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Arkansas District of Louisiana Territory; lived at Arkansas Post
1812 Louisiana Territory renamed Missouri Territory
1813 Arkansas District made a County of Missouri Territory
1819 Arkansas became a Territory but Governor arrived in 1820; many
local Militia Companies formed for Indian Control
1825 Arkansas Militia reorganized & the Legislature published Laws.
1836 Arkansas became State of United States of America
1843 1st Volunteer Co., Capitol Guards, formed by CPT Albert Pike
1846 1st Ark Cavalry Regiment, 10 Companies, formed for Mexican War

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1820-1823 Abner P Spencer
1823-1825 Terrence Farrelly Appt'd 25May1823, resigned 18Jun 1825
1825-1826 William Bradford Appt'd by Pres & Gov; died early 1826
1826-1828 Benjamin Desha
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1832 Chester Ashley Jan to Mar '32; removed by public outcry
1832 Archibald Yell Wm Field appointed Oct 31 1832, vice Yell
1832-1835 William Field Bio obtained, more rsrch needed; rsgd 1-9
1835-1836 Wharton Rector Jr Apptd Jan 9 1835; Field resigned (Gaz)
1836 Daniel T Whittier

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1836-1837 John N Boyle Apptd Oct 25 1836 (Gaz); Biog in rsrch
Governor Conway named Col John N Boyle
1840-1844 Samuel H Hempstead History of Ark, Hempstead, 1890; Deeter
1844-18?? John S Roane Apptd 8 Jul 44 to ?? (Gaz); Deeter
1845-18?? Albert Pike (??-Lyons). Thomas S Drew was Governor
1846-18?? Soland Borland (??-Lyons-Biog in research) See Ark Gaz
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1849 Albert Rust Union Co; 20 Feb-22 Apr 49; Deeter (Gaz)
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- 1864 C A Henry Biography in research; Provisional AG
- 1864 F M Sams Biography in research
- 1864-1868 Albert W Bishop Biography in research; see O.R. (Deeter). When Powell Clayton became Governor 1868; Arkansas had no real militia; it had "Home Guard Colonies"; Congress outlawed Southern Militia's 1867 but then recreated Militia's 1868.
- 1868-1873 Keys Danforth Biography in research; Private Sec to Gov Danforth was native of Illinois & served under Gen. Steele (US).
- 1873-1874 Period known as Brooks-Baxter War. Involved dispute of who was Governor of Arkansas - both sides had military establishment: BG Robert F Catterson was AG on Brooks side (biog. in research). BG Frank Strong was AG on Baxter side. President Grant recognized Baxter as Governor; Brooks faction dissolved to end Reconstruction Period of Arkansas - Gen Catterson was declared ineffective. The Adjutant General Strong & Governor Baxter were restored to office.
- 1874 M McCananny Biography in research
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After Scott Co. war 1878, the 18/9 State Legislature abolished Office of The Adjutant General after 7 companies were mobilized. The Governor's private secretary performed duties of the AG.
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- 1891 A W Giles Biography in research
- 1893-1896 Kie Oldham dates in question (Deeter)
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- 1896 M L Davis Acting Adjt Gen; sent official status rpt
- 1897 R G Shaver, MG Acting Adjt Gen; listed in official rpt
- 1897-1900 Arthur Neill sent in 1898 official rpt to US OTAG
- 1901-1907 Charles Jacobsen

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On 31 May 1909, the State Legislature approved separation of Adjutant General duties from Private Secretary of Governor and re-established the position of Adjutant General and control of the National Guard:

1909-1913 B W Green See special/general orders; discharged many Guard units & soldiers; resigned under pressure/frustration.

1913-1919 Lloyd England Reorganized the Arkansas military units, saw them mobilized for Mexican War & got them ready for World War

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1973-1975 Joseph R Chappell Jr

1975-1979 Thomas C Armstrong

1979-1981 James H Jones 1st appointment

1981-1983 Harold L Gwatney

1983-1984 James H Jones 2nd appointment

1984-1986 Fred M Carter

1986-1993 James A Ryan

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1996-2006 Don C Morrow

2006-2007 Ronald Chastain

2007-present 2014 - William Wafford

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Sources: Arkansas Gazette Centennial 1836-1936 (Deeter)
Organized Militia of the US; Pentagon Library: sev. rpts
Existing histories by OTAG; several at Ft McAlister
Research Note: History of Arkansas, Fay Hempstead, 1890, pg 781: COL
Hempstead "AG", State Militia; Gov. Yell; 1840-44; Deeter 88
Note: NGB Historian MAJ Ott pointed out lack of US funding had
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- 1804 Arkansas was part of Louisiana District of Indiana Territory
1805 Arkansas became District of New Madrid of Louisiana Territory
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Major David DeLauny was Inspector and Adjutant General of the
Arkansas District of Louisiana Territory; lived at Arkansas Post
1812 Louisiana Territory renamed Missouri Territory
1813 Arkansas District made a County of Missouri Territory
1819 Arkansas became a Territory but Governor arrived in 1820; many
local Militia Companies formed for Indian Control
1825 Arkansas Militia reorganized & the Legislature published Laws.
1836 Arkansas became State of United States of America
1843 1st Volunteer Co., Capitol Guards, formed by CPT Albert Pike
1846 1st Ark Cavalry Regiment, 10 Companies, formed for Mexican War

ADJUTANTS GENERAL FOR ARKANSAS TERRITORY

- 1819 William O Allen Appt'd 28Sep1819, died Mar1820: Oden duel
1820-1823 Abner P Spencer
1823-1825 Terrence Farrelly Appt'd 25May1823, resigned 18Jun 1825
1825-1826 William Bradford Appt'd by Pres & Gov; died early 1826
1826-1828 Benjamin Desha
1828-1832 Wharton Rector Jr
1832 Chester Ashley Jan to Mar '32; removed by public outcry
1832 Archibald Yell Wm Field appointed Oct 31 1832, vice Yell
1832-1835 William Field Bio obtained, more rsrch needed; rsgd 1-9
1835-1836 Wharton Rector Jr Apptd Jan 9 1835; Field resigned (Gaz)
1836 Daniel T Whittier

ADJUTANTS GENERAL FOR STATE OF ARKANSAS

- 1836-1837 John N Boyle Apptd Oct 25 1836 (Gaz); Biog in rsrch
Governor Conway named Col John N Boyle
1840-1844 Samuel H Hempstead History of Ark, Hempstead, 1890; Deeter
1844-18?? John S Roane Apptd 8 Jul 44 to ?? (Gaz); Deeter
1845-18?? Albert Pike (??-Lyons). Thomas S Drew was Governor
1846-18?? Soland Borland (??-Lyons-Biog in research) See Ark Gaz
1848-1849 John S Roane (??-Lyons) Roane was Governor this period
1849 Albert Rust Union Co; 20 Feb-22 Apr 49; Deeter (Gaz)
1849-1851 Allan Wood Biography in research
1851-18?? Colbert Caldwell St Francis Co; 28Nov-??; Deeter (Gaz)
1853-? John Hutt Biography in research; 11Feb53-?

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- 1861 Arkansas joined Confederate States. LR fell 10Sep1863; CSA capitol moved to Washington AR as Federals took over; both sides used Ashley Mansion for headquarters away from LR Arsenal.
- 1864 C A Henry Biography in research; Provisional AG
- 1864 F M Sams Biography in research
- 1864-1868 Albert W Bishop Biography in research; see O.R. (Deeter). When Powell Clayton became Governor 1868; Arkansas had no real militia; it had "Home Guard Colonies"; Congress outlawed Southern Militia's 1867 but then recreated Militia's 1868.
- 1868-1873 Keys Danforth Biography in research; Private Sec to Gov Danforth was native of Illinois & served under Gen. Steele (US).
- 1873-1874 Period known as Brooks-Baxter War. Involved dispute of who was Governor of Arkansas - both sides had military establishment: BG Robert F Catterson was AG on Brooks side (biog. in research). BG Frank Strong was AG on Baxter side. **President Grant recognized Baxter as Governor**; Brooks faction dissolved to end Reconstruction Period of Arkansas - Gen Catterson was declared ineffective. The Adjutant General Strong & Governor Baxter were restored to office.
- 1874 M McCananny Biography in research
- 1874-1877 Charles H Woods Biography in research
- 1877-1881 James Pomeroy Biography in research
After Scott Co. war 1878, the 1879 State Legislature abolished Office of The Adjutant General after 7 companies were mobilized. The Governor's private secretary performed duties of the AG.
- 1881-1882 Sam J Churchill Biography in research
- 1883 James F Read
- 1883-1884 L H McGill
- 1884-1885 W H Langford
- 1885-?? W B Hughes Biography in research
- 1889-1891 John C England
- 1891 A W Giles Biography in research
- 1893-1896 Kie Oldham dates in question (Deeter)
In 1893, a young Officer with US Army was assigned to the Military Department. **Lieutenant William B Sample** was in charge of Adjutant Generals Office - he wasn't The Adjutant General - duty still part of Governor's private secretary but he was allowed to run Ark OTAG
- 1896 M L Davis Acting Adjt Gen; sent official status rpt
- 1897 R G Shaver, MG Acting Adjt Gen; listed in official rpt
- 1897-1900 Arthur Neill sent in 1898 official rpt to US OTAG
- 1901-1907 Charles Jacobsen

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1907-1909 Paul Little

1909 Bruce T Bullion

On 31May1909, the State Legislature approved separation of Adjutant General duties from Private Secretary of Governor and re-established the position of Adjutant General and control of the National Guard:

1909-1913 B W Green See special/general orders; discharged many Guard units & soldiers; resigned under pressure/frustration.

1913-1919 Lloyd England Reorganized the Arkansas military units, saw them mobilized for Mexican War & got them ready for World War

1919-1921 Joe S Harris

1921-1922 Virgil A Beeson

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1929-1937 E L Compere 1st appointment

1937-1941 D B Byrd

1941-1945 E L Compere 2nd appointment

1945-1949 Heber L McAlister 2nd appointment

1949-1950 Earl T Ricks

1950-1953 John B Morris

1953-1955 Lucien Abraham

1955-1966 Sherman T Clinger

1967-1970 Charles H Wilson

1971-1973 Thomas M Phillips

1973-1975 Joseph R Chappell Jr

1975-1979 Thomas C Armstrong

1979-1981 James H Jones 1st appointment

1981-1983 Harold L Gwatney

1983-1984 James H Jones 2nd appointment

1984-1986 Fred M Carter

1986- James A Ryan

Note: Biographies obtained except as mentioned
Sources: Arkansas Gazette Centennial 1836-1936 (Deeter)
Organized Militia of the US; Pentagon Library: sev. rpts
Existing histories by OTAG; several at Ft McAlister
Research Note: History of Arkansas, Fay Hempstead, 1890, pg 781: COL
Hempstead "AG", State Militia; Gov. Yell; 1840-44; Deeter 88
Note: NGB Historian MAJ Ott pointed out lack of US funding had
much to do with organization, training & having an Adjutant
General late 1800's; transfer of AG's office from Governor's
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