except such military organizations as, and are now in existence, shall associate themselves together as a military company or organization, or parade in public as a military company or organization, in any city or town in this State, except by permission of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

69. To promote efficiency, and as a reward for continuous service, the Commander-in-Chief shall have the power, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to issue service medals of appropriate design to officers and enlisted men of the organized forces of the State, who shall complete ten or more years of continuous service in the organized forces of the State. Appropriate ribbon badges may be issued by the State to represent any medal issued or authorized by the State, and the wearing of such badge as a part of the uniform is authorized.

70. Wherever the words "National Guard," "Militia," "Active Militia" or "Military forces" appear in this Act they shall be construed to cover the Naval Militia or Naval forces of this State wherever applicable and wherever the words "Army Regulations," "Secretary of War" or similar words appear they shall be construed to read "Navy Regulations," "Secretary of Navy," et cetera, in all matters pertaining to the Naval forces of the State.

71. Whenever the National Guard has been called from the State by the United States Government or the exigencies of the occasion are such that the Governor deems it necessary, he is authorized to organize such number of troops as may be necessary for a proper protection of the State. Such organizations shall be organized and governed by the provisions of this act.

72. In order to reward those members of the Maryland National Guard who volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War, the Commander-in-Chief shall have power, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to issue medals of appropriate designs to officers and enlisted men of the Maryland National Guard who served in either land or naval forces