

and fair that the Guardsmen's sacrifice of time and effort be shared by their employers and by their wives and families.

I ask that all citizens of the State recognize that the result of this effort will be a more secure America and Free World.

REMARKS, DINNER HONORING
LT. GENERAL MILTON A. RECKORD
PIKESVILLE ARMORY, PIKESVILLE

March 26, 1966

General Ogletree, General Gelston, other members of the Maryland National Guard, family and friends of General Reckord:

We have met here this evening to render honor to a courageous soldier, a distinguished public official, a truly illustrious Marylander. I know of no man who has more marks of achievement on his personal record than Lieutenant General Milton A. Reckord. He had already attained high rank in the Army and wide recognition as a military leader before most of his friends who are here this evening were born.

His distinguished military career began with the dawn of this century, extended over two global wars and ended only recently with his retirement as the Adjutant General of Maryland. The medals and decorations he has received from our government, and from the governments of foreign lands, are too numerous, almost to list. He has held practically every grade and rank in the State and federal military service—from private, after he had enlisted in the Maryland National Guard in 1901, to Lieutenant General. I consider it one of the rare privileges of my life to have known, and to have been associated closely with, this remarkable man.

In 1959, when I took over the reins of government in Annapolis, he suggested resigning from the position of Adjutant General. I prevailed upon him to remain with me, which he did, as you know, until a few months ago. I recall with a great deal of pleasure my many associations with him, officially and personally. He made arrangements for, and carried out, my two inaugurations. On the parade ground at Camp A.P. Hill in 1961, I had the honor of presenting him the Commission of Lieutenant General.

General Reckord is known as "Mr. National Guard," and certainly