

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 230  
SENATE BILL 322

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 127A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO THE AWARD OF STATE MILITARY MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 127A-42, as the same now appears in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 3B of the General Statutes, is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

**§ 127A-42. Distinguished Service Medal by Governor of North Carolina.** — There is hereby created the North Carolina Distinguished 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. Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety and a board consisting of the Adjutant General and all other general officers and officers assigned to authorized general-officer grade vacancies, North Carolina National Guard, the Governor is authorized to present such medal to any member or former member of the armed forces discharged under honorable conditions, who has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the North Carolina National Guard. The Governor, on his own authority, may award such medal to the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Adjutant General, or any other active or inactive general officer of the armed forces, who has distinguished himself by especially meritorious conduct in the performance of his duties."

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 127A-43, as the same now appears in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 3B of the General Statutes, is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

**§ 127A-43. 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 Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety in consultation with the Adjutant General and a board of officers appointed by the Adjutant General. Any member or former member of the armed forces discharged under honorable conditions, who has distinguished himself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service to the North Carolina National Guard, is eligible for this award. The Governor, on his own authority, may award such medal to the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Adjutant General or any other active or inactive general officer of the armed forces who has distinguished himself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service to the North Carolina National Guard. The required heroism, achievement, or service, while of a lesser degree than that required for awarding of the North Carolina Distinguished Service Medal, must nevertheless be accomplished with distinction."

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 127A-44 as the same now appears in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 3B of the General Statutes, is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

**"§ 127A-44. North Carolina National Guard Commendation Medal.** — There is hereby created the North Carolina National Guard Commendation 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 Adjutant General of North Carolina or his designated representative, who shall not be below the grade of general officer, is authorized to award this medal. Any member or former member of the armed forces discharged under honorable conditions, who distinguishes himself by his example or the performance of a specific act in behalf of the North Carolina National Guard, is eligible for this award."

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 18th day of April, 1977.