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MEMORANDUM FOR All Service Members of the Georgia National Guard (Army/Air)

SUBJECT: Rights of Service Members to Present Complaints or to Request Assistance from the Inspector General

1. All Service Members have the right to present complaints grievances or requests for assistance to an inspector general. These may also include what a Service Member reasonably believes is something involving fraud, waste and abuse.

2. Before visiting an inspector general, the Service Member should consider whether their concerns can be addressed more quickly and simply by referring the concern to the chain of command. Service Members do not have to present concerns to the chain of command prior to visiting an inspector general. However, Service Members must obtain permission to be absent from duty if they wish to visit an inspector general during duty hours. Service Members do not have to tell anyone why they want to speak with an inspector general.

3. Service Members may visit, call, or write their unit inspector general or the State Inspector General at:

Name: Colonel Mark C. Gardner

Location: Building 21/Room 135

Address: 935 E. Confederate Ave, Atlanta, GA 30316

Telephone: (678) 569-6020, DSN 338-6020 (Monday-Friday & Joint Staff IDT Assembly)

4. If a Service Member believes that their unit inspector general and/or the State Inspector General response is not in accordance with law and regulation, or if a Service Member believes their interest may be jeopardized by contacting the unit's inspector general or State Inspector General, the Service Member may contact the National Guard Bureau Inspector General (NGB-IG). A Service Member may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the Department of Defense Inspector General (DOD-IG).

NGB-IG: (703) 693-5080, DSN 223-5080

DAIG: 1-800-752-9747

DOD-IG: 1-800-424-9098

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5. Department of Defense personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts a Service Member from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with an inspector general or a member of Congress. Department of Defense personnel are also prohibited from taking disciplinary or adverse action against a Service Member for filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with an inspector general, a member of Congress, or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if person(s) knowingly make false accusations to an inspector general they are subject to disciplinary action.

6. An inspector general has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This is true for all persons who ask an inspector general for help, make a complaint, give evidence, contact, or assist an inspector general during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with an inspector general.



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