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Ohio National Guard Soldier from Chillicothe competes in regional Best Warrior Competition

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Spc. Tyson Montgomery, of Chillicothe, Ohio, represented the Buckeye State in the Army National Guard Region IV Best Warrior Competition, held May 8-11 at the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center in Johnston, Iowa. Soldiers from seven states traveled to Iowa for the annual competition, which tested their ability to perform more than a dozen essential Soldier tasks.

Montgomery — a field artillery tactical data systems specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, located in Delaware, Ohio — was one of two Soldiers competing from Ohio in this event, where competitors were split into two categories based on rank — junior enlisted Soldiers and noncommissioned officers (NCOs).

About 15 Soldiers represented their states out of the more than 60,000 National Guard Soldiers from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. In order to compete at regionals, Montgomery first had to win the Ohio Soldier of the Year during a statewide competition in March.

Competitors were scored on a weighted scale on a variety of events ranging from the physically-demanding, like the Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation course and obstacle course, to the intellectually-challenging, like the written exam, essay and appearance board. At the completion of the competition, total scores were tallied and the winners were recognized at an awards ceremony.

Junior enlisted winner Spc. Robert Kniprath, of the Wisconsin National Guard, and NCO winner Staff Sgt. Daniel Sebo, of the Minnesota National Guard, advance to the Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition, scheduled July 18-20, at Camp Ripley, Minn., where they will face competitors from the other six regions.

Montgomery, 19, has been a member of the Ohio Army National Guard since August 2014. He graduated in 2015 from Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth, Ohio, and currently attends The Ohio State University in Columbus, where he is majoring in biology. He is the son of Brian and Teresa Montgomery, also of Chillicothe.

"I joined the military because as a child I viewed members of the military as heroes and had great respect for them," Montgomery said. "Also, I come from a family with a history of serving in

the military and thought of it as an honor to have the opportunity to serve and protect the freedom of this country.”

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EDITOR’S NOTE: High-resolution images of Montgomery are available upon request.

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