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Assistant Adjutant General for Army selected

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Recently appointed Adjutant General, Col. (P) Deborah Ashenhurst, has selected Col. John C. Harris as Ohio's new assistant adjutant general for Army effective Jan. 10, 2011.

As assistant adjutant general for Army, he will be responsible for establishing policies, priorities and oversight for the readiness of over 11,400 Soldiers.

"Col. Harris brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership and experience to the position," said Ashenhurst. "He has been pivotal in our success in making the Ohio Army National Guard the most respected in the nation."

Harris is currently serving as the Ohio National Guard chief of staff, the adjutant general's principle assistant for directing, coordinating, supervising, and training the staff of the Ohio National Guard.

Serving in the Ohio National Guard since 1981, he has held numerous staff and command positions throughout the organization, including deputy chief of staff for personnel, commander of Task Force Lancer at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo and commander of 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry.

He is a graduate of Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Inspector General course and Aviation Officer Advanced course. In addition, he holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of New York. He is decorated with many awards, including the Legion of Merit.

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