

**STATE OF OHIO
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
2825 West Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235-2789**

NGOH-IG

14 October 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR All Service Members in the Ohio National Guard

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

1. All Service Members have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the Inspector General. These may include what Service Members 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 Randy D. Schwinler
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 Army Regulation 20-1, paragraph 1-13, the Inspector General has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible; however, an Inspector General cannot 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 Your IG

RANDY D. SCHWINLER, Colonel, USAF
Command Inspector General

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2. Before visiting the Inspector General, you should consider whether your concerns can be addressed more quickly and simply by referring them to your immediate supervisor first, or by using one of the procedures in paragraph 3.
3. Civilian personnel regulations prescribe procedures for civilian employees to submit complaints that pertain solely to civilian employment matters. These include complaints on such personnel actions as reductions-in-force, removals, disciplinary measures, and similar actions. If you want to submit this kind of complaint, contact Labor Relations at (614) 336-7475 who will give you information about the pertinent regulations and the procedure to follow. However, if you are a member of a recognized bargaining unit and there is a negotiated grievance procedure, you must file your complaint concerning employment matters by following that procedure. If you want to submit a complaint about discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or handicap condition, contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (614) 336-4224.
4. If you have a complaint about matters other than civilian employment or a complaint about violations of regulations or procedures in processing complaints about personnel actions, and you feel your complaint has not been resolved by your supervisor, you may visit, call, or write your local Inspector General at:

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6. You may report complaints about hazardous work conditions (unsafe or unhealthy) by using procedures in chapter 3 of Army Regulation (AR) 385-10.

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