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## **Civil War 150 event kicks off with mustering reenactment of 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry**

COLUMBUS—The Ohio National Guard in partnership with the Ohio Historical Society and Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the first Ohio unit federalized during the American Civil War at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at the Ohio Statehouse.

“This will be a great example of history coming alive for those in attendance, and I’m very proud that the ONG can share this important piece of history with the citizens of Ohio,” said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joshua Mann, Ohio Army National Guard historian.

The free, public event will feature re-enactors from across the state, who will recreate the mustering of troops for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry on the west lawn of the Statehouse. The mustering will be preceded by President Abraham Lincoln’s call for troops, followed by a memorial rifle salute and the playing of taps. The event kicks off Ohio’s four-year Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration.

Beginning at 11 a.m., all of the Ohio National Guard’s five major commands will display current military equipment and vehicles, allowing visitors to compare today’s equipment with items used in 1861. The Ohio Historical Society will display authentic Civil War battle flags in the rotunda.

When the Civil War began 150 years ago in April 1861, the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry was assembled in Columbus from militia units across the state and quickly rushed off to Washington, D.C. Ohio was heavily involved in the war, contributing more than 300,000 Union troops including Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and many other Union officers.

Ohio's leadership before, during and after the Civil War had a profound influence on American history. A century and a half later, a statewide initiative to observe the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Ohio (2011-2015) is being led by the CW150 Advisory Committee and the Ohio Historical Society. For more information about Ohio’s Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration, special events and more, visit [www.ohiocivilwar150.org](http://www.ohiocivilwar150.org).

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