



North Carolina National Guard Association

Dear Legislator,

I ask for your support in keeping the North Carolina National Guard Pension Plan in line with inflation providing an increased retirement supplement for current and future NCNG retirees. The request provides the following maximum supplements:

- 20 years of service \$115.50 monthly annuity (\$10.50 increase)
- 30 years of service \$231.00 monthly annuity (\$21.00 increase)

The NCNG Pension Plan is a separate fund from the NC State Employees' Pension Fund which Soldiers and Airmen begin drawing at age 60. The General Assembly established the NCNG Pension Fund in 1973 and provided \$50 (20 years of service) and \$100 (30 years of service) monthly. Adjusted for inflation over the last 43 years, the plan would have provided \$268 (20 years of service) and \$536 (30 years of service) monthly.

It is important to remember that NCNG Soldiers and Airmen (formerly Militia) are Federally Funded state employees under Title 32 U.S Code with the Governor the Commander in Chief of all NCNG forces. The pension plan provides the NCNG an incentive that other reserve components cannot which helps to ensure the NCNG is a ready, reliable, responsive, and relevant first responder during state emergencies.

Thank you, as always, for your service to our great state and continued support of the North Carolina National Guard. Your support will ensure the NCNG continues to recruit and retain the best North Carolina has to offer.

Respectfully,