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## Press Release

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### **Governor Hassan Receives National Guard Association of the United States Charles Dick Medal of Merit**

CONCORD – In recognition of Governor Maggie Hassan's commitment to supporting the men and women of the New Hampshire National Guard, New Hampshire Adjutant General William N. Reddel III today presented Governor Hassan with the National Guard Association of the United States Charles Dick Medal of Merit.

"The dedicated men and women of the New Hampshire National Guard sacrifice bravely in defense of our freedom, protecting our homeland and serving overseas, while also strengthening our civilian workforce and boosting our economy," Governor Hassan said. "As Commander in Chief of the New Hampshire National Guard, I have been proud to work every day to ensure that our service members and their families receive the full support that they have earned and deserve, and I look forward to continuing to provide my full support to all of the brave service members who make our country safer and our freedom stronger."

As Commander in Chief of the New Hampshire National Guard, Governor has stood up for New Hampshire's highly skilled guardsmen and women, fighting against federal cuts to National Guard resources and advocating for the basing of the new KC-46A air refueling tanker with the 157th Air Refueling Wing at Pease Air National Guard Base. She has also worked to ensure continuity of care for Guard members through care coordination programs, and she has worked to enhance New Hampshire's existing efforts to support veteran hiring.

"I am incredibly honored to receive the Charles Dick Medal of Merit from the National Guard Association of the United States, and I am profoundly grateful for everything that our service members, veterans and their families do to keep us safe," Governor Hassan said. "Their courageous service and selfless sacrifices are an inspiration to us all, and they deserve our full support and admiration."

Established in 1988, the Charles Dick Medal of Merit recognizes contributions to the National Guard Association from elected representatives on the state and national level. For more information, visit [www.ngaus.org/united-voice-national-guard/ngaus-awards-program/charles-dick-medal-merit](http://www.ngaus.org/united-voice-national-guard/ngaus-awards-program/charles-dick-medal-merit).



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Governor Hassan (center) with members of the New Hampshire National Guard after receiving the National Guard Association of the United States Charles Dick Medal of Merit during a ceremony today at the State House.

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