

**OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS**

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Columbus, Ohio 43235-2789

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SOLDIERS IN THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

SUBJECT: Right of Soldiers to Present Complaints to 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 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 concerns can be addressed more quickly and simply by referring them to your chain of command. You do not have to present your concerns to your chain of command before visiting the Inspector General. However, you must obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the Inspector General during your duty hours. You do not have to tell anyone why you want to speak with an Inspector General.
3. You may visit, call or write your local Inspector General at --

NAME: Colonel Timothy J. Whalen
ADDRESS: The Adjutant General's Department, ATTN: NGOH-IG, 2825 West
Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235-2789
PHONE: Commercial 614-336-7030
Toll Free 1-888-766-3812

4. If you believe your local Inspector General's response to you is not fair, complete, or in accordance with law and regulation; or if you believe your interests may be jeopardized by contacting your local Inspector General, you may write to Chief, NGB, Attn: NGB-IG, Jefferson Plaza 1, Suite 11600, 1411 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the Inspector General, Department of Defense (IG, DOD) Hotline. Their telephone numbers are --

DAIG: Toll free: 1-800-752-9747
IG, DOD: Toll free: 1-800-424-9098
Commercial: (703) 693-5080, DSN: 223-5080

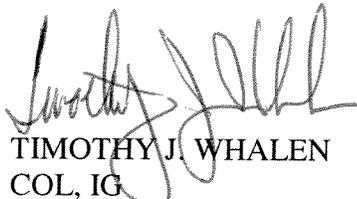
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5. Department of the Army personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the Inspector General, or a Member of Congress. They are also prohibited from taking any disciplinary 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 are subject to disciplinary action.

6. Per AR 20-1, paragraph 1-12, the Inspector General has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible; however, an Inspector General can not guarantee confidentiality. This is true for all persons who ask the 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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Before You Tell It
To An IG



TIMOTHY J. WHALEN
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Inspector General