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## **Ohio Army National Guard cleans up: *Camp Ravenna improvements earn Secretary of the Army Environmental Award***

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Environmental cleanup efforts that have enabled the Ohio Army National Guard to expand its training capabilities have earned the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award in the environmental restoration, individual/team category.

The multiagency Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) Environmental Restoration team was recognized for a long-standing cleanup program and for creating two critical training resources at the former ammunition plant that is now known as Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center. The team's ability to enable and expand military training at Camp Ravenna was the driving factor in winning the award.

"I'm so pleased the Secretary of the Army recognized the work of this team. All too often people who work behind the scenes to turn our vision into reality are overlooked. It's great to see them receive the accolades they so richly deserve," said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio assistant adjutant general for Army.

The Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards consist of five installation categories and four individual/team categories. The RVAAP Environmental Restoration team will compete against other military services in the Secretary of Defense competition, with winners scheduled to be announced sometime in April.

"Working together means great things can be accomplished," said Col. William "Ed" Meade, Camp Ravenna commander. "Ultimately, this will benefit all training Soldiers at Camp Ravenna in the decades to come and reaffirm the compatibility of training with environmental stewardship."

Camp Ravenna, the primary training site for the Ohio Army National Guard, sits on more than 21,000 acres of land in Portage and Trumbull counties in northeastern Ohio.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** High resolution photos to support this story are available on the [Defense Video Imagery Distribution Site \(DVIDS\)](#).

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