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MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers and Airmen of the Vermont National Guard

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum J2021-15, Right of Soldiers and Airmen to Present Complaints to- or Request Assistance from- the Inspector General

1. References:

- a. AR 20-1 Inspector General Activities and Procedures, dated 23 March 2020
- b. DoDD 7050.06 Military Whistleblower Protection, dated April 17, 2015
- c. AFI90-301 Inspector General Complaints Resolution, 30 September 2020
- d. AR 600–20 Army Command Policy, dated 24 July 2020.

2. Purpose: To inform Soldiers and Airmen of their right to present complaints to- or request assistance from- the Inspector General.

3. Effective Date: This policy is effective the date signed. All previous versions are obsolete.

4. Applicability: This policy memorandum is applicable to all Soldiers and Airmen of the Vermont National Guard.

5. Policy:

a. All Soldiers and Airmen have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the Inspector General (IG). These complaints or grievances may include what they reasonably believe to be evidence of fraud, waste, and abuse.

b. Before visiting the Inspector General, you should consider whether your chain of command can address your concerns in a more expeditious manner. However, you are not required to present your concerns to your chain of command before visiting the IG. Remember to obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the IG during your duty hours. You are not required to tell anyone that you are going to visit the IG or why you want to visit the IG.

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6. Vermont Inspector General Contact Information:

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IG Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 0800-1600 hours;
Sat & Sun of JFHQ-VT scheduled drills: 0800-1600 hours.

7. If you believe your local Inspector General's response to your concerns is not fair, is incomplete, or is not in accordance with law and/or regulation- or if you believe that either contacting or visiting your local IG may jeopardize your interests- - you may call the National Guard Bureau IG at: (703) 607-2539, or write: NGB-IGA, 111 South George Mason Drive, AHS 2, Arlington VA 22204-1373.

8. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) at 800-752-9747 (toll free); the Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General SAF/IGQ at 800-538-8429; or the Department of Defense IG (DoDIG) Hotline at 800-424-9098 (toll free).

9. Department of Defense (DoD) personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with an Inspector General. DoD personnel are also prohibited from taking any disciplinary or adverse action against you for filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with an Inspector General. However, if you lie or knowingly make false accusations to an Inspector General, you will be subject to disciplinary action.

10. In accordance with AR 20-1 and AF190-301, the Inspector General has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This requirement is true of all persons who ask an IG for assistance, make a complaint, give evidence, contact or assist an IG during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with an IG.


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