



Agency Legislative Proposal - 2022 Session

Document Name: 093021_CTMD_Military_Funeral_Honors_Ribbon

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Title of Proposal: AA Establishing a Military Funeral Honors Ribbon

Statutory Reference: CGS section 27-76

Proposal Summary:

To establish a service ribbon for members of the National Guard, organized militia, and other personnel who satisfactorily perform honor guard details at funerals of veterans of the United States armed forces or the National Guard pursuant to section 27-76 of the General Statutes.

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

Please consider the following, if applicable:

- (1) *Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?*
- (2) *Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)? Are other states considering something similar this year?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

Pursuant to CGS section 27-76, the Adjutant General of the Military Department is required to provide military funeral honors for qualified veterans and members of the National Guard when properly requested. This proposal provides recognition to and encourages members of the National Guard, organized militia, and other personnel to perform military funeral honors for Connecticut veterans to meet this statutory requirement.



◇ **Origin of Proposal**

☒ **New Proposal**

☐ **Resubmission**

If this is a resubmission, please share:

- (1) *What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration's package?*
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PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies.

Agency Contact (*name, title, phone*):

Date Contacted: [Click here](#) to enter text.

Approve of Proposal ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ **Talks Ongoing**

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

None

Will there need to be further negotiation? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal *(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)*

NONE

State

NONE

Federal

NONE

Additional notes on fiscal impact

NONE



◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

This proposal will support the Adjutant General's statutory responsibility to provide military funeral honors for qualified veterans and members of the National Guard.

◇ **EVIDENCE BASE**

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Performance of military funeral honors when duly requested is a statutory requirement. This proposal provides a largely symbolic and nominal incentive to personnel supporting military funeral honors to recognize their efforts.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

NEW SECTION (Effective July 1, 2022):

Military funeral honors ribbon. The Adjutant General may issue a military funeral honors ribbon to members of the National Guard, organized militia and other personnel who satisfactorily perform honor guard details at funerals of qualified veterans or members of the National Guard pursuant to section 27-76.



Agency Legislative Proposal - 2022 Session

Document Name: 093021_CTMD_Governor's_Guards_Conforming_Provisions

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Title of Proposal: AAC Conforming Statutory Provisions Related to the Governor's Guards

Statutory Reference: CGS sections 27-6a, 27-7, and 27-8

Proposal Summary:

To conform relevant statutory provisions in Title 27 of the Connecticut General Statutes to Public Act No. 21-158.

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

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- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

Proposal updates obsolete statutory language concerning the organizational structure of the Governor's Guards and their charters. These changes conform related statutory sections to the changes made by Public Act No. 21-158 during the 2021 legislative session.

The changes will support the efficient and orderly conduct of state military operations by the Governors Guards units to ensure their continued relevance and operational utility.



◇ **Origin of Proposal**

☒ **New Proposal**

☐ **Resubmission**

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PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies.

Agency Contact (*name, title, phone*):

Date Contacted: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Approve of Proposal ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ **Talks Ongoing**

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

None

Will there need to be further negotiation? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal *(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)*

NONE

State

NONE

Federal

NONE

Additional notes on fiscal impact

NONE



◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

This proposal is necessary to ensure effective configuration and administration of organized militia units of the armed forces of the state, and supports recruiting and retention in the Governor's Guards.

◇ **EVIDENCE BASE**

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Military orders, regulations, and personnel records related to the administration of the Governor's Guards units will be published, disseminated and retained in accordance with state record retention rules. Recruitment and retention statistics for Governor's Guards units will be analyzed, and are expected to continue on a positive trajectory due to these statutory changes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 27-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Sec. 27-6a. Organization of first and second companies of Governor's Foot Guards. The first and second companies of the Governor's Foot Guards may each consist of one major commandant, grade O-4; [one captain, grade O-3; three first lieutenants, grade O-2; one second lieutenant, grade O-1; one ensign with the rank of second lieutenant, grade O-1;] one warrant officer, grade W-4, to be bandmaster, [one quartermaster who shall serve on the major's staff with the rank of captain, grade O-3, and the following enlisted personnel:]; [O]one sergeant major, grade E-9; [two first sergeants, grade E-8; one sergeant first class, grade E-7, and designated as quartermaster sergeant; four staff sergeants, grade E-6, two designated as quartermaster sergeants, one as ordnance sergeant, and one as company clerk; two sergeants, grade E-5, color-bearers, together with twelve sergeants, grade E-5; eight corporals, grade E-4; ninety-six enlisted persons, twenty-four of whom shall be privates first class, grade E-3; and the balance to be privates grade E-2 or E-1. Each company is authorized a band of twenty-eight musicians with the following grades: One sergeant first class, grade E-7; two staff sergeants, grade E-6; four sergeants, grade E-5; seventeen corporals, grade E-4; four privates first class, grade E-3, and twenty-eight persons for field music with the following grades: One sergeant first class, grade E-7; two staff sergeants, grade E-6; four sergeants, grade E-5; seventeen corporals, grade E-4; four privates first class, grade E-3. The commander of any company of the Governor's Guards may appoint either of its sergeants



to be an orderly sergeant and may displace such orderly sergeant and make a new appointment as occasion may require] and such other personnel as provided under sections 27-14 and 27-79.

Section 2. Section 27-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Sec. 27-7. Governor's Horse Guards. 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, [one captain, two first lieutenants, two second lieutenants, one cornet with the rank of second lieutenant, one master sergeant, one first sergeant, two staff sergeants, twelve sergeants, twelve corporals, thirty-two privates first class and sixty-four privates] and such other personnel as provided under sections 27-14 and 27-79.

Section 3. Section 27-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Sec. 27-8. Governor's Guards to be organized militia. The Governor's Guards [, subject to the provisions of their charters and of the general statutes as to organization, training and discipline,] shall be organized militia, with the immunities and privileges provided by law, and, [in time of war, invasion, rebellion or riot or reasonable apprehension thereof,] may be ordered [out] to state military duty by the Governor [for duty].



Agency Legislative Proposal - 2021 Session

Document Name: 093021_CTMD_MWR_Expansion

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Title of Proposal: AAC Expansion of the Military Department's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program

Statutory Reference: CGS section 27-19b

Proposal Summary:

To make technical changes to expand the department's morale, welfare, and recreation program to explicitly include all elements of the armed forces of the state and their families.

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

Please consider the following, if applicable:

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CGS section 27-19b provides for an "Army National Guard state morale, welfare and recreation account" which is a separate non-lapsing account within the General Fund. Because the fund is overly restrictive it is underutilized. This proposal expands applicability of the fund to members of all elements of the armed forces of the state and their families, and explicitly permits acceptance of gifts and donations for their benefit.

The Department and its members are occasionally offered unsolicited gifts and donations from well-meaning individuals, charities, and businesses seeking to support our state's military members and their families. The current statutory language is written only to benefit members of the Connecticut Army National Guard, and does not include members of the Connecticut Air National Guard, State Guard, or Governor's Guards, or their families. This proposal provides the explicit statutory authority to accept gifts and donations for the purposes of the fund and for the benefit of all members of the armed forces of the state and their families.



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☒ **New Proposal**

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PROPOSAL IMPACT

◇ **AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*

Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies.

Agency Contact (name, title, phone):

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Approve of Proposal ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ **Talks Ongoing**

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments

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Will there need to be further negotiation? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

◇ **FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*

Municipal *(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)*

NONE

State

Estimated yearly increase in value of approximately \$20,000 in donations and gifts to the CTMD MWR Account.

Federal

NONE

Additional notes on fiscal impact

NONE



◇ **POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*

The agency expects an increase in utilization of morale, welfare, and recreation programs by members of the armed forces of the state, which is expected to have a positive impact on retention and morale within the force.

◇ **EVIDENCE BASE**

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The Military Department will document and track all deposits and gifts to the account in accordance with state fiscal laws, policies, and procedures. Utilization of state MWR programs will be tracked in accordance with Department policy and record retention guidelines.

[Insert fully drafted bill here](#)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 27-19b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Sec. 27-19b. [Army National Guard] Military Department state morale, welfare and recreation account. There is established an account to be known as the “[Army National Guard] Military Department state morale, welfare and recreation 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, proceeds of state military morale, welfare and recreation programs, gifts, grants and donations from public or private sources. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Adjutant General for the purposes of operating state military morale, welfare and recreation programs. On or before August 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Adjutant General shall submit a report to the Office of Policy and Management concerning receipts and disbursement from the account for the previous state fiscal year.