

Army, and for the technical branches and staff corps or departments such other civilians as may be specially qualified for duty therein.

The number of officers and grades thereof appointed in the National Guard shall conform to the like number and grades provided for and authorized by the Statutes of the United States and regulations of the War Department made pursuant thereto for the government of the National Guard of the United States. The non-commissioned officers required for and appointed in the staff corps and departments shall conform, in number and grades and qualification, to the like number and grades and qualification, provided for and authorized by the Statutes of the United States and regulations of the War Department made pursuant thereto for the government of the National Guard of the United States, provided, however, that such non-commissioned officers shall be appointed and warranted by the Adjutant General of the State upon the recommendation of the senior officer in each staff corps or department.

23. All officers shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor as follows: Colonels and other field officers of units composing a brigade upon the recommendation of the Brigade Commander. All other officers upon the approved recommendation of the Commanding Officers of the respective units or Chiefs of their respective Staff Corps or Departments. A Brigadier General and a Colonel of a regiment at the time of his appointment must be an officer in the National Guard of this State of the grade of field officer or have been in active service in the Army, Marine Corps or National Guard with higher rank than Captain. A Lieutenant Colonel or Major of the line at the time of his appointment must have had active service as an officer for two years in the National Guard or in the Army or Marine Corps of the United States.

24. Every officer shall within ten days after his appointment is tendered him, take and subscribe to the following oath:

I, . . . . ., having been appointed a . . . . . in the National Guard of the United States and of the State of Maryland, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Maryland, against all enemies, foreign and