



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## **A message from the adjutant general on the 234th Ohio National Guard birthday**

The Ohio National Guard will turn 234 years old on July 25th. It was on that day in 1788 the Northwest Territory Militia was formed in Marietta, Ohio.

For more than two centuries, Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen have answered the call to help in their communities, state, and nation. The Ohio National Guard has deployed in support of 10 of the nation's wars, which equals participation in 76 named campaigns.

Equally important to the success of any mission we've accomplished has been the support from our families, friends and employers. We've long used the analogy of the three-legged stool to describe how the National Guard works. One leg represents the Guard member, the second is the family and those others in their personal support network, and the third is the Guard member's civilian employer. Each leg is important. Without any one of them, the three-legged stool would collapse, and our organization would fail.

I'm grateful for the sacrifices made by our families and employers.

As we celebrate 234 years of mission success, please take time to share your appreciation with those who allow us to be **Always Ready, Always There!**

John C. Harris Jr.  
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