

## Article - Public Safety

§13-215.

(a) (1) The Adjutant General may organize a uniformed honor guard from the National Guard or the organized militia to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran if:

(i) the commander of an accredited veterans' organization or a relative or friend of the deceased veteran requests an honor guard to attend the burial service;

(ii) a uniformed honor guard from the active armed forces or veterans' organization is not available; and

(iii) the Adjutant General determines that providing an honor guard will not harm:

1. the readiness of the National Guard in the event of a State or federal emergency; or

2. the employment of a National Guard member.

(2) If an honor guard from the active armed forces is not available, the Adjutant General may request an honor guard from a veterans' organization to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran.

(b) (1) The Adjutant General shall set reasonable compensation for honor guard members based on the availability of money in the budget.

(2) Compensation may not exceed the expenses incurred to participate in the burial service of a deceased veteran plus the greater of:

(i) 100% of 1 day's pay as determined by the current Department of Defense pay scale; and

(ii) the minimum wage required under § 3-413 of the Labor and Employment Article.

(c) The Adjutant General shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.