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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SOLDIERS AT California National Guard Units and Installations

SUBJECT: The Right of Soldiers to present complaints - or Request Assistance from - the Inspector General.

1. All Soldiers have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the Inspector General. These complaints or grievances may include what Soldiers reasonably believe to be evidence of fraud, waste, and abuse.
2. Before visiting the Inspector General, you should consider whether your chain of command can address your concerns in a more prompt manner. You are not required to present your concerns to your chain of command before contacting the Inspector General, but you are highly encouraged to do so. Remember to obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the Inspector General during duty hours. You are not required to tell anyone why you want to speak to an Inspector General.
3. You may visit, call, or write your local Inspector General using the following contact information:

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4. If you believe that your local Inspector General's response to your concerns is not fair, complete, or in accordance with law or regulation - if you believe that contacting your local Inspector General may jeopardize your interests - you may write to: Chief, National Guard Bureau, ATTN: NGB-IG, Suite 11600, 1411 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3231. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the

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Department of Defense Inspector General (DODIG) Hotline. Their telephone numbers are DAIG Assistance line: 1-800-752-9747 (toll free) and DODIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9098 (toll free).

5. Department of the Army personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the Inspector General or a member of Congress. These same individuals are prohibited from taking any disciplinary or adverse action against you for filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the Inspector General, a member of Congress, or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if you lie or knowingly make false accusations to the Inspector General, you will be subject to disciplinary action.

6. In accordance with Army Regulation 20-1, paragraph 1-12, the Inspector General has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This requirement to protect confidentiality is true for all persons who ask the Inspector General for help, make a complaint, contact or assist an Inspector General during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with an Inspector General.



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