



Agency Legislative Proposal

2026 Session

General Information

Agency	Dept. of Military
Proposal Name	Title 27 Modernization
Legislative Liaison	Tucker Salls
Division Requesting Proposal	N/A
Drafter	Tucker Salls

Overview

Brief Summary of Proposal

This proposal modernizes outdated language in CT General Statutes Title 27. It adjusts the Governor's Military Staff. The language regarding the Unorganized Militia is updated with gender neutral language.

What problem is this proposal looking to solve?

The Military Department does not convene a Governor's Military Staff. The required members of the staff in existing statute are difficult to recruit and serve little practical purpose. The Unorganized Militia in existing statute uses outdated language.

How does the proposal solve the problem?

Updates Language

Section by section summary:

Section #(s)	Section Summary
1	Replaces current language with gender neutral language, bringing the Unorganized Militia more in line with current D.O.D practices
2	Same as section 1
3	Reorganizes Governor's Military Staff
4	Renames Camp Nett at Niantic to Camp Nett in order to be more in line with Army facility naming conventions

Statutory Reference:CGS 27-1; 27-2; 27-15; 27-39

Background☒ New Proposal☐ Resubmission

Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?No

Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?No

Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?No

Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?No

Interagency Impact☒ Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

Agency	N/A
Contact	N/A
Date Contacted	N/A
Status	N/A
Open Issues	N/A

Fiscal Impact☒ No Fiscal Impact

☐ Budget Option Submitted

Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:

State

No

Municipal

No

Federal

No

Other Information

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below: N/A

Legislative Language

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

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 Section 27-1 of the general statutes is repealed, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

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 by law] persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years who are citizens or residents of the state and who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, not exempt by law, shall be subject to military duty and designated as the militia. [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, may enlist voluntarily in any women's unit of the armed forces of the state.] Persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years may enlist voluntarily in any unit of the armed forces of the state.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) Section 27-2 of the general statutes is repealed, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

(a) The militia shall be divided into three classes as follows: The unorganized militia, the organized militia and the National Guard. The National Guard for the purposes of this chapter shall consist of the 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 ... 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] all persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years who are citizens or residents of the state, who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, not exempt from military duty, and who are not members of other organized military forces. 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 armed forces of the state shall also include the naval militia whenever such organization is maintained as provided by law.]

Sec. 3. Section 27-15 of the general statutes is repealed, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

The Governor may [shall] appoint a [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] and such other officers and senior enlisted non-commissioned officers from the armed forces of the state and United States deemed necessary.

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, or the Adjutant General, 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.]

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) Section 27-39 of the general statutes is repealed, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

The state military training facility in Niantic shall be named Camp Nett [at Niantic] in honor of Connecticut Army National Guard Colonel Robert B. Nett, recipient of the congressional medal of honor for his actions on December 14, 1944, during the Second World War.