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## **Ohio National Guard to host groundbreaking ceremony for Delaware Training and Community Center**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard, in conjunction with the City of Delaware, will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Delaware Training and Community Center at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at the south side of the Delaware Community Center YMCA parking lot, located at 1121 South Houk Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

The new training and community center (TACC) will replace current facilities that are more than 50 years old. The Delaware TACC will provide the necessary administrative, training and storage areas required for its resident units to achieve proficiency in their required readiness and training tasks.

The Delaware TACC will be home to multiple Ohio Army National Guard units: all elements of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, currently located in Columbus; and Battery A, 1-134th Field Artillery, currently located in Marion. These units have a combined authorized personnel strength of 312 traditional and full-time Soldiers.

Clearing and removal of trees, shrubs and stumps from the site is scheduled to begin this week, prior to beginning construction, which is estimated at a cost of just over \$11 million. Estimated completion for the Delaware TACC is November 2014. When the center is completed, it will span 64,000 square feet and be situated on about 20 acres.

This new combined training and community center, like ones previously constructed in Bowling Green, Marysville and Woodlawn, are part of an Ohio National Guard initiative to better integrate into the local communities. The Delaware TACC will be constructed as part of the Ohio National Guard's 20-year program to support transformation and modernization.

**NEWSROOM NOTE:** News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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