

lar Army, subject in time of peace to such general exceptions as may be authorized by the Secretary of War. Provided, that whenever the National Guard has been called or drafted by the President, the Governor shall have the power to increase the force and to organize such units as the exigencies of the emergency in his judgment, may require.

14. The National Guard Reserve shall consist of such officers and enlisted men as are commissioned and enlisted therein and as are prescribed and provided for by the National Defense Act and regulations made in pursuance thereof. Officers rendered surplus by the disbandment of their organizations shall be placed in the Reserve. Officers may, upon their own application, be placed in the said Reserve.

15. There shall be a retired list exclusively restricted to officers and enlisted men of the organized militia and none other, to be known as the "Maryland National Guard, Retired," and those placed thereon shall be subject to the same restrictions as are enjoined by the retired lists of the United States Army in so far as the same are applicable. Any officer or enlisted man who has reached the age of sixty-four years shall be placed upon the retired list and any officer or enlisted man who has been in the active military service of the State for a period of fifteen years may, upon application, be relieved from active duty and placed upon the retired list and, also, any officer or enlisted man who from physical disability or change in residence, after ten years' active service becomes incapable of performing his duties may be placed upon the retired list. Provided, that an enlisted man who has completed twenty-five years active service, may be retired in the grade of Second Lieutenant.

16. Commissioned officers of the organized militia shall take and subscribe to the following oath of office:

"I,, do solmenly 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 domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and of the Governor of the State of Maryland; that I make this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of"