



Agency Legislative Proposal - 2018 Session

Document Name (e.g. OPM1015Budget.doc; OTG1015Policy.doc): CTMD1

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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General
Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: COL Tomcho/CPT Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Recordkeeping Duties of the Adjutant General
Statutory Reference: 27-20a
Proposal Summary: Clarification of duty requirement of Adjutant General to observe relevant information practices pertaining to federal and state military records for purposes of release under either federal or state Freedom of Information Act.

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)?*
- (3) *Have certain constituencies called for this action?*
- (4) *What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?*

Recent FOIA requests have shown a misunderstanding about the legal status of federal information processed and accessed by the Connecticut National Guard (CTNG) pursuant to their status (and operations) under federal law. CTNG members while functioning as members of the United States Armed Forces and pursuant to their federal security clearances access and maintain records in federal databases as required by federal law and military regulations. These records are federal records and copies therefore may be requested under federal FOIA. This proposal clarifies the status of Federal records accessed by military personnel and requires the Adjutant General to apply the appropriate legal standard to such records/record requests.

◇ **Origin of Proposal** **New Proposal** **Resubmission**



If this is a resubmission, please share:

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Reference Raised Bill 856, 2017 Session. Died After Public Hearing. State FIC opposed the proposal as it was styled as an exemption under the Connecticut FOIA. FIC informed the Department that the preferred approach would be to enact legislation in a military statute rather than in an FOIA statute for a number of reasons. This proposal incorporates FIC's preferred approach.

PROPOSAL IMPACT

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

Agency Name: Freedom of Information Commission
Agency Contact (name, title, phone): Paula Pearlman, Staff Attorney/Legislative Liaison, 860-566-5682
Date Contacted: November 21 and 29, 2017
 Approve of Proposal YES NO Talks Ongoing

Summary of Affected Agency's Comments
 No significant impact – clarifying provision as to agency processes. FIC doesn't anticipate opposing the proposal but may provide information about the CTMD case and its outcome, which concluded that the federal military records were outside the jurisdiction of the state FOI Act and that such records were not "public records" within the state FOI Act.

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 ensure effective agency information practices and clarify process for requesting military records.

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Section 27-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2018):

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

Section 27-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2018):
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 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 [a] the service records of all officers and enlisted personnel, (2) issue authorized service medals, ribbons and documents, [and] (3) generate and maintain all records and documents required by state law or regulations thereunder that are accessible to or maintained by state employees and process requests for such records pursuant to the state Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 14, Connecticut General Statutes, as amended from time to time, and [.] (4) generate and maintain all records and documents required by federal law or regulations thereunder that are accessible to or maintained by Connecticut National Guard personnel and process requests for such records pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act of 1976, 5 USC 552, as amended from time to time.



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Title of Proposal: AAC Military Unit Bylaws

Statutory Reference: 27-79

Proposal Summary:

Proposal updates obsolete statutory language concerning the configuration and administration of military units of the armed forces of the state. This provision will eliminate obsolete requirement for military unit bylaws and will require the state to configure and administer military units consistent with federal military units.

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

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- (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)?*
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◇ **Origin of Proposal**

New Proposal

Resubmission

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- (4) *What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?*

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PROPOSAL IMPACT



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

<p>Agency Name: Proposal does not affect other agencies. Agency Contact (name, title, phone): Date Contacted: Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Approve of Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing</p>
<p>Summary of Affected Agency's Comments None</p>
<p>Will there need to be further negotiation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>

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

<p>Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> NONE</p>
<p>State NONE</p>
<p>Federal NONE</p>
<p>Additional notes on fiscal impact NONE</p>

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

<p>This proposal is necessary to ensure effective configuration and administration of organized militia units of the armed forces of the State.</p>

[Insert fully drafted bill here](#)

Section 27-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective July 1, 2018)*:



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

Section 27-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

Sec. 27-79. Bylaws of organizations. [Each organization of the armed forces of the state] The Governor shall [make bylaws for its government, which shall be binding on its members when approved by the regimental or corresponding commander and the Adjutant General; and all fines and dues imposed by such bylaws may be collected in accordance with such procedure as the Adjutant General may, by regulation, prescribe, provided notice shall be given to any delinquent of the incurrence of any fine or dues within thirty days of the date when the same has been incurred and notice may be given collectively of such fines or dues or both. The commanding officer of the organization shall be the president of the association created in the bylaws, except that, if two or more organizations combine in one association, the senior commanding officer shall be president. The treasurer shall be elected from the enlisted personnel of the organization or, if two or more organizations combine, from among the enlisted personnel of one of the organizations. The treasurer of each such organization shall give a bond to such organization in an amount satisfactory to the Adjutant General. The premium on such bond shall be paid by such organization] determine the organizational structure of the organized militia. Military units of the organized shall be composed in a manner consistent with National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size and purpose. The Adjutant General may issue bylaws for the administration of organized militia units.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: COL Tomcho/CPT Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Military Department Volunteers

Statutory Reference: 27-100b

Proposal Summary:

This bill expands several aspects of the Military Department's family program volunteer services.

It expands (1) the people who may receive volunteer services under the program to include veterans, National Guard members who are not on active duty, and their families; (2) volunteer work to specifically include office work and allow volunteers to provide services to the Military Department; and (3) the duties of the program's volunteer service coordinator.

The bill also delays, from January 31 to February 15 of each year, the Military Department's annual report to the Veterans' Affairs Committee on the services received through the program for the previous calendar year. It eliminates the requirement that the department report on the level of services received in different geographical areas.

The bill does not define "veteran;" ordinarily, if a statute does not define "veteran," the definition in CGS § 27-103(a) is used. But that statute explicitly exempts chapter 504 (Militia), which is where the Military Family Program statute is located.

The bill also makes minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018



PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ Reason for Proposal

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Current statutory provision provide for acceptance of volunteer services from organizations but not individuals who desire to volunteer. Military seeks to facilitate direct individual voluntary services to members of the armed forces directly through individuals through our volunteer service program. The need to accept these services are heightened during periods of increased personnel deployments.

- ◇ Origin of Proposal** **New Proposal** **Resubmission**

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Reference Raise Bill 858, 2017 Session. Senate Calendar 122, File #160Died on Calendar. OPM supported substitute bill.

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 facilitate effective military deployments and operations by enhancing the Military Department's ability to coordinate voluntary services to service members, veterans and their families.

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Section 1. Section 1-100b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective July 1, 2018)*:

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

Section 1. Section 27-100b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective July 1, 2018)*:

(a) As used in this section, (1) "member" means a member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, including the Connecticut National Guard, [who is on active duty and] who is a resident of this state, (2) "department" means the Military Department, (3) "services" includes, but is not limited to, repairs, gardening, transportation, babysitting, tutoring, cooking, office work or any other services that a member, [or member's family] veteran, the family of such member or veteran or the department would find helpful, [and (3)] (4) "local organizations" includes not-for-profit organizations that serve members, [and] veterans [and their] and the families of such members or veterans, and other organizations that seek to [volunteer] provide voluntary services to members, [and their] veterans, the families of such members or veterans or the department, and (5) "volunteer" means any individual who seeks to provide voluntary services to members, veterans, the families of such members or veterans or the department.

(b) The [family program of the Connecticut National Guard] department shall establish within its family program a volunteer service program in which a volunteer service



coordinator coordinates with municipalities, [and] local organizations and volunteers throughout the state to provide voluntary services [by volunteers] to members, [and their] veterans, the families [. No person shall volunteer] of such members or veterans or the department. Such volunteer service coordinator shall not coordinate the provision of voluntary services for any services [for which] that require a license, certificate of registration, permit or other credentials issued by a state agency [is required unless such person] unless the volunteer holds [such] the required license, certificate of registration, permit or other credentials.

(c) The volunteer services coordinator shall identify municipalities, [and] local organizations and volunteers that provide [volunteer] voluntary services to members, veterans and [their] the families of such members or veterans, in communities throughout the state, and to the department, and shall [assist] facilitate such municipalities, [and] local organizations, volunteers and the department to provide voluntary services to members, veterans, the families of such members or veterans or the department.

(d) On or before [January 31, 2006, and annually thereafter, the family program of the Connecticut National Guard] February fifteenth, annually, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs, in accordance with section 11-4a, on the voluntary services [provided by volunteers to members throughout the state, including, but not limited to, the level of services in different geographical areas] received by members, veterans, the families of such members or veterans or the department during the previous calendar year under the volunteer service program.

Sec. 2. Section 27-100e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

The Military Department, through its family program, [of the Connecticut National Guard] shall publicize to all members of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, including the Connecticut National Guard, and their families the availability throughout the state of therapy support groups for such members and their families. The publicity shall include contact information for referral to support groups in locations that are convenient for such members and their families.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: COL Tomcho/CPT Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Military Rentals to State Military Personnel

Statutory Reference: 27-39

Proposal Summary:

To authorize the Adjutant General to lease military facilities to members of the armed forces of the state for ceremonies to recognize their own significant military career events.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

◇ **Reason for Proposal**

Please consider the following, if applicable:

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Current statutory provisions do not provide for members to rent or use military facilities for significant military event ceremonies. Many member desire to lease military facilities to host ceremonies in honor of their significant military career event. This authorization is consistent with provisions provided to members of the armed forces on active duty (e.g., to use the post chapel for a wedding). The Adjutant General requests this authorization in order to provide a nominal benefit to members for their service, as a recruiting and retention incentive.



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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

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

This proposal is necessary to facilitate effective military operations by enhancing the Military Department's ability to recognize service on behalf of its members by permitting use of military facilities to recognize significant military career events.

Insert fully drafted bill here

Section 27-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

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

Section 27-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY FACILITY RENTALS TO STATE MILITARY PERSONNEL

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 (1) 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, (2) the American Red Cross for purposes of blood supply programs, (3) any local, state or federal governmental agency, (4) any agricultural or other association that receives state aid, [or] (5) any military charitable organization[.], or (6) any member of the armed forces of the state for the limited purpose of holding a ceremony to recognize their own significant military career event, including promotion, receipt of an award, enlistment, commissioning, wedding or retirement.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: COL Tomcho/CPT Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC the Organization of the State Guard

Statutory Reference: 27-9

Proposal Summary:

To clarify the Governor's authority in respect to the command and control of the Connecticut State Guard.
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

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)?*
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Current statutory provisions pertaining to the Connecticut State Guard require revision to clarify the Governor's authority in respect to the Connecticut State Guard, its organization and use. At least 22 states currently have volunteer state guards. The 2013-2014 audit report and subsequent opinion for the Attorney General indicated that the current statute requires revision.

◇ **Origin of Proposal**

New Proposal

Resubmission



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PROPOSAL IMPACT

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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

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

This proposal is necessary to facilitate effective military operations by codifying the state's practice of utilizing the state guard to facilitate military operations.



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Section 27-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
(Effective July 1, 2018):

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

Section 27-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
(Effective July 1, 2018):

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD

Sec. 27-9. Organization of the Connecticut State Guard. The Governor may [Whenever the Connecticut National Guard is called into the federal service or whenever such a call, in the opinion of the Governor, is deemed to be imminent, the Governor shall forthwith] raise, organize, maintain and govern, [from the unorganized militia], a body of volunteer troops for state military duty. Said body of troops [, when so organized,] shall be known as "the Connecticut State Guard" and [for and during the time of its existence as herein provided it] shall be a part of the organized militia.



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Lead agency division requesting this proposal: The Adjutant General

Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: COL Tomcho/CPT Heinonen

Title of Proposal: AAC Honoring Connecticut National Guard Medal of Honor Recipients

Statutory Reference: 27-39a

Proposal Summary:

To rename the Connecticut National Guard Camps in Windsor Locks in honor of First Lieutenant Lee R. Hartell and Niantic in honor of Colonel Robert B. Nett. These two Connecticut National Guard heroes received the Medal of Honor, the highest decoration awarded by the United States Armed Force.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2019 (Medal of Honor Day)

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)?
- (3) Have certain constituencies called for this action?
- (4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?

The National Guard desires to memorialize the heroic action of its most current Medal of Honor awardees in a manner to ensure that their actions and the importance of the Medal of Honor is prominently displayed. Thousands of members train annually at these sites. And many members from outside the state train there as well. Renaming the training camps is a fitting honor for two of Connecticut National Guard's most honored members. This provides a way to ensure that their deeds are not forgotten and to honor Connecticut's military heritage. Since the Civil War, two members of the Connecticut National Guard members earned the Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest and



most prestigious personal military decoration that may be awarded to recognize U.S. military service members who distinguished themselves by acts of valor. Connecticut Army National Guard maintains two state training facilities, one located in Windsor Locks (Camp Hartell) and one in Niantic (Camp Nett). The Connecticut National Guard desires to honor her Medal of Honor awardees by statutorily naming the camps in their honor.

Dedication: The Connecticut National Guard will conduct public ceremonies to formally dedicate the facilities in the names of her Medal of Honor awardees. Ideally, this dedication would take place on effective date of the law, Medal of Honor Day (Monday, March 25, 2019). All members of the General Assembly will be notified and invited to attend.

MEDAL OF HONOR

Established: U.S. Navy: December 21, 1861; U.S. Army: July 12, 1862; U.S. Air Force: April 14, 1965

First awarded: March 25, 1863: American Civil War, U.S. Army recipient

Last awarded: July 31, 2017

Posthumous awards: 621

Distinct recipients: 3,497

Awarded for: Conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty

Eligibility: Military personnel only

MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

National Medal of Honor Day on March 25 is dedicated to all Medal of Honor recipients. The Connecticut National Guard plans to conduct a proper ceremony in dedicating the renamed camps on this day.

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? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

Municipal <i>(please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)</i> NONE
State NONE
Federal NONE
Additional notes on fiscal impact Cost for changing any signage due to this bill will be paid by the Connecticut Military Department within existing budgetary authority and in conjunction with federal funding for military facilities.

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

This proposal is necessary to facilitate understanding of the importance of the Medal of Honor, Connecticut Military History and to recognize the two members of the Connecticut National Guard who were awarded the Medal of Honor, the only two since the civil war.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 27-39a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective July 1, 2018)*:

Sec. 27-39a. Camps [Niantic] named. (a)The state military training facility in Niantic shall be named Camp [Niantic] Nett to honor Colonel Robert B. Nett, Connecticut Army National Guard Medal of Honor awardee for



his actions on December 14, 1944, during World War II. (b)The state military training facility in Windsor Locks shall be named Camp Hartell to honor First Lieutenant Lee R. Hartell, Connecticut Army National Guard Medal of Honor awardee (posthumous award) for his actions on August 27, 1951, during the Korean War.