

Article 65 - Militia

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~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(2) "NATIONAL GUARD" MEANS THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD, OR THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.~~

~~(3) "VETERAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:~~

~~(4) SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING A TIME OF CONFLICT, AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; OR~~

~~(H) SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND DIED WHILE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.~~

~~(B) (A) (1) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY ORGANIZE A UNIFORMED HONOR GUARD FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD OR THE ORGANIZED MILITIA TO ATTEND THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN IF:~~

~~(I) THE COMMANDER OF AN ACCREDITED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR A FRIEND OR RELATIVE OF THE DECEASED VETERAN REQUESTS AN HONOR GUARD TO ATTEND THE BURIAL SERVICE;~~

~~(II) A UNIFORMED HONOR GUARD FROM THE ACTIVE ARMED FORCES OR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IS NOT AVAILABLE; AND~~

~~(III) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL DETERMINES THAT PROVISION OF AN HONOR GUARD WILL NOT HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE READINESS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN THE EVENT OF A STATE OR FEDERAL EMERGENCY OR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER.~~

~~(2) IF AN HONOR GUARD FROM THE ACTIVE ARMED FORCES IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY REQUEST AN HONOR GUARD FROM A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO ATTEND THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.~~

~~(C) THE HONOR GUARD SHALL PERFORM AS A MILITARY HONOR GUARD AND A SQUAD TO FIRE VOLLEYS AT THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.~~

~~(D) THE HONOR GUARD SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE RIFLE BEARERS AND A BUGLER.~~

~~(E) (B) REASONABLE COMPENSATION OF HONOR GUARD MEMBERS SHALL BE SET BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, BUT NOT TO EXCEED 75% OF 1 DAY'S BASIC PAY, PLUS OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.~~

~~(C) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.~~