

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 966
HOUSE BILL 1513

AN ACT CREATING THE "NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL" AND THE "NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD STATE DUTY AWARD" TO HONOR THOSE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES AND THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 3 of Chapter 127 of the North Carolina General Statutes is hereby amended by the addition of a new section G.S. 127-37.2 to read as follows:

"§127-37.2 **North Carolina National Guard Meritorious Service Medal.** — There is hereby created the 'North Carolina National Guard Meritorious Service Medal' which shall be of appropriate design, and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof. This medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of a design approved by the Governor or his designated representative. The Governor or his designated representative is authorized to award this medal upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General and a board of officers appointed by the Adjutant General. Any member, or former member discharged under honorable conditions, of the North Carolina National Guard who distinguishes himself on or after July 1, 1974, by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service to the North Carolina National Guard is eligible for this award. The required heroism, achievement, or service, while of a lesser degree than that required for award of the North Carolina Distinguished Service Medal, must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction."

Sec. 2. Article 3 of Chapter 127 of the North Carolina General Statutes is hereby amended by the addition of a new section G.S. 127-37.3 to read as follows:

"§ 127-37.3. **North Carolina National Guard State 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."

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of March, 1974.