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## Reader appreciates the Comptroller General

Comptroller General Richard A. Eckstrom, CPA has made a very real and lasting difference to the quality of government and life in our state. I believe Mr. Eckstrom's constituents, including his fellow CPAs, deeply appreciate The Star's very complete coverage of his public policy positions.

While I could hardly do justice to the full scope of the Mr. Eckstrom's historic work for all of us, I would like to mention one aspect of his dedication which may not be fully known and appreciated. While his days are crowded with the difficult responsibilities of his elected office, Mr. Eckstrom devotes what most of us would treasure as "down time" to the leadership of the South Carolina State Guard. Although not a member, I have discussed the State Guard at length with Mr. Eckstrom, and have been deeply impressed by his selfless dedication to that organization.

I believe many readers may be unaware of this because Mr. Eckstrom has never sought any individual recognition or advancement in that regard. He serves the State Guard willingly because he sees the need for it. Contrary to a recent, coarsely cynical report in another publication, Mr. Eckstrom and the other members of the State Guard actually receive no compensation for their duties.

I hope this will be of interest to all who are willing to understand and appreciate that some of our leaders are truly called to our service.

-Dale M. Rhodes Columbia