

National Guard Association of South Dakota

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MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Senator Johnson presented NGAUS award

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The National Guard Association of South Dakota will present Sen. Tim Johnson with the National Guard Association of the United States Charles Dick Medal of Merit at 11:30 (MDT) on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Building 450 on Camp Rapid for his outstanding support to the National Guard.

The Charles Dick Medal of Merit was established in 1988 and is designed to recognize the contributions to the National Guard by elected representatives to legislative bodies at the state and national levels. The medal is named in honor of Maj. Gen. Charles Dick, who was 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.

Maj. Gen. Dick was responsible for the passage of the Dick Acts of 1903 and 1908 that established the foundation of the modern National Guard.

The selection criteria for this award requires an individual to distinguish themselves over an extended period of time in their support to the National Guard through service in a state or national elected legislative body. Superior performance of normal duty alone does not justify award of this medal. An individual must have provided exceptionally strong support to the National Guard to clearly merit this medal. The positive affect and the results of the act should outlast the tenure in office of the individual.

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