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Ohio National Guard to showcase its newest aviation asset

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will showcase its newest airframe, the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter, at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, 8174 S. Access Road, Building 920, Columbus, Ohio 43217.

This unique event will provide key partners and media with a firsthand opportunity to learn about the capabilities the aircraft brings to deployments in support of overseas contingency operations worldwide, and to support civilian first responder and homeland security missions including disaster relief, medical evacuation (medevac) and transportation of personnel and equipment.

The event will consist of a brief informational presentation and a pilot-guided tour of the airframe. In addition, pilots and crew will be available for interviews.

The Ohio National Guard is scheduled to receive 20 new UH-60M Black Hawks by the end of 2018.

The UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter is the newest model in the Black Hawk family of aircraft. The centerpiece of the UH-60M Black Hawk is the Integrated Vehicle Health Management System (IVHMS), which provides a state-of-the-art cockpit display system that improves pilot control and situational awareness.

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NEWSROOM NOTE:

- The event will take place on a restricted military base. Media planning to cover the event are required to RSVP by 5 p.m. Feb 15 in order to ensure they will be granted access to the base. Send RSVPs to the contact below. If attending the event, please bring a form of government issued identification (driver's license preferred) and official media credentials.
- On the day of the event, media should plan to arrive at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base main gate no later than 1:30 p.m. to ensure time to get through security and check-in procedures.

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