



*To All Ohio National Guard Members  
and their Families  
Holiday Greetings 2009*

Seasons Greetings!

As we celebrate the holidays, my wife Frances and I wish you and your families the very best. We want you to know how profoundly grateful we are to you for all you do for Ohio and how much we appreciate the sacrifices you and your loved ones make in the name of freedom.

In 2009, more than 3,000 citizen-Soldiers and Airmen from the Ohio National Guard supported overseas contingency operations. Your missions took you all over the world, including Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, the Sinai Peninsula and Europe.

You continue to amaze me as you selflessly answer the call to protect and serve the citizens of our great state and beyond our borders.

Your sacrifices ensure that Ohio is strong and America is free. The responsibility to keep our nation strong rests upon your shoulders. Each and every day, you continue to take on that challenge and I am proud to be your Commander-in-Chief.

Thank you for your contributions to the Ohio National Guard, our state, and the nation. I wish you and your loved ones peace and joy this holiday season and into the New Year.

*Ted Strickland*

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Commander-in-Chief  
Governor, State of Ohio