

- (3) Have a salary as stated in the annual budget;
- (4) Have at least 10 years of commissioned field grade service in the Maryland National Guard;
- (5) Have attained at least the rank of colonel; and
- (6) Perform such military duties as may be assigned by the Governor or by the Adjutant General.

(d) The Adjutant General shall:

- (1) Have at least 10 years of commissioned field grade service in the Maryland National Guard;
- (2) Have attained at least the rank of colonel; and
- (3) Meet the requirements for federal recognition at the rank of Major General at the time of appointment.

(e) The Adjutant General, the Assistant Adjutants General, officers, warrant officers, and enlisted persons who are full-time employees of the Military Department are military personnel in an active duty status. They shall be entitled to receive the same per diem pay, including longevity pay, subsistence and allowances, as officers, warrant officers and enlisted persons of like grades and length of service in the regular Army or Air Force, as the case may be. Subsistence and allowances shall be accorded the same treatment for income tax purposes under the laws of this State as granted by the United States Internal Revenue Code, and regulations promulgated thereunder for federal income tax purposes; and such subsistence and allowances shall not be used in calculating the salary base for retirement purposes for any employee who is a member of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland.

(f) An individual who holds more than one of the above-mentioned offices simultaneously shall receive only the pay allowances and subsistence provided herein for a single office.

(g) The appointment of a chief of staff and aides shall be at the pleasure of the Governor.

(H) THERE SHALL BE FOUR ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS GENERAL, TWO FOR ARMY AND TWO FOR AIR.

[(h)](I) A Deputy Assistant Adjutant General for Army shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Adjutant General. The Deputy Assistant Adjutant General for Army shall have a commissioned grade not above that of Brigadier General and shall perform the military duties assigned by the Governor or by the Adjutant General.

[(i)](J) The Adjutant General, [the Assistant Adjutant] ONE OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS General for Army, and [the Assistant Adjutant] ONE OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS General for Air each shall be full-time employees of the