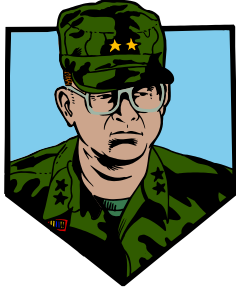


# Part-Time-Army-Officer

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The purpose of this newsletter is to help you develop your potential, improve your effectiveness and be the best part-time Army Officer you can be. My goal is to provide helpful training tips, insights, articles, interviews and other practical information. My ultimate goal is to provide value.

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## ***Four Tips to Increase Your Army National Guard Retirement Pension***

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Let's face it. Life goes by fast. So does a military career in the Army National Guard. If you don't plan for retirement, you're setting yourself up for failure. After all, we will all reach 60 one day and want to enjoy our National Guard pension.

While you are in the National Guard, your goal should be to build the largest pension you can, so when you retire you maintain or increase your

standard of living. Here are some simple things you can do right now, to help grow your pension and improve your standard of living during your retirement years.

- **Get as Many Retirement Points as You Can:** Take correspondence courses, complete military schools, serve on temporary Active Duty, deploy and do other things to accumulate points. Every point helps. Search the internet for a military retirement calculator and try out different scenarios. Additionally, make sure you check your NGB-23 ever year. This is your personal retirement points summary. It's a very important document. Your goal is to make sure it is accurate. If there are discrepancies sit down with your personnel office and get it fixed.

- **Get the Highest Rank You Can as Fast as You Can:** That's right. Get promoted as quickly as possible. Create opportunities for yourself. Separate yourself from your peers. Every little thing you can do will page huge dividends later on. Over the course of a twenty to thirty year career, most people could have been promoted at least one more time, if they were actively managing their career. I know that bothers some of you, but oh well. To help position yourself for success, make sure you stay in shape, complete your military education requirements and manage your personnel file. These "simple things" can make a big difference.

- **Utilize Your Thrift Savings Plan:** In addition to your pension, sock away a portion of your money in the TSP or similar retirement plan. This investment will supplement your income and grow tax deferred until you start withdrawing funds in retirement.

- **Plan for Retirement with Multiple Streams of Income:** Read financial books. Hire a financial planner. Start looking for ways to create cash flow now (and in retirement). Learn about starting a [home-based business](#), investing in real estate, investing in the stock market or purchasing gold and silver. Commit yourself to life-long learning.

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I hope this information helps you prepare for retirement. Good luck!

## Recommended Book of the Week

*Starship Troopers* by Robert Heinlein



## About Charles Holmes

I am a part-time Army Officer in the Army National Guard. I'm currently a Major (unless they demoted me). I love to write, teach, train and motivate. Unfortunately, I don't always get to do that as much as I'd like to. That's why I created this newsletter.

I've got just under sixteen years in the Army. As a civilian, I am a work-at-home entrepreneur. I build websites and have authored six published books. I also have a successful eBay business. I am married to the most incredible lady on this planet, Rachel.

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