

The [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL shall be on active duty status and his salary shall be as stated in the annual budget[; provided, that should the ranking line officer be also appointed the Adjutant General, he shall receive only the salary provided by law for the ranking line officer; and provided further, that, should the ranking line officer]. SHOULD THE ADJUTANT GENERAL be called or ordered into the active military service of the United States, under the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Governor may designate an acting [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL, who will exercise all the duties of the office during such period.

The [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL shall be in control of the Military Department of the State, and subordinate only to the Governor in matters pertaining to said department. He shall keep in his office all records and papers required to be kept and filed therein, and make as of the 30th of September in each year, within fifteen days thereafter, to the Governor, a detailed statement of all the receipts and expenditures for military purposes during the year.

He shall be charged with the care, control and maintenance of all armories, owned by the State of Maryland, and all buildings or other property purchased, occupied, leased or rented by or in behalf of the State military forces, which may now or shall hereafter be authorized by law and shall have all power and authority necessary or desirable for the purpose aforesaid and with the right to make and enforce all reasonable rules and regulations; provided, however, that when disapproved by the [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL, applications to use the armories for nonmilitary purposes shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Public Works, the [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL and the commanding officer of the unit occupying the armory concerned.

He shall act as custodian of all battle flags and war records and is charged with their proper care and preservation. He is authorized to employ the necessary clerks and employees, and as many laborers as may be required from time to time. The seal now used in his office shall be the seal of the office of the [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL and shall be delivered by him to his successor.

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The [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL, as Quartermaster General, shall be responsible to the Governor for the care, preservation and safekeeping of all military property. He shall prepare returns of all federal military property at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of [War] THE ARMY. He shall keep a just and true account of all expenses incurred in the upkeep of the militia and such expenses shall be audited and paid in the manner provided by law. He shall make such purchases and issue such military property as the Governor may direct.