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## Ohio National Guard to break ground on new facilities

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard will conduct an official groundbreaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2010, for a new barracks facility and utilities upgrade project at the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center located at 1438 State Route 534 SW, Newton Falls, Ohio, 44444.

Congressman Tim Ryan from Ohio's 17th Congressional District was an instrumental force in securing funding for these and various other construction projects at the Ravenna facility and will join Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, for the event.

"Congressman Ryan really understands the importance of these projects both for the Ohio National Guard and for Ohioans," Wayt said. "These projects will not only help the local economy in the short term, they will continue to bring training dollars into Ohio as the National Guards from other states send their Soldiers here to train at our facilities."

The new 7,940 square feet two-story barracks facility will accommodate 116 beds and includes laundry facilities and a supply room along with Internet connectivity. The project is scheduled for completion on March 1, 2011, at an estimated cost of about \$2 million.

The \$1.6 million utilities upgrade project consists of the design and construction of water and sanitary sewers on Camp Ravenna and is scheduled for completion in December 2010. The Portage County Board of Commissioners and Neighborhood Development Services, Inc., have agreed to share the costs of the upgrade, and the Portage County Board of Commissioners will bear operation and maintenance costs.

The event will also acknowledge Ryan's efforts in securing funding for several other projects including two recently completed facilities – a separate \$1.8 million, 7,289 square feet barracks building completed in January 2010 and a \$1.5 million 44,000 square feet engineer schoolhouse renovation completed in December 2009 – as well as an upcoming 5,500 square feet live-fire shoot house to train Soldiers in the complexities of urban combat. The shoot house is scheduled for completion in 2011.

**WHO:** The Ohio National Guard

**WHAT:** Official groundbreaking ceremony

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m., Monday, July 26, 2010

**WHERE:** Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center, 1438 State Route 534 SW,  
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444.

**HOW:** If you plan to attend, please contact CPT Matt Molinski with the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at (614) 336-7449 (office) or (614) 365-0362 (cell), or email [matthew.j.molinski@us.army.mil](mailto:matthew.j.molinski@us.army.mil), to coordinate entrance onto the secure facility.