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OHIO GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY HONORED

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES RECGONIZES GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY FOR SUPPORT OF STATE'S NATIONAL GUARD, VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Columbus — The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) selected Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Mrs. Hope Taft, Ohio's first lady to receive the Charles Dick Medal of Merit and the Patrick Henry Award, respectively.

The awards were presented in recognition of the Tafts' support of the National Guard, including legislative initiatives on behalf of Ohio's veterans and their families.

NGAUS is a nonpartisan organization representing nearly 45,000 current and former Army and Air National Guard officers. The organization is focused on procuring better equipment, standardized training and a more combat-ready force by petitioning Congress for resources.

Since taking office, the Tafts have fought to ensure that Ohio's Soldiers, Airmen and their families were cared for in all aspects of their service, and presided over an unprecedented expansion of state benefits for Guardmembers and their families.

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