

This, the first issue of the National Guardsman is dedicated to officers and men of the North Carolina National Guard whose patriotic, willing and loyal service to State and Nation make it possible to maintain the organization for National defense and for the upholding of the law, and protection to life and property within our borders, and to the parents and employers of the young manhood of our State, who recognize the value of the citizen soldiery and afford the time and service of these young men for military service.

Believing that the National Guard of North Carolina ranks among the most important organizations within the State and recognizing particularly the voluntary service to the State and Federal Government, it is believed that every proper consideration, opportunity and benefit should be given units and individuals of this organization.

The Adjutant General, with the cooperation of the Regimental and separate Battalion commanders, has arranged that the individual members of the Guard may, through a magazine, be in touch with the military news and with those friends and fellow soldiers of all parts of our State.

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