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Media Advisory

Media Opportunity at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base *A Chance to Interview Ohio National Guard Soldiers Preparing for Deployment*

COLUMBUS, Ohio – In response to the request for support from Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and on the approval of Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland the Ohio National Guard is preparing to deploy approximately 1,500 Soldiers to assist in the Hurricane Gustav recovery efforts. Their mission will include clearing debris and opening transportation lanes, moving people and supplies and maintaining military equipment.

The units are staging at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base prior to convoying to Louisiana. The media event will provide an opportunity for one-on-one interviews with deploying unit members as well as access to units as they begin the more than 1,000-mile convoy to Louisiana.

WHO:

216th Eng. Battalion HQ, **Woodlawn/Cincinnati**
285 ASMC, **Columbus**
112th Transportation Company HQ, Green **Akron-Canton**
1484th Transportation Company, Green **Akron-Canton**
1485th Transportation Company, **Coshocton**
211th Maintenance Company, **Newark**

WHAT: Media availability

WHEN: 6:30-9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008

WHERE: Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, 7370 Minuteman Way, Columbus, Ohio 43217.

HOW: Media attending the press availability for the Hurricane Gustav relief effort convoy departure, must RSVP with CPT Marshall Jackson no later than 5:30 a.m., Sept. 4, at 614-496-3813. CPT Jackson will meet media at 6 a.m. at the main gate of the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard base.

NOTE: For reasons of Operational Security the specific date, time and location of the convoy is embargoed until 6:30 a.m.

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