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Dear Unit Public Affairs Representative:

Thank you for your enthusiasm in taking up this challenging and important job of Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR). You are empowered by your commander to inform the public on all the great things that your unit does for the community each month.

This additional duty must not be taken lightly. Commanders need to recognize new Soldiers, promote, re-enlistment, and award current Soldier as well as have significant training events documented. The UPAR program is essential to motivating Soldiers by rewarding them and showing our appreciation. You can make the Soldiers/Airmen feel good about their service and their units.

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I appreciate you taking the time recognize your fellow Soldiers and promoting the Maryland Army National Guard. Keep up the good work by helping to shape the future force.

Sincerely,

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