WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §15-1E-24

§15-1E-24. Who may convene summary courts-martial.

(a) Summary courts-martial may be convened:

(1) By any person who may convene a general or special court-martial;

(2) The commanding officer of a detached company or other detachment, or corresponding unit of the Army;

(3) The commanding officer of a detached squadron or other detachment, or corresponding unit of the Air Force; or

(4) The commanding officer or officer in charge of any other command when empowered by The Adjutant General.

(b) When only one commissioned officer is present with a command or detachment that officer shall be the summary court-martial of that command or detachment and shall hear and determine all summary court-martial cases. Summary courts-martial may, however, be convened in any case by superior competent authority if considered desirable by such authority.