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Ohio National Guard unit conducts activation and patch ceremony

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio Army National Guard's 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade will host an activate ceremony at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2, at the Defense Supply Center Columbus, 3990 E. Broad Street, Bldg 24, Columbus, Ohio.

The Ohio National Guard was authorized to form the 174th Air Defense Brigade on September 1, 2006 as a result of a realignment of air defense units in the National Guard of the United States. On 1 September 2006, the brigade started its organization process and was officially activated on September 1, 2008.

The brigade's wartime mission is to provide command and control of subordinate air defense battalions and task forces in a theater of operations and protect our forces and selected geopolitical assets from aerial attack, missile attack and surveillance.

The brigade's state mission is to provide command and control of the 1-174th air defense battalion (Cincinnati), 2-174th air defense battalion (McConnellsville), 1-145th armor battalion (Stow) and the 2-107th cavalry squadron (Hamilton).

"With the activation of this brigade, the Ohio Army National Guard has five brigade headquarters, three of which are general officer commands," said Maj. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Ohio's assistant adjutant general for Army. "That makes Ohio a very large Army National Guard state, and in addition to expanding Ohio's ability to contribute to the Global War on Terrorism, it gives us tremendous capability and flexibility to deal with a full range of situations that might arise here at home."

The reorganization is part of the ongoing transformation within both the Ohio Army National Guard and the United States Army to a modular force centered on maneuver brigades. The new brigades are lighter and faster and allow commanders greater flexibility on the battlefield.

MEDIA: Media, if you plan to attend, it is very important that you RSVP with DSCC public affairs officer, Debbie Perry, to gain access to DSCC. Her number is 614-692-2502.

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