

The Governor may, upon the recommendation of their commanding officers, approved by the [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL, confer brevet commissions upon officers of the organized militia of a grade next higher than the regular commission held by them. The Governor may also confer upon officers of the organized militia, brevet commissions of a grade equal to the highest grade in which they previously served in the organized militia, or in the Army of the United States. Brevet commissions shall carry with them only such privileges or rights as are allowed in like cases in the military service of the United States.

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Any person who shall secrete, sell, dispose of, offer for sale, purchase, retain after demand by a commissioned officer of the organized militia, or in any manner pawn or pledge any arms, uniforms, equipment or other military property issued under the provisions of this article, and any person who shall wear any uniform or device, strap, knot or insignia of any design or character used as a designation of grade, rank or office, such as are by law or general regulations duly promulgated and prescribed for the use of the organized militia or similar thereto, except members of the Army or Navy of the United States and the organized militia of this or any other states, officers of the independent military organizations as designated in this article, members of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States, and members of the Confederate Veterans or like societies, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in the District Court sitting in the city or county wherein such offense was committed shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offense, and in default of the payment of the fine and costs, may be committed to the jail of the county or city, as the case may be, pursuant to the provisions of Article 38, § 4, Annotated Code of Maryland. A fine imposed on appeal from the judgment of the District Court shall be paid to the [ranking line officer of the State] ADJUTANT GENERAL, who shall apply the same to the use of the organized militia.

53.

Every regiment or separate organization of the organized militia of this State may receive and have as many honorary members as it has active and uniformed members, on payment in advance by each person desiring to become such honorary member, of not less than ten dollars per annum, which money shall be received by the commanding officer of the regiment or separate organization, and be by him applied to a special fund of such organization and expended by the commanding officer for the best interests of his organization, and the commanding officer of every regiment and separate organization, shall, on or before the first day of June and December in each and every year, render to the [ranking line officer] ADJUTANT GENERAL an account of the money so received and expended by him, and every such honorary