192A.015 DEFINITIONS.

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Accuser" means a person who signs and swears to charges, any person who directs that charges be signed and sworn to by another, and any person who has an interest other than an official interest in the prosecution of the accused;

(2) "Active state duty" means the same as state active service defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5a;

(3) "Code" means this chapter;

(4) "Commanding officer" means a commissioned officer who is in command of any unit;

(5) "Commissioned officer" includes a commissioned warrant officer;

(6) "Convening authority" includes, in addition to the person who convened the court, a commissioned officer commanding or temporarily commanding, or a successor in command;

(7) "Enlisted member" means a person in an enlisted grade;

(8) "Federal active service" has the meaning given in section 190.05, subdivision 5c;

(9) "Grade" means a step or degree, in a graduated scale of office or military rank, that is established and designated as a grade by law or rule;

(10) "In federal service" and "not in federal service" mean the same as those terms are used and construed in federal laws and regulations;

(11) "May" is used in a permissive sense. The words "no person may" mean that no person is required, authorized, or permitted to do the act prescribed;

(12) "Military" refers to any or all of the armed forces of the United States or any state;

(13) "Military court" means a court-martial, a court of inquiry;

(14) "Officer" means commissioned or warrant officer;

(15) "Rank" means the order of precedence among members of the state military forces;

(16) "Shall" is used in a mandatory sense;

(17) "State judge advocate" means the commissioned officer responsible for supervising the administration of the military justice in the state military forces and appointed pursuant to section 192A.04;

(18) "State military forces" means the National Guard of the state, as defined in United States Code, title 32, section 101(3) and any other military force organized under the laws of the state;

(19) "Superior commissioned officer" means a commissioned officer superior in rank and command.

History: *1963 c 661 s 192A.015; 1978 c 552 s 1; 1983 c 193 s 8; 1985 c 248 s 70; 2002 c 308 s 1*