

may co-operate with the civil authorities, or take entire charge of the situation as in the judgment of the commanding officer the exigencies of the case may require.

See notes to sec. 4.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 9. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 8. 1935, ch. 583, sec. 9. 1939, ch. 112.

9. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall have a commissioned grade not above that of Major General, and his salary shall be as stated in the annual Budget. He may be appointed by the Governor as Chief of Staff of the Governor's Staff.

The Governor may choose a staff consisting of the Adjutant General, and not more than twelve Aides. The Aides will be selected by the Governor from among the Commissioned Officers of the National Guard and Naval Militia. Each of them may receive an appointment as Aide, which, however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed; nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with the organization to which he is assigned, except when actually on duty as Aide under the orders of the Governor.

The appointment of a Chief of Staff and of Aides shall be at the pleasure of the Governor.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 10. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 9. 1931, ch. 161, sec. 10.

10. The Ranking Line Officer 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 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, who will exercise all the duties of the office during such period.

The Ranking Line Officer 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, applications to use the armories for non-military purposes shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Public Works, the Ranking Line Officer 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