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Ohio Adjutant General to travels to Washington to meet with Ohio's Congressional Delegation

COLUMBUS – Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt announced today that he will be meeting with members of Congress next week in an effort to secure congressional support for the Ohio National Guard. Maj. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, assistant adjutant general for Army, and Maj. Gen. Harry "A.J." Feucht, assistant adjutant general for Air, will accompany Wayt on the trip.

"As our federal and state missions continue to expand, our requirements will continue to grow, and the support of the Ohio delegation will become even more important," Wayt said. "From military construction projects to personnel and benefits issues, to weapon and equipment modernization, the requests we are making today are necessary for our National Guard to continue to be ready and capable to respond when called.

The trip is part of the annual "Hill Walk", when Wayt and his staff meet with members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation to discuss the needs of the Ohio National Guard in the 2009 federal budget. Specifically, they will discuss the importance of federal funding of military construction projects and improved benefits for National Guard members.

This year, some of the conversations will also focus on possible projects in the economic stimulus package. "Support for National Guard initiatives from our congressional representatives is a vital step towards improving Ohio's economy," Wayt said. "Our efforts in Washington D.C. support the governor's call for additional federal dollars for Ohio."

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