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Annual military combatives competition draws Soldiers from across Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Nearly 90 men and women are expected to compete during a statewide military combatives tournament hosted by the Ohio Army National Guard, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, at the Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory, 2825 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus.

The daylong competition will test the hand-to-hand combat techniques and skills taught and practiced by Soldiers as part of the Modern Army Combatives Program (MACP). The goal of the MACP is to train Soldiers on how to protect themselves against threats using a non-lethal response and without firearms.

Six weight classes will be represented during the tournament: lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, cruiserweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight. Males and females will compete together.

The finals are expected to begin at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media planning to cover the event must RSVP by 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-336-7369 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

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