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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Standing Together - Ohio Veterans Oral History Project

1. The Ohio Humanities Council (OHC), in partnership with the Ohio National Guard (ONG), has launched a campaign to capture and preserve the contributions of Ohio Service members who have served during the War on Terrorism (WOT). The OHC has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to record these histories which will ultimately be preserved in the state archives at the Ohio History Connection. Soldiers and Airmen who have deployed in support of the WOT, with the ONG or while a member of another branch or component of the Armed Forces, are sought for this project.
2. Oral history activities focus on persons, events, and topics of historical interest to the military. They are conducted to obtain historical information that may not otherwise be recorded. In the modern era of email, texting, and other web based technology, many important stories previously captured in handwritten letters and journals are lost. Oral history interviews serve as a way to preserve those important pieces of Ohio history for future generations.
3. I would like to encourage all Soldiers and Airmen of the ONG, both current and alumni, to participate in this important project by completing the enclosed form. Historians from the OHC will be conducting interviews from 1 December 2014 to 1 April 2015 and will work with each participant to schedule a suitable time and location. Additionally, Families of Ohio National Guard Service members are encouraged to participate, as you are also an important piece of the story that needs to be preserved. Participants will not be in a duty status.
4. Point of contact for this program is SFC Joshua Mann at (614) 336-7311 or joshua.d.mann.mil@mail.mil.

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