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## **Military Spouse Appreciation Day celebrated May 12**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Friday before Mother's Day is recognized by the Department of Defense as Military Spouse Appreciation Day, as part of national Military Appreciation Month. It's a special day set aside to recognize military spouses for the powerful support they provide to our service members.

For every brave Soldier or Airman, there is an equally brave partner standing next to him or her. Even though they didn't enlist in the military, spouses still serve their country. They are the family's anchor during military training, deployment, reintegration and reset. They are the unsung heroes who are essential to the strength of our communities, our state and our nation.

They make untold sacrifices as the wife or husband of a National Guard member, including being separated from their loved one during times of deployment. In just the past month, the Families of more than 500 of our Soldiers had to say goodbye at two call to duty ceremonies. That is in addition to the hundreds of fellow Soldiers and Airmen already deployed around the globe.

The Ohio National Guard Family Readiness and Warrior Support program provides many resources to help Families meet the challenges and experiences of military life. Please take advantage of what is available in your unit or wing. The attached flyer lists Army and Air Family Readiness program office contact information.

We appreciate the strength and determination it takes to be an Ohio National Guard spouse. It is because of the support from our military spouses, the Ohio National Guard is able to be "Always Ready, Always There!"

Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman  
Ohio Adjutant General



# Family Readiness & Warrior Support

*Resources, information and referrals are available for ALL SERVICE MEMBERS AND MILITARY FAMILIES regardless of branch of Service or Veteran status.*

To reach the Troop and Family Assistance Center Specialist in your region call

**1-800-589-9914**

- Region 1: Canton/Akron (Prompt 1)
- Region 2: Chillicothe/Portsmouth (Prompt 2)
- Region 3: Cincinnati/Hamilton (Prompt 3)
- Region 4: Dayton/Kettering (Prompt 4)
- Region 5: Toledo/Bowling Green (Prompt 5)
- Region 6: Columbus (Prompt 6)

24 Hour Joint Operations Center 888-637-9053

*Our regional Troop & Family Assistance Specialists and Airmen & Family Readiness Program Managers are highly trained professionals who provide information, resources, referrals and assistance to all Service Members and Families before, during and after deployments, or whenever there is a need.*



**Airmen & Family Readiness Program Locations:**

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| Mansfield—179th AW<br>800-642-8365 x5206600 | Toledo—180th FW<br>800-495-4250 x8684550 |
| Springfield—178th FW<br>800-851-4503 x2583  | Columbus—121st ARW<br>800-377-5570 x5    |

TROOP AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTERS



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Ready Families...  
Anytime, Anywhere

*Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman is the Ohio adjutant general. He is a member of the governor's cabinet and is responsible for the command of the Ohio National Guard and the military readiness of the Ohio Militia. The Ohio National Guard consists of the Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Military Reserve and Ohio Naval Militia, totaling more than 16,000 personnel.*

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For a complete bio and high-resolution official photo of Maj. Gen. Bartman, visit: [http://ong.ohio.gov/TAG\\_ATAG/tag\\_index.html](http://ong.ohio.gov/TAG_ATAG/tag_index.html).

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