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Media Advisory

Dedication Ceremony for Improvement Projects at Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center

- WHAT:** The Ohio National Guard will host a dedication day for three infrastructure improvement projects at the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center.
- WHEN:** Thursday, August 4, 2016
- 11 a.m.: Groundbreaking for the Modified Record Fire Range on Smalley Road
 - 11:45 a.m.: "First Shot" Ceremony at the Fire and Movement Range on Greenleaf Road
 - 12:30 p.m.: Ribbon-cutting for the water and sewer project at the main gate entrance on state Route 5
- WHERE:** Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center, 8451 state Route 5, Ravenna, Ohio 44266.
- BACKGROUND:** Camp Ravenna is an Ohio Army National Guard training site located in Portage County. The installation consists of about 21,000 acres, with various small arms weapons ranges, and permanent facilities to support weekend and annual training events.

The three newest infrastructure improvements are part of an integrated plan to make Camp Ravenna a world-class training center for Army units in the Midwestern U.S.

The 16-lane Modified Record Fire Range is expected to be complete in two years at an estimated cost of \$3.7 million, and will allow for combat training that currently is not available in Ohio.

The Fire and Movement Range was slated for construction in federal fiscal year 2021 and was expected to be a \$3.5 million project. Camp Ravenna staff took on the project and constructed two of the four lanes of the range. The project was completed earlier than scheduled and at an estimated cost of less than \$478,000, based on total personnel hours spent constructing the range.

New sanitary sewer and water lines have been installed at a cost of \$5.1 million to support training, administrative and logistical requirements at the facility.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: Please submit names of media members planning to attend and their contact information by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, per the facility's security guidelines, to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-336-7369 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

On the day of the event, media should plan to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the first event's scheduled start, to allow sufficient time to get through the security gate, movement to the event location and set up of camera equipment.

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