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<b>Division Requesting This Proposal</b>	The Adjutant General
<b>Drafter</b>	Tucker Salls

<b>Title of Proposal</b>	AA AUTHORIZING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO ESTABLISH STATE MILITARY AWARDS
<b>Statutory Reference, if any</b>	CGS sec. 27-20
<b>Brief Summary and Statement of Purpose</b>	To eliminate the future need for legislative action to establish medals, awards and ribbons, and associated criteria, for the armed forces of the state. This change does not impact the existing state military awards specified in Title 27. This change largely aligns with the creation and issue of military awards for the armed forces of the United States which, absent some specified in the US Code (e.g. Purple Heart), are generally established by executive action and promulgated through department or service regulations.
<b>How does this proposal relate to the agency's mission?</b>	This proposal supports the appropriate and timely recognition of members and units of the Connecticut National Guard and organized militia for their superior performance of duty or other contributions within the state's military apparatus. This change allows the creation of awards relevant to contemporary mission sets and the needs of the armed forces of the state, which will



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also support recruiting and retention in the Connecticut National Guard.

### SECTION-BY-SECTION SUMMARY

*Summarize sections in groups where appropriate*

Add to CGS sec. 27-20 subsection (h) to authorize the Adjutant General to establish and promulgate criteria for state military awards on and after July 1, 2025.

### BACKGROUND

**Origin of Proposal**

☒ New Proposal

☐ Resubmission

*Please consider the following, if applicable:*

<b>Have there been changes in federal/state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?</b>	No.
<b>Has this proposal or a similar proposal</b>	Yes. Various states and territories have related authorities vested with their Adjutants General.



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<b>been implemented in other states? If yes, to what result?</b>	
<b>Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?</b>	Yes.  Connecticut National Guard senior enlisted leadership have requested the creation of numerous state military awards to recognize the superior service or achievement of junior enlisted Soldiers and Airmen to raise morale and support recruiting and retention.

### INTERAGENCY IMPACT

*List each affected agency. Copy the table as needed.*

[X] Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

<b>1. Agency Name</b>	
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*Include the section number(s) responsible for the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact*

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<b>State</b>	
<b>Municipal (Include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</b>	
<b>Federal</b>	
<b>Additional notes</b>	

### MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN

*If applicable, please describe the anticipated measurable outcomes and the data that will be used to track those outcomes. Include the section number(s) responsible for those outcomes*

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### ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW?

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Section 3. Section 27-20 Organization of the first and second companies of the Governor's Horse Guards of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

**Sec. 27-20. Duties of Adjutant General.** (a) The Adjutant General shall make such returns and reports to such officers as may be prescribed by the United States Department of Defense in regulations pertaining to the National Guard, at such times and in such form as prescribed. The Adjutant General shall (1) keep the service records of all officers and enlisted personnel, (2) issue authorized service medals, ribbons and documents, (3) (A) generate and maintain all records and documents required by state law or regulations thereunder, and (B) process requests for such records pursuant to the state Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and (4) (A) generate and maintain all records and documents required by federal law or regulations thereunder, and (B) process requests for such records pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act of 1976, 5 USC 552, as amended from time to time.

(b) The Adjutant General is charged, in all matters pertaining to the command, discipline, employment and administration of the armed forces of the state, with the duty of: (1) Recording, authenticating and communicating to members of the armed forces of the state all orders, instructions and regulations issued by order of (A) the Governor or the Adjutant General as the designee of the Governor, for the armed forces of the state, and (B) the Secretary of Defense for the National Guard; (2) preparing and distributing commissions; (3) compiling and issuing the registers of the armed forces of the state; (4) conducting internal audits and investigations; (5) organizing and coordinating the participation of the armed forces of the state in military and civic ceremonies; (6) organizing and coordinating inaugurals; and (7) managing the recruiting for the armed forces of the state.

(c) In event of emergency use of the armed forces of the state and with the approval of the Governor, the Adjutant General may serve as the disbursing officer of all funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the expense of the office of the Adjutant General.

(d) The Adjutant General may adopt regulations pertaining to the preparation and rendering of reports and returns, the care and preservation of military property and the administration of



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military personnel as in the Adjutant General's opinion the conditions demand, such regulations to be operative and in force when promulgated in the form of general orders, circulars or circular letters.

(e) The Adjutant General shall have charge and care of all state military property and all United States military property issued to the state, and shall keep an accurate and careful account of all receipts and issues of the same. The Adjutant General shall keep a record of all public property in the state in the possession of the armed forces of the state and shall guard such property against injury and loss to the greatest extent possible. The Adjutant General shall conduct annual inspections of all public property and keep a complete inventory of such property and the places where it is deposited. The Adjutant General shall require each accountable and responsible officer of the armed forces of the state to account for any deficiency in public property in such officer's possession upon discovery of such deficiency. The Adjutant General shall require each unit of the armed forces of the state to be inspected at least once each calendar year. The Adjutant General shall, annually, as provided in section 4-60, make a report to the Governor of the strength, condition and equipment of the armed forces of the state and of the expenditures of the office since the last annual report.

(f) The Adjutant General may adopt a seal for use in the office of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General may delegate duties to an Assistant Adjutant General or to Military Department officials as the Adjutant General deems necessary for the efficient operation of said department.

(g) The Adjutant General may enter into contracts or agreements with any person or agency, public or private, for goods, services or property necessary for execution of the duties of the Adjutant General's office and the operation of the Military Department, including the performance of federal construction contracting on state property, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

(h) On and after July 1, 2025, the Adjutant General shall have full authority, within available appropriations, to establish or remove CT State Armed Forces awards and ribbons. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow for the removal of any State Military Decorations previously established by the Connecticut Legislature or by the Adjutant General.



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<b>Title of Proposal</b>	AAC The Organized Militia
<b>Statutory Reference, if any</b>	CGS 3-10a, 27-2, 27-6a, 27-7, and 27-8, 27-15, 27-19d, 27-19e 27-21, 27-39, 27-58, 27-64, 27-101, 27-102
<b>Brief Summary and Statement of Purpose</b>	Reorganization of the organized militia by removal of the Governor's Guard's classification as members of the armed forces of the state. This proposal classifies the Governor's Guard as a private military force.



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**How does this proposal relate to the agency's mission?**

This proposal will permit the Military Department to utilize its resources to better support its primary mission – supporting the 5,000 members of the Connecticut National Guard who are regularly relied upon to respond to both state emergencies and deploy around the globe as the primary combat reserve of the Army and Air Force. Forecasted constraints on the Connecticut National Guard's federal budget requires the Military Department to judiciously utilize its state budget in support of these 5,000 members. On the other hand, constraints on the state budget of the Military Department limit the ability of the agency to adequately support the Governor's Guards as voluntary units of the state's organized militia. The agency devotes a significant portion of its resources on the Governor's Guards because of their formal classification as organized militia. Due to this classification, the Military Department is obliged to ensure proper administration of the approximately 200 personnel assigned to the four units and the proper care of the approximately 20 horses maintained by the two units of the Governor's Horse Guard. These administrative requirements cause the Governor's Guard to be unduly laborious and expensive given their limited primary utility as ceremonial units for supporting parades and other civic events.





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### SECTION-BY-SECTION SUMMARY

*Summarize sections in groups where appropriate*

CGS 3-10d is revised to specifically include the Governor's Guard as a historical military unit to be reactivated for ceremonial purposes.

CGS 27-2 is revised to remove the Governor's Guards from the organized militia

CGS 27-6a, CGS 27-7 and CGS 27-8 are repealed (Organization and status of the Governor's Guard)

CGS 27-15 is revised to remove members of the Governors Guard from the Governor's Military Staff.

CGS 27-19d: is repealed (Governors Guard Account)

CGS 27-19e: is repealed (Horse Guard Account)

CGS 27-21 is revised to update the language concerning supplying the organized militia.

CGS 27-39: Removes requirement to provide facilities to Governor's Guard but names them as an organization to which such support is authorized.

CGS 27-58: is repealed (Dismissal of individual members of Governors Guard)

CGS 27-64 is repealed (Governors Guard Armories)

CGS 27-101a is added to recognize in statute that the Governor's Guard shall continue to serve as a Private Military Force.

### BACKGROUND

#### Origin of Proposal

☒ New Proposal

☐ Resubmission

The units of Governor's Guards are historic ceremonial units that are classified as an element of state organized militia under the command and control of the Military Department. The Governor's Guard units serve the state and our communities by participating in various civic events, parades and color guards, primarily on a voluntary basis. Their historic mission was to guard the Governor of Connecticut as he travelled between Hartford and New Haven when the state had two capitols. Initially organized in 1771 as special militia, their military utility has waned, especially since 1903 when the federal government started to significantly fund federally recognized state National Guard units. The Governor's



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Guards have not served as a viable military unit for a century, despite earnest efforts on behalf of the agency to incorporate them into state operations. As organized militia members the state is obliged to train, equip and supply them and provide coverage for injuries and torts incurred within the scope of their duties when performing ordered duty. In addition, the Military Department is responsible for administering and addressing all complaints of misconduct, allegations of criminal activity, discrimination, harassment, etc... With the increasing level of legal scrutiny to which militia members are subjected, the agency lacks sufficient employees and funding to oversee personnel and ensure that standards are being met, including those pertaining to personnel training, property accountability, facility management and good order and discipline, ethical behavior and personal decorum.

Other than the fulltime state agricultural workers assigned to the Governor's Horse Guard units in Newtown and Avon, and other select Military Department state employees who are assigned duties to assist in administering these units as part of their duties, the Governor's Guards are not directly funded through state appropriations. To maintain the solvency of the units, the Governor's Guards rely on donations and honorariums they receive for participation in civic events that are deposited in the Governor's Guards account (CGS § Sec. 27-19d). The two Horse Guard units are permitted by statute to participate in a public-private partnership at their facilities in which a portion of the barns are leased to private boarders. Revenue derived from the public-private partnership is deposited in the Governor's Guards horse account (Sec. 27-19e) which is used to help offset the cost of maintaining the Two Horse Guard herds (Horse feed, veterinary care, etc...). Other than the two aforementioned accounts, the cost of administering the Governor's Guards is borne by the Military Department's general fund appropriations.

Recently, the Department and the administration has been beset by no less than 44 separate legal causes of action brought in the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Freedom of Information Commission and the Superior Court by members of the Governor's Guards arising from claims of criminal activities, discrimination, agency misprocessing of discharges and claims of employment



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status. These cases highlight the need to remove the classification of the Governor's Guards from the organized militia.

The Military Department is able to perform the ceremonial missions assigned to the Governor's Guards using National Guard personnel, volunteers or, if necessary, through a service contract (e.g., a horse for a military funeral honor). The Military Department is also able to perform its state emergency response functions without the Governor's Guard being classified as organized militia.

The Governor's Guard units may more efficiently perform its ceremonial duties as private military force.

*Please consider the following, if applicable:*

<b>Have there been changes in federal/state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?</b>	Current pending cases may have the effect of classifying the Governor's Guards as state employees. This would effect the command and control over the members, who are currently administered as voluntary members of the organized militia.
<b>Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states? If yes, to what result?</b>	No. Less than half the states and territories have State Defense Forces (SDF) that are organized like the Governor's Guard. This is likely due to the historical role of the Governor's Guard historical duty to protect the Governor and the General Assembly, primarily on election day (which used to be annual). SDFs are made up of volunteers who are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms and equipment. They are generally not authorized to carry military weaponry.
<b>Have certain constituencies</b>	No.



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<b>Open Issues, if any</b>	

### FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>State</b>	This proposal will save the CTMD approximately \$1,000,000 in direct and indirect costs in the near term.
<b>Municipal (Include any municipal mandate that can be</b>	



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### MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN

*If applicable, please describe the anticipated measurable outcomes and the data that will be used to track those outcomes. Include the section number(s) responsible for those outcomes*

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### ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW?

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Section 1. Section 3-10d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*)

Sec. 3-10d The Governor may reactivate any military unit of the state or of the colony of Connecticut, to include any private military force associated with the Governor's Guards, for participation in any parade, celebration or other ceremony taking place within or outside the state. No state funds shall be expended for reactivation of any such units and no person shall be involuntarily activated under the authority of this section.

Section 2. Section 27-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-2. Classes of militia. The militia shall be divided into four classes as follows: The unorganized militia, the organized militia, the National Guard and the naval militia. The National Guard for the purposes of this chapter shall consist of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The unorganized militia shall consist of all male citizens and all male residents of the state who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, not exempt from military duty by federal or state laws or by such reasons of physical or mental disabilities as shall be prescribed in general orders or regulations published by the Adjutant General and approved by the Governor and who are not members of the organized militia or of the National Guard or of the naval militia, and all female citizens and all female residents of the state who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who may voluntarily offer their services to the state. The organized militia shall consist of the **[Governor's Guards, the]** State Guard and such other military forces as may be designated by the Governor as commander-in-chief, which may hereafter be organized under the provisions of the laws of this state. The National Guard shall consist of such forces as may be organized and maintained by this state pursuant to the laws and regulations of the United States relating to the National Guard. The naval militia shall consist of such persons as may enlist or be appointed or commissioned therein as a special force for coast protection and as a naval reserve and shall be



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organized and maintained by this state pursuant to the laws and regulations of the United States relating to the naval militia and may include a marine corps branch of the naval militia subordinate thereto in all matters pertaining to command, discipline or administration. The organized militia, the National Guard, the naval militia and marine corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized, shall be, for all purposes under the general statutes, the armed forces of the state.

Section 3. Section 27-6a of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-6a. Organization of first and second companies of Governor's Foot Guards. [Section 27-6a is repealed.](#) [The first and second companies of the Governor's Foot Guards may each consist of one major commandant, grade O-4; one warrant officer, grade W-4, to be bandmaster; one sergeant major, grade E-9; and such other personnel as is consistent with orders issued or regulations prescribed under section 27-14 and with the provisions of section 27-79.]

Section 4. Section 27-7 of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-7. Organization of first and second companies of Governor's Horse Guards. [Section 27-7 is repealed.](#) [The first and second companies of the Governor's Horse Guards may each consist of one major commandant, grade O-4; one sergeant major, grade E-9; and such other personnel as is consistent with orders issued or regulations prescribed under section 27-14 and with the provisions of section 27-79.]

Section 5. Section 27-8 of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-8. Governor's Guards to be organized militia. [Section 27-8 is repealed.](#) [The Governor's Guards shall be organized militia, with the immunities and privileges provided by law, and may be ordered to state military duty by the Governor.]

Section 6. Section 27-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in



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lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-15. Governor's military staff. The Governor shall appoint the military staff that shall consist of the Adjutant General, who shall be chief of staff with the rank of lieutenant general; the assistant adjutant generals, one of whom shall serve as deputy chief of staff as provided under subsection (c) of section 27-24; the chief of staff for the Connecticut Air National Guard; an air aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel, who shall be the senior aviation officer of the Connecticut National Guard; a Surgeon General, who shall be the senior medical officer of the National Guard; one aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel from the United States Air Force Reserve; one aide-de-camp with the rank of captain from the United States Naval Reserve; one aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel from the United States Marine Corps Reserve; one aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel from the United States Army Reserve; one aide-de-camp with the rank of lieutenant commander from the United States Coast Guard Reserve; five aides-de-camp, two with the rank of colonel, two with the rank of lieutenant colonel and one with the rank of major, all of whom shall be from the National Guard; and two enlisted aides-de-camp with the rank of sergeant major from the National Guard. Members appointed from the armed forces of the state shall retain their federal or state grades and shall remain subject to duty therein and, if appointed to such staff in a rank lower than the highest grade attained in federal or state service, shall serve on the staff in their highest recognized grade. Any requirement of this section that any member of the Governor's military staff shall be a member of, or hold any rank in, the National Guard shall be inapplicable whenever the National Guard is in active service with the Army, Navy or Air Force of the United States and at such time the military staff of the Governor may be appointed by the Governor from the organized or unorganized militia, ex-members of the United States Army or Navy or the Connecticut National Guard, or from civil life; and in addition to the active military staff the Governor may, at said Governor's discretion, appoint honorary staff members from the former National Guard or naval militia then on active military duty. The Governor, at any other time, may appoint honorary staff members to the Connecticut National Guard without regard to affiliation who shall serve without the pay, honors, privileges and benefits afforded the active staff members, including, but not limited to, allowances and tuition waivers. **[The majors commandant of the first and second companies Governor's Foot Guards and the Governor's Horse Guards shall be ex-officio members of the Governor's military staff. The Governor shall also appoint the immediate predecessors of such majors commandant to serve as additional ex-officio members.]** In addition to the above-named officers, the Governor shall appoint three additional staff members, one of whom shall be a colonel or of equivalent naval rank and two of whom shall be majors or of equivalent naval rank.





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Section 7. Section 27-19d of the general statutes is repealed any balance remaining in the fund created under said section on July 1, 2026 shall be transferred to the “Military Department state morale, welfare and recreation account” established under Section 27-19b of the general statutes (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

Sec. 27-19d. Governor's Guards account. Section 27-19d is repealed. [There is established an account to be known as the “Governor's Guards account” which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, which shall include, but not be limited to, the proceeds of Governor's Guards programs. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Adjutant General for the purposes of facilitating the operations of the Governor's Guards.]

Section 8. Section 27-19e of the general statutes is repealed any balance remaining in the fund created under said section on July 1, 2026 shall be transferred to the military facilities account established under Section 27-39f of the general statutes (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

Sec. 27-19e. Governor's Guards horse account. Section 27-19e is repealed. [There is established an account to be known as the “Governor's Guards horse account” which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, which shall include, but not be limited to, donations for the specific purpose of offsetting the costs of maintaining Governor's Guards' horses. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Adjutant General for the purposes of facilitating the operations of the Governor's Guards.]

Section 9. Section 27-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-21. Supply of arms and equipment. The Adjutant General is directed to supply [issue to] the organized militia such arms, equipment, ammunition and uniforms as deemed necessary by the Adjutant General for the performance of the assigned mission [the commanding officer of each company may make requisition for], provided such supplies [requisition] shall be approved by the Governor; and the cost of such supplies shall be paid by the Comptroller.



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Section 10. Section 27-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

Sec. 27-39. Use, maintenance, security and leasing of military facilities and other military property. Military facilities account. Report. (a) As used in this section “military facility” means any military building, structure, parcel of land or training site owned, leased or controlled by the state.

(b) The Adjutant General is charged with the responsibility for the use, maintenance, security and leasing of all military facilities and other military property under the provisions for such use imposed by the statutes. Each military facility shall be under the charge of a commissioned officer, designated by the Adjutant General. Each application for the lease or use of such facility shall be made to the Adjutant General, who shall approve or disapprove such application and so advise the applicant. Prior to any such approval, each applicant for lease or use of such facility shall furnish a certificate of insurance or self-insurance indemnifying the state and federal governments against any bodily injury to persons or damage to property. Any cost of such certificate shall be in addition to any other cost incurred as a result of such lease or use. Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the Adjutant General shall limit the lease or use of military facilities to (1) military organizations, including youth military organizations, (2) nonprofit organizations, (3) organizations receiving state aid, (4) governmental agencies, and (5) members of the armed forces of the state. Proceeds from the lease of military facilities shall be paid to the Adjutant General, who shall promptly transmit such proceeds **[, except proceeds received from the lease of certain military facilities pursuant to subsection (e) of this section,]** to the State Treasurer for deposit in the military facilities account established under subsection (f) of this section. The Adjutant General shall, in military facilities where space is available, assign space to veterans' service organizations for their joint uses, subject to the regulations concerning military facilities. Units of the armed forces of the state and veterans' organizations jointly utilizing military facilities shall be allowed the use of the drill shed and such other common areas of the facility.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as allowing the lease or use of, or assignment of space in, any military facility (1) on the drill night of any active military organization stationed in the facility or in a manner that conflicts with the military usage of the facility, (2) at a reduced rate, except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, or (3) in a manner



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that conflicts with federal military regulations or the use of the facility for military purposes. In no case shall any lease approved by the Adjutant General pursuant to subsection (b) of this section permit subleasing.

(d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Adjutant General may allow lease or use of any military facility, at a cost not exceeding the actual operating cost of such facility during the period of such lease or use, to (A) any public or private nonprofit elementary or secondary school or any public institution of higher education for purposes of athletic events with respect to which no admission is charged, (B) the American Red Cross for purposes of blood supply programs, (C) any local, state or federal governmental agency, (D) any agricultural or other association that receives state aid, (E) any charitable military organization, or (F) any member of the armed forces of the state for the limited purpose of holding a ceremony to recognize such member's significant military career event, including promotion, receipt of an award, enlistment, commission as an officer, marriage or retirement.

(2) The Adjutant General may allow use of any military facility, at no cost, to any youth military organization and private military forces associated with the Governor's Guards.

(e) The Adjutant General may lease the military facilities formerly associated with the first and second companies of the Governor's Horse Guards in the towns of Avon and Newtown to any person, provided the terms of such lease do not conflict with the use of such facilities for military purposes. Proceeds from the lease of such military facilities in Avon and Newtown shall be paid to the Adjutant General, who shall promptly transmit such proceeds to the State Treasurer for deposit in the military facilities [Governor's Guards horse] account established under section 27-39f [27-19e].

(f) There is established an account to be known as the "military facilities account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain (1) any amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the state for the purposes of the account, (2) any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, and (3) gifts, grants, donations or bequests made for the purposes of the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Military Department for the maintenance and renovation of military facilities.

(g) Not later than August first, annually, the Adjutant General shall submit a report of the amount of proceeds received from leasing each military facility and the expenses of each such facility, for the twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth of the same year, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'



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affairs, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

Section 11. Section 27-58 of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-58. Dismissal of members of Governor's Guards. Section 27-58 is repealed. [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27-52, the commanding officer of any such company of the Governor's Guards may dismiss any member belonging thereto who neglects his duties, but such member may, within thirty days after receiving notice of such dismissal, appeal to the Adjutant General, who may annul or affirm such dismissal. The commanding officer of such company may fill the vacancy created by such dismissal subject to the provisions of sections 27-6a and 27-7.]

Section 12. Section 27-64 of the general statutes is repealed (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

Sec. 27-64. Armories. Section 27-64 is repealed. [Each company of the Governor's Guards shall be entitled to an armory to be provided by the Adjutant General and paid for by the Comptroller, on approval by the Governor.]

Section 13. Section 27- 101a is added to the general statutes (*Effective July 1, 2025*)

Sec. 27-101a. Governor's Guards. The four companies of the Governor's Guards shall carry its lineage and honors as a private military force as defined by section 27-101 of the Connecticut General Statutes, subject to the provisions of 27-102.