



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

**The Military Officers
Association of America**
Susquehanna Chapter

Mary Jane Jernigan
Civilian Aide
to the
Secretary of the Army
(CASA) for Maryland



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Mary Jane Jernigan Background

- Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army - Maryland
- Vice President of LOGYX, LLC - a Defense Contracting company
- MD State President - The Association of the United States Army (AUSA)
- President MD NG FreeState Challenge Academy Foundation
- Mother
- Grandmother
- Daughter of a WWII Veteran



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CASA Program Overview

- Unpaid, part-time Special Govt Employees (SGEs) under 18 USC 202
- “Experts and Consultants” under 5 USC 3109
- Afforded a 3-star protocol status
- Two-year term; may be renewed up to 5 terms (10 years)
- At least one CASA per state, DC and the 5 U.S. Territories
- Receive ethics training and daily Army briefings
- Governed by Army Reg 1-15 “Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army” (updated 1 March 2017)
- 130 days per year, 60 days for Defense Contractors



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CASA Qualifications

Army Regulation 1-15, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen of outstanding character, integrity, and patriotism.
- Have a deep interest in military affairs.
- Be a leader in community affairs.
- Be in a position to disseminate information about the Army to a broad cross section of the public and to prominent citizens in their area.
- Be able to interpret and affect public attitude toward the Army.
- Not be an employee of the Federal Government as defined in 5 USC 2105.
- Not be a paid employee of any political party.



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CASA Selection Process

- Upon vacancy, “Request for Nomination” letters sent
- CASA office compiles nominations and prepares slates of candidates
- SecArmy selects CASA or requests new nominees
- Selected nominee is notified and requested to complete OGE 450 to clear Ethics review. If OGC clears nominee of any conflict, the nominee is appointed and others are notified
- Investiture Ceremony and new CASA Orientation held (typically at the Pentagon)



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CASAs What We Do

- Serve as a vital link between local and state communities and the Army:
 - Army senior mission commanders and installation commander
 - Recruiting/ROTC, Corps of Engineers
 - Guard and Reserve
 - Business and Civic leaders
 - Elected officials
 - Academia
- Advise the Secretary of the Army on issues of local concern
- Represent the Secretary of the Army at ceremonies
- Submit reports on all activities



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CASA Program Statistics

- 125 CASA positions, 117 CASA positions filled
- 8 pending vacancies – Alaska (South), Florida (South), Florida (North), Hawaii (Island of Hawaii), Louisiana (North), Maryland, Tennessee (East), and Texas (East)

Active CASAs:

- 80% were appointed in last 5 years
- Average age is 62
- 83% Male; 17% Female
- Estimated to be 75% White, 25% African American; Hispanic, Pacific Islander; Asian; Other
- 60% have known former Military Service; of those, 13% Flag Officers
- West Point Graduates: 23%



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CASA COVID Response

CASAs continue to be engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Increased social media outreach
- Assisting with community relief efforts
- Conducting virtual commissioning and promotion ceremonies
- Helping recruiters
- Connecting potential businesses to Army/FEMA

First virtual investiture ceremony



An Overview of
The National Guard
America's State and Federal Military Force



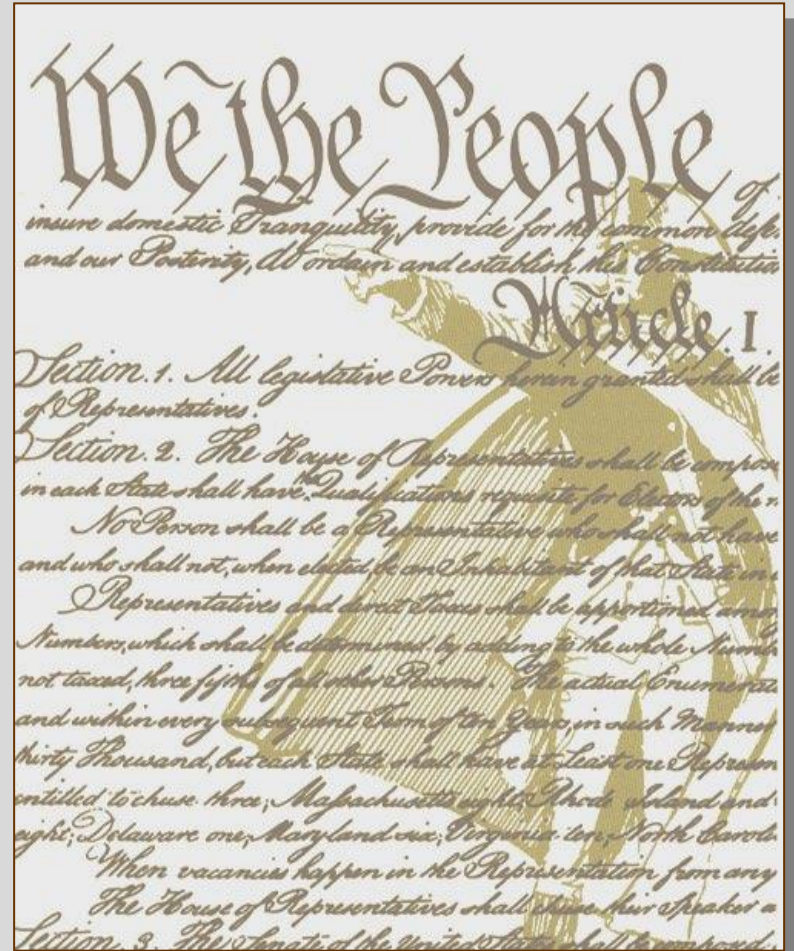
“Ready, Reliable, Essential and Accessible”

History

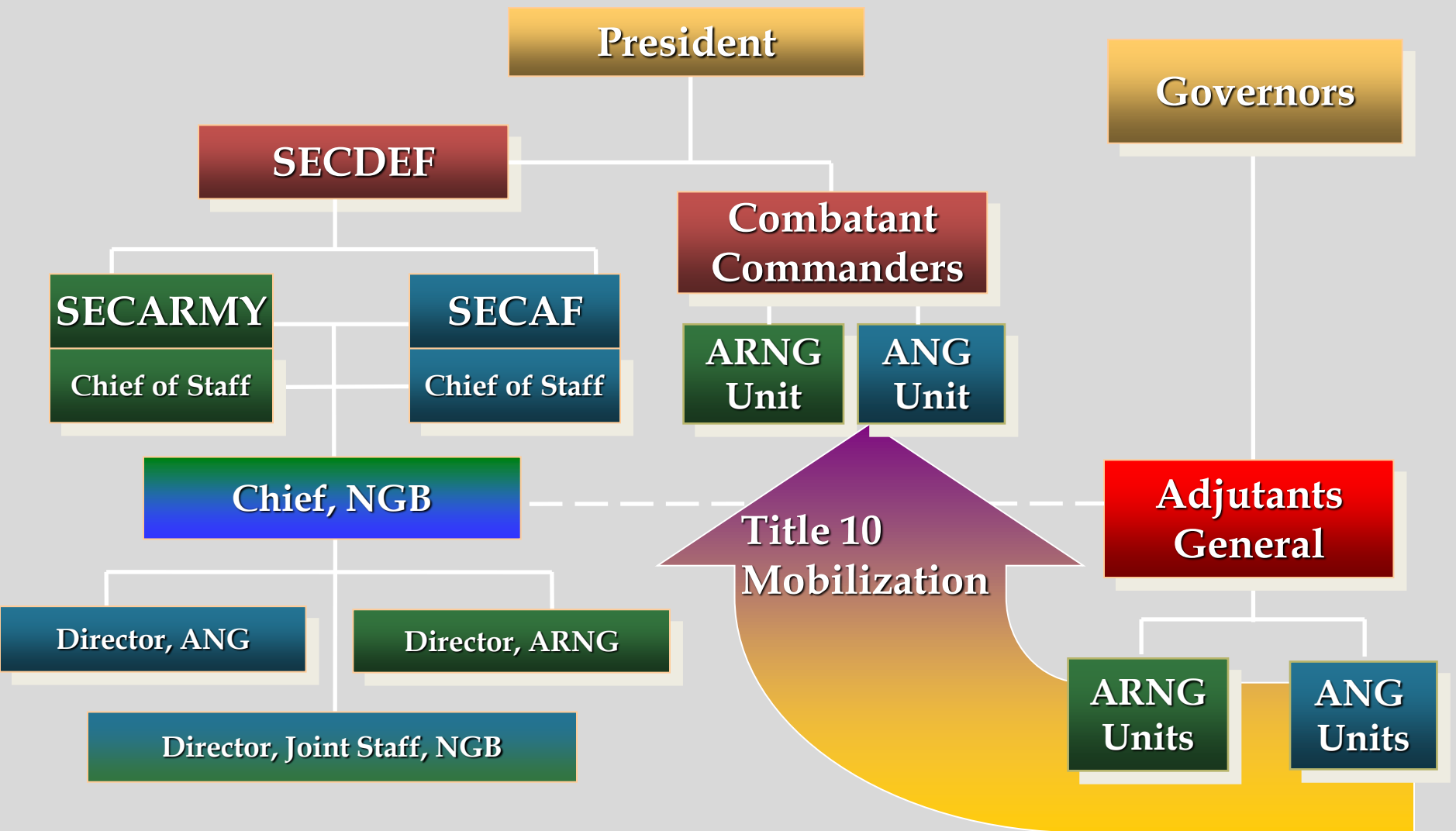
The Congress shall have power...

- To provide for **calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions;**
- To provide for **organizing, arming, and disciplining**, the militia, and for **governing** such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, **reserving to the states respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;**

-- U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8



And Fully Accessible



National Guardsman Duty Status Comparison



State Active Duty

Title 32

Title 10

Command & Control	Governor	Governor	President
Where	IAW State Law	USA	Worldwide
Pay	State	Federal	Federal
Mission types	IAW State Law (Riot control, Emergency Response, etc.)	Training, And other federally authorized.	Overseas Tng, & as assigned after mobilization
Discipline	State Military Code	State Military Code	UCMJ
Support Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Limited by <i>Posse Comitatus</i>



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Maryland CASA

What can I do to help you with your mission?

I welcome feedback.



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