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Ohio National Guard Soldier "Hero of the Year" recipient

What: The Ohio National Guard and Jackson Hewitt Tax Service joins Mayor Michael B. Coleman to celebrate Command Sgt. Maj. David G. Collins, CSM (retired), Ohio Army National Guard, as one of a select group of honorees named in the Jackson Hewitt National Guard "Heroes of the Year" nationwide campaign. CSM Collins is the first and only candidate chosen from Ohio as part of this national search.

Jackson Hewitt's "Heroes of the Year" award provides the opportunity for people to nominate a loved one, friend or neighbor who serves in the Army National Guard to be selected for the opportunity of a lifetime – the chance to have his or her image featured on a NASCAR race car during a 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Race. This is the first time that a non-celebrity's image will be featured on a NASCAR race car!

As a "Heroes of the Year" monthly honoree, CSM Collins will be one of ten citizen-soldiers in the running to receive this national recognition.

Mayor Coleman and CEO Michael Lister will recognize CSM Collins during the morning Veterans Day ceremony. CSM Collins will also ride in the annual parade starting at Noon.

Who: Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) David Collins, Ohio Army National Guard (Honoree) and Michael Lister, President and CEO, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc.

When: Thursday, November 9, 2006
Veterans' Day Ceremony – 10:30 a.m.
2006 Veterans' Day Parade – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Veterans' Day Ceremony – City Hall's South Portman Plaza (90 West Broad St.)
2006 Veterans' Day Parade – Downtown Columbus, starting at Nationwide Plaza (North High Street) and running south on High Street to Main Street.

Interviews with CSM Collins and Michael Lister are available immediately following the ceremony or at your convenience.

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