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Chapter 15. Marine Corps Battalion

IC 10-16-15-1

Creation of marine corps battalion

Sec. 1. In addition to the land military forces of the state authorized by law, there is established a naval force to be known as the Indiana marine corps battalion of militia.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.7.

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Commander in chief; duties of adjutant general; divisions; officers; rules and regulations

Sec. 2. (a) The governor is the commander in chief of the marine corps militia forces of Indiana.

(b) The marine corps militia shall be under the immediate command and jurisdiction of the adjutant general. The adjutant general has all the rights, powers and duties in connection with the marine corps militia, as the adjutant general has in connection with the land military forces.

(c) The marine corps battalion of militia shall be divided into the following three (3) divisions by the adjutant general:

- (1) One (1) for the southern division of the state.
- (2) One (1) for the northern division.
- (3) One (1) for the central division.

The adjutant general shall determine where each division shall be located.

(d) A person may not be appointed as an officer of the marine corps militia who does not hold a United States marine corps reserve commission.

(e) The governor, as commander in chief, may:

- (1) make all necessary rules; and
- (2) issue orders;

the governor considers necessary for the organization, administration, and discipline of the marine corps militia. The rules must conform, as far as practicable, with the military and naval laws of Indiana and the United States.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.7.

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Laws applicable to marine corps militia forces

Sec. 3. All provisions of law relating to governing, maintaining, and equipping the land military forces of Indiana apply equally to and govern the marine corps militia forces, except provisions that are inconsistent with the different nature of the service.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.7.

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Vessels, boats, and equipment

Sec. 4. The commander in chief may accept and use from the United States Navy, or from any other source, for the marine corps militia any vessel, lifeboat, boat gear, boat equipment, life-saving equipment, rifles, field pieces, and any other naval equipment or life-saving equipment necessary to properly safeguard the lives and property of the citizens of Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.7.

IC 10-16-15-5**Lieutenant colonel in command**

Sec. 5. (a) The lieutenant colonel in command of the battalion of the marine corps militia shall be appointed by the governor from the regular marine corps reserve officers in Indiana.

(b) The lieutenant colonel shall act as chief of staff subject to the orders of the:

- (1) governor;
- (2) adjutant general; and
- (3) major general commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.7.