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Chief of National Guard Bureau to visit with Ohio National Guard troops

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will host Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau, on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**.

Lengyel will tour the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123, and visit with the nearly 80 Ohio National Guard members who have been assisting the food bank since March 23. **A media availability will be held at noon.**

[Lengyel](#) serves as the 28th chief of the National Guard Bureau and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, he serves as a military adviser to the president, secretary of defense, and National Security Council, and is the Department of Defense's official channel of communication to the governors and state adjutants general on all National Guard matters. He is responsible for ensuring that the more than 453,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel are accessible, capable, and ready to protect the homeland and provide combat ready resources to the Army and Air Force.

There are more than 500 Ohio National Guard and Ohio Military Reserve members supporting humanitarian efforts at 14 food bank warehouses and local food banks throughout the state, which combined provide food to Ohioans in all 88 counties. As of May 1, they had assisted in distributing more than 11 million pounds of food.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering the visit must **RSVP by 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6** to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-506-3490 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

Media must be in place by 11:45 a.m. for noon availability. B-roll of the visit will be provided by the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office.

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<https://ong.ohio.gov/stories/covid19/index.html>

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