



# 174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BRIGADE

## Motto

"Anytime, Anywhere"

## Mission Statement

To command and coordinate the operations of subordinate air defense artillery battalions and other assigned and attached units in the theater army.

## Command

Col. Larry Pinkerton, commander  
Command Sgt. Maj. James Nichols

## Location

Columbus, Ohio

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The 1-145th Armored Regiment and Battery C, 1-174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment spent a month training at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California as part of Decisive Action Rotation 16-07. The 1-145th was the first Ohio National Guard battalion to participate in a rotation at the National Training Center. During the exercise, the unit conducted a Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise for the first time in unit history, conducting a live fire breach with engineers, M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks, M2 Bradleys and supporting infantry
- The brigade and battalion headquarters elements, and Battery A, 1-174th ADA participated in Operation Anakonda June 2016, in Ustka, Poland. The unit conducted an Avenger live fire exercise on the shore of the Baltic Sea, firing M3P .50-caliber machine guns and Stinger missiles to engage aerial targets alongside Polish allies. The unit also conducted a six-day movement from Torun, Poland to Tapa, Estonia, including a deliberate wet gap crossing, in order to develop an air defense plan, integrate Sentinel radar capabilities and employ Avenger vehicles. Additionally, the unit conducted short range air defense in support of Operation Swift Response, an airfield seizure by the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, in Swidwin, Poland

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

- Members of the 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade participated in the 2016 Ohio State University Military Appreciation Football Game November 5, 2016. The game featured a large flag presentation, on-field enlistment, and a Wounded Warrior to run out with the team at the beginning of the game
- Members of the 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade also participated in the 2016 Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 2, 2016. The Soldiers escorted inductees as they were honored for post-military achievements in community service

## Deployments

- Soldiers from the Ohio National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, located in McConnelsville, deployed overseas in March 2017 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel
- The 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade deployed in June 2017 to the National Capital Region in support of Operation Noble Eagle

## Training Exercises

- 1-145th Armored Regiment and Battery C, 1-174th ADA trained at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California
- The brigade and battalion headquarters elements, and Battery A, 1-174th ADA conducted live fire exercises during Operation Anakonda in Ustka, Poland