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## **Ohio Army National Guard Engineer company to deploy**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, will honor 190 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 1192<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company, 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade as they prepare to deploy for their yearlong deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's deployment ceremony at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 12, at the Mt. Zion Worship and Fine Arts Center, One Mt. Zion Circle, Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146.

The Soldiers will mobilize out of Ft. McCoy, Wis., where the unit will receive theatre-specific training to prepare them for their mission in Iraq. The unit is a construction company and will be working on on-going construction projects in their Area of Operation.

The unit is based in Newton Falls, Ohio.

"My Soldiers are extremely professional and will train extensively to be prepared for our upcoming mission," said unit commander Capt. Joe Ayers, "I could not be more proud."

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