

reports and returns required by the Federal Government. It maintains the service records of all officers and enlisted persons who have served or are serving in the Maryland National Guard.

The Adjutant General is the custodian of all State and federal property used by the Organized Militia. He apportions and provides for the proper application of funds for the military establishment. He also maintains all State-owned armories located in Maryland and all other properties that may be occupied, purchased, or leased by the Military Department. The Adjutant General makes all regulations for the use of such facilities; applications for their use should be made to him. In addition, he is responsible for the administration, training, and supply of approximately 8,800 National Guardsmen, including 1,220 full-time employees (200 State paid; 1,020 federally paid).

The Governor, as commander in chief of the militia, has the power to organize and maintain additional military forces, known as the Maryland State Guard, which are separate and distinct from the National Guard. Such forces are composed of officers, commissioned or assigned, and all able-bodied citizens of the State who volunteer and are accepted for service. They may be ordered to active duty in the State by the Governor whenever the National Guard has been called into the military service of the United States. Members of the State Guard are uniformed as prescribed by the Governor, who also has the power to reduce or disband such forces when deemed necessary.

ARMORIES

State-owned and leased armories and facilities are located in the following areas:

Allegany County: Cumberland Armory.

Anne Arundel County: Annapolis—E. Leslie Medford Armory; Glen Burnie Armory.

Baltimore City: Fifth Regiment Armory; Melvin A. Cade Armory.

Baltimore County: Catonsville—William J. Witte Armory; Dundalk—Jerome Maynard Grollman Armory; Gunpowder Military Reservation; Glen Arm—William C. Purnell Armory; Glenn L. Martin State Airport—Warfield Air National Guard Base; Parkville Armory; Pikesville Military Reservation; Towson Armory; Towson—Harry C. Ruhl Armory; Woodstock Military Reservation.

Calvert County: Prince Frederick Armory.

Carroll County: Westminster—Henry C. Evans Armory.

Cecil County: Elkton Armory.

Charles County: La Plata Armory.

Frederick County: Capt. Michael Cresap Armory.

Garrett County: Oakland Armory.

Harford County: Army National Guard Operating Activity Center at Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground; Bel Air—LTG Milton A. Reckord Armory; Army Aviation Support Facility—William C. Baxter Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground; Havre de Grace Military Reservation; Lauderick Creek Training Site, Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Howard County: Ellicott City Armory.

Kent County: Chestertown Armory.

Montgomery County: Olney Military Reservation; White Oak—George M. Gelston Armory.

Prince George's County: Greenbelt Armory.

Queen Anne's County: Queen Anne's—Victor P. Gillespie Armory.

Somerset County: Crisfield—Maurice D. Tawes Armory.

Talbot County: Easton—Louis G. Smith Armory.

Washington County: Hagerstown—Randolph Millholland Armory; Highfield Armory.

Wicomico County: Salisbury—Blair L. Crockett Armory.

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The Office of Minority Affairs was created in 1980 (Chapter 25, Acts of 1980). It replaced the Office of Minority Business Enterprise of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Office of Minority Affairs fosters growth of participation in minority businesses. The Office promotes and coordinates government programs aimed at strengthening such firms, and provides technical and management assistance to them. In