

(1) COLLECT, INTERPRET, PRESERVE, AND PRESENT DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ELECTRONIC MEDIA, AND OTHER MATERIALS CONTAINING INFORMATION OR IMAGERY RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS THAT REPRESENT ALL COMPONENTS AND BRANCHES OF EACH SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE MILITARY HERITAGE OF THE STATE;

(2) EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE MILITARY HISTORY OF THE STATE BY PROVIDING BONA FIDE RESEARCHERS WITH ACCESS TO COLLECTED MATERIALS AND BY PROVIDING HISTORICAL IMAGERY TO SUPPORT DISPLAYS BY THE MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY; AND

(3) ADVISE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT GENERALLY ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE HERALDRY, HONORS, LINEAGE, AND HISTORY OF UNITS OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OF THE STATE.

(H) (1) THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY MAY ASSUME TITLE TO ABANDONED PROPERTY IN ITS POSSESSION.

(2) PROPERTY SHALL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED IF:

(I) IT HAS BEEN IN THE POSSESSION OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY FOR 7 YEARS OR MORE;

(II) THERE ARE NO KNOWN OWNERS, OR A REASONABLE ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CONTACT THE OWNER WITHOUT SUCCESS, OR THE OWNER HAS BEEN CONTACTED BUT HAS REFUSED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY;

(III) THERE ARE NO KNOWN AGREEMENTS TO DONATE OR LEND THE PROPERTY, OR THERE IS A KNOWN AGREEMENT TO LEND THE PROPERTY FOR A FINITE PERIOD BUT THE PERIOD OF THE LOAN HAS BEEN EXCEEDED BY 7 OR MORE YEARS, OR THERE IS AN AGREEMENT TO LEND THE PROPERTY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD BUT THE LENDER HAS BEEN DECEASED FOR 7 OR MORE YEARS, OR THE PROPERTY WAS LENT BY AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN DEFUNCT FOR 7 OR MORE YEARS; AND

(IV) A NOTICE IS POSTED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS STATING THE INTENT TO TAKE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY IF IT IS