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**Administrative History**



The origins of the American militia system can be traced to the early history of England. Citizens were s

The Organic Act creating the Territory of Nevada (1861) named the Governor the commander-in-chief o

The act (in most respects identical to a recently adopted California statute) empowered the Governor to

The state constitution (1864) required the Legislature to provide for the "organizing and disciplining of the

In compliance with its constitutional mandate the Legislature, in 1865, passed a militia act similar in content

In the latter nineteenth century the organized militias of several states began styling themselves "national

Even though the legislation of the 1890s appeared to show a determination to build a stronger militia, the

Nevertheless, many Nevadans volunteered to serve in the Spanish-American War and the Philippine-American

In 1903 the Congress passed the Dick Act, which imposed stronger federal standards for the National Guard

Beginning in 1913 there were serious attempts to revive the organized militia and to have it conform to the

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, there was no Nevada National Guard to be called

Throughout the long period of the decline and disappearance of the militia/National Guard, the office of the

To expedite federal recognition, the Legislature, in 1923, authorized the Governor "to issue such regulations

A 1925 statute once again made the Governor's private secretary the Adjutant General . Governor Fred

The first Nevada unit formed after federal recognition was a military police company for the 40th Division

In January 1941 the War Department converted the Nevada units to the 121st Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft).

Beginning in 1940 the Adjutant General served as state director for Selective Service. During the war he

In the immediate post-war period the Legislature made no provision for a National Guard. Without undue

The rebirth of the Guard came in 1947, the year White retired. The principal units allocated to Nevada were

In the decades that followed other ground and air units came into existence, including armored cavalry, and

Since the mid-1950s new armories, built mostly with federal funds, have appeared in several Nevada counties.

During the Korean Conflict the 192d was taken into federal service for twenty-two months. Most of the Army

The Legislature enacted the most recent major revision of Nevada's military code in 1967. The statute authorized

Both branches of the post-war Nevada National Guard have frequently served in emergencies such as floods

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management, created in 1953, is a component of the state's Office of

Prior to 1997, a state Veterans Affairs agency operated as part of the Department of Motor Vehicles and

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