

STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT
JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SERVICE MEMBERS IN THE ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD

SUBJECT: The Right of Service Members to Present Complaints or Request Assistance from the Inspector General (IG)

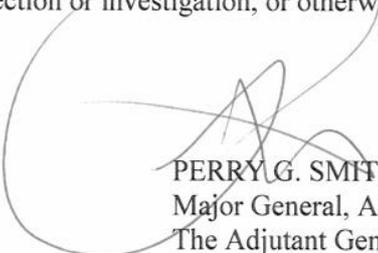
1. All service members have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the IG. These complaints or grievances may include what service members reasonably believe to be evidence of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.
2. Before visiting the IG, you should consider whether your chain of command can address your concerns in a more prompt manner. However, you are not required to present your concerns to your chain of command before contacting the IG. Remember to obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the IO during duty hours. You are not required to tell anyone why you want to speak to an IG.
3. You may visit, call or write your local IG using the following contact information: **Office of the Inspector General, P.O. Box 3711 (ATTN: IG), Montgomery, AL 36109-0711. IG Office is located in the new JFHQ building in wing 2C. Office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 0600-1730 and JFHQ IDT weekends. Phone numbers: 334-271-7245 or toll free 1-866-456-2764, Pin#7245. FAX: 334-271-7302. Email: int-igal@ng.army.mil**
4. If you believe that your local IG's response to your concerns is not fair, complete or in accordance with law or regulation - or if you believe that contacting your local IG may jeopardize your interests - you may write to National Guard Bureau, ATTN: NGB-IG, 1411 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202-3259. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the 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).

For Air Guard assistance contact: AF/IG Hotline: 703-588- 1562 or 1-800-538-8429; FAX: 703-696-2555 or DSN 426-2555. You may write to *SAFIIGQ*, 1140 Air Force Pentagon, and Washington, DC 20330-1140.
5. Department of Defense personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the IG 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 IG, a Member of Congress or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if you lie or knowingly make false accusations to the IG, you will be subject to disciplinary actions.

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6. In accordance with Army Regulation 20- I, paragraph 1-12 and Air Force Instruction 90-301, Section 2.3, the IG has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This requirement to protect confidentiality is true for all persons who ask the IG for help, make a complaint, contact or assist the IG during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with the IG.

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Perry G. Smith', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract, with a large loop on the left side.

PERRY G. SMITH
Major General, ALARNG
The Adjutant General