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Ohio National Guard air defense artillery regiment to deploy

COLUMBUS—Approximately 270 Soldiers from the 1-174 Air Defense Artillery (ADA), will mobilize from Woodlawn and Marysville, Ohio in early September and travel to Fort Sill, Okla., to conduct individual and collective training, culminating with a comprehensive validation of every Soldier's ability to effectively perform their assigned duty. An additional 170 Sailors will join the battalion and undergo the same training and validation as their counterparts. The end state will be the re-designation of the battalion into its new configuration as the 1-174 ADA Task Force C-RAM (Counter - Rocket Artillery Mortar) and subsequent deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

The C-RAM mission represents a revolutionary approach to countering insurgent activities by providing early warning of impending mortar attacks, and a kinetic intercept capability against rockets, artillery and mortar rounds prior to impact, thereby reducing or eliminating the potential for injury to Servicemembers or damage to equipment and infrastructure.

The public is invited to the unit's 11 a.m. call to duty ceremony Wed., Sept. 15, 2010, at the Tri County Assembly of God, 7350 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio, 45014.

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance.

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