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Candidate for Lt. Governor Receives Prestigious Award for his Work on Behalf of the North Carolina National Guard

Senator Walter Dalton receives Charles Dick Medal of Merit Award

Raleigh - State Senator Walter Dalton, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, was honored to receive the prestigious Charles Dick Medal of Merit Award yesterday for his continued support of the North Carolina National Guard and for being an advocate for the National Guard of the United States.

“During my time in the NC Senate it’s been an honor and a privilege to support legislation that will benefit our men and women of service, “ Dalton said. “I’m truly humbled by the fact that they have chosen to present me with this award.”

The North Carolina National Guard states Senator Dalton was presented the award “for exceptionally meritorious service to the North Carolina National Guard while serving as a North Carolina State Senator. His dedication, leadership and tireless efforts have provided exemplary support to the Soldiers, Airmen and families of the North Carolina National Guard. His positive effect on the North Carolina National Guard will have an impact on the National Guard of the United States long after your tenure as a North Carolina State Senator.”

In the State Senate Dalton has taken a leading role in enhancing the North Carolina National Guard Pension Fund which will be used as a tool to improve the recruiting and retention of present and future members of the North Carolina National Guard.

To receive the Award, an individual must have distinguished himself as an ardent supporter the National Guard. The award is not given just for exceptional performance of normal duties. The support of the individual must have a lasting effect on the future of the National Guard. The positive effect and results of the act should outlast the individual’s tenure in office.

“North Carolina has a deep rooted history in supporting the brave men and women who enlist in the military services of this great nation, as Lt. Governor I will continue to fight to ensure that the sacrifices made by our military personnel continue to be appropriately recognized and honored.” Dalton said.

The medal is named on behalf of Major General Charles Dick, President of the National Guard Association of the United States from 1902 to 1909, a major general in the Ohio National Guard, a Congressman and later a Senator. Dick was responsible for the passage of the Dick Acts of 1903 and 1908 that established the foundation of the modern National Guard.

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