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Veteran and Military Affairs, Law Enforcement, and Senior Citizens  
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES GOVERNING NATIONAL  
GUARD AWARDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 127A-45 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 127A-45. North Carolina National Guard State Active Duty Award.**

There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard State Active Duty Award which shall be a ribbon of appropriate design. This ribbon and appurtenances thereto shall be of a design approved by the Governor or his designated representative. ~~The Adjutant General of North Carolina is authorized to award this ribbon to members of the North Carolina national guard who satisfactorily serve a tour of State active duty on or after July 1, 1974, by order of the Governor and said tour of State active duty having been designated by the Adjutant General of North Carolina as worthy of this award. Said tours of State active duty designated for this award are to be of such nature as to be a distinct and notable service to a community or the State. The Adjutant General of North Carolina may present this ribbon to members of the North Carolina National Guard who, by order of the Governor, satisfactorily serve a tour of State active duty. To be worthy of this award, the nature of the tour of State active duty must have been a distinct and notable service to the State or to a community, as determined by the Adjutant General of North Carolina. On or after July 1, 1991, this award may also be presented to active guard personnel and reserve personnel who satisfactorily participate in tours of State active duty.~~"

Sec. 2. G.S. 127A-44 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 127A-44. North Carolina National Guard Commendation Medal.**

2 There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard Commendation Medal  
3 which shall be of appropriate design, and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other  
4 device to be worn in lieu thereof. This medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of a  
5 design approved by the Governor or his designated representative. The Adjutant  
6 General of North Carolina or his designated representative, ~~who shall not be below the~~  
7 ~~grade of general officer, who shall not be below the rank of colonel (O-6), may is~~  
8 ~~authorized to award this medal.~~ Any member or former member of the armed forces  
9 discharged under honorable conditions, who distinguishes himself by his example or the  
10 performance of a specific act in behalf of the North Carolina national guard, is eligible  
11 for this award."

12 Sec. 3. Chapter 127A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
13 section to read:

14 **"§ 127A-44.1. North Carolina National Guard Achievement Medal.**

15 There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard Achievement Medal  
16 which shall be of appropriate design, and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other  
17 device to be worn in lieu thereof. This medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of a  
18 design approved by the Governor or his designated representative. The Adjutant  
19 General of North Carolina or his designated representative, who shall not be below the  
20 rank of lieutenant colonel (O-5), may award this medal. Any member or former  
21 member of the armed forces discharged under honorable conditions, who distinguishes  
22 himself by his example or the performance of a specific act in behalf of the North  
23 Carolina National Guard, is eligible for this award."

24 Sec. 4. Chapter 127A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
25 section to read:

26 **"§ 127A-45.2A. North Carolina National Guard Outstanding Unit Award.**

27 There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard Outstanding Unit Award  
28 which shall be a streamer, a unit emblem, and a certificate, all of appropriate design as  
29 approved by the Governor or his designated representative. The Adjutant General may  
30 present this citation to any unit of the North Carolina National Guard distinguishing  
31 itself through meritorious achievement or service to the State of North Carolina. The  
32 required meritorious service, while of a lesser degree than that required for the award of  
33 the North Carolina National Guard Meritorious Unit Citation, must nevertheless have  
34 been accomplished with distinction."

35 Sec. 5. Chapter 127A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
36 section to read:

37 **"§ 127A-45.5A. Other awards.**

38 The Adjutant General may, from time to time, create such other awards and medals  
39 to recognize meritorious service or outstanding achievement. The creation of such  
40 awards and medals shall be approved by the Governor. The Governor or his designee  
41 shall approve the design of such awards and medals."

42 Sec. 6. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.