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## **Media advisory**

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## **Engineer units inactivate**

Columbus, OH – Soldiers from the 512<sup>th</sup> and 612<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion's will permanently case their unit's colors during a Sept. 23 ceremony at 3:30 p.m. at the Camp Perry Training Site, 1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

The 612<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion was first organized in May, 1968, and has a long history of service. Its Soldiers have supported missions assisting local communities in recovering from tornadoes, floods, and snow storms, and overseas humanitarian missions building roads, schools and clinics in Honduras, Panama, Jamaica and Nicaragua. They mobilized in support of Hurricane Katrina, assisted the Border Patrol in Texas, and served a combat tour in Iraq.

The 512<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion was first organized in September, 1939. The unit is located in Cincinnati and has three companies assigned to it. The 1193rd Panel Bridge Company, also located in Cincinnati, the 186<sup>th</sup> Utilities Company, located in Columbus and the 5694th Fire Fighters are located in Mansfield, Ohio.

Both the 512<sup>th</sup> and 612<sup>th</sup> will inactivate in accordance with the ongoing transformation within both the Ohio National Guard and the United States Army, to a modular force centered on maneuver brigades. The new brigades are lighter and faster and allow commanders better maneuverability on the battlefield.

The engineers will not be left without jobs. Most will be reassigned to engineer companies within new maneuver brigades or will transfer to existing units.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: The Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at 614-336-7000 or Capt. Shannon Ditz at 614-336-6623. Capt. Ditz will be the Point of Contact for media at the ceremony. Please visit our public website for more information about the Ohio National Guard at [www.ohionationalguard.com](http://www.ohionationalguard.com)**