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Media Advisory

Ohio National Guard to host regional Best Warrior Competition at Camp Perry Joint Training Center

WHO: The Ohio National Guard, along with competing Soldiers from six other Midwestern states (Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin).

WHAT: National Guard Soldiers and noncommissioned officers will compete in the 2016 Army National Guard Region IV Best Warrior Competition.

WHEN: Media availability will be from 6 a.m. to about 7 p.m. May 17. An awards ceremony to announce the competition's winners will be held at 10 a.m. May 19.

WHERE: Camp Perry Joint Training Center, 1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

BACKGROUND: The Best Warrior Competition (BWC) will challenge competitors in several events including the Army Physical Fitness Test; M9 pistol and M4 rifle qualifications; a stress shoot exercise; drill and ceremony; and several Army Warrior Tasks, which can include weapons assembly, first aid skills and radio communication procedures.

A different Midwestern state hosts the regional BWC each year. The top Soldier and noncommissioned officer selected from Region IV will advance to the national-level competition later this year.

NEWSROOM NOTE #1: Media interested in covering the event must coordinate in advance with Capt. Sarah Cahill at 614-579-0030. When arriving at Camp Perry, drive down the main road until it dead ends at the post flagpole. Turn left and proceed to the chapel (building 1003), which is designated as the Joint Visitors Bureau for the event, to receive credentials and further instructions.

NEWSROOM NOTE #2: Event updates, photos and videos will be posted to the Ohio National Guard website and social media platforms (see below) throughout the competition. High resolution photos of the competition will be available on a Flickr page (see address below) created for this year's competition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Capt. Sarah Cahill (primary) at 614-579-0030, or Steve Toth (alternate) at 614-336-7003 or richard.s.toth2.nfg@mail.mil.

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