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Open house to showcase new Woodlawn Training and Community Center

COLUMBUS—The Ohio National Guard will host an open house to present its newest training and community center to the public at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 14, 2006. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a tour of the facility, will include Village of Woodlawn-area elected officials and Ohio National Guard leadership.

The Woodlawn Training and Community Center, located at 10050 Woodlawn Blvd., Woodlawn, is home to the 216th Engineer Battalion (HSC) Headquarters Service Company and the 1-174th Air Defense Artillery (HHC) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Battery A and Battery B.

"This project was a direct result of the collaborative efforts between the Ohio National Guard and the Village of Woodlawn," said Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, assistant adjutant general for Army. "This extraordinary facility meets the strategic needs of the Ohio National Guard while seamlessly integrating into the community."

"This new Center offers all members of the Woodlawn community - residents, businesses and visitors - a central location to come together for recreational activities, meetings, forums, classes and other events," said Raymond Terrell, mayor of the village of woodlawn. "We look forward to forging ahead with our new National Guard family on this venture, building a sense of mutual understanding and caring and further exemplifying the diversity that exists within our community."

The 112,000-square-foot facility cost approximately \$15 million to build and was funded with money from the federal government, State of Ohio and the Village of Woodlawn. Features of the new facility include multiple classrooms, two gymnasiums with hardwood floors, separate administrative areas, vehicle storage and maintenance facilities, a recruiting office and state-of-the-art fitness areas.

Added Kambic: "Facilities like this one in Woodlawn are part of the new vision for the Ohio National Guard. We are a balanced force capable of performing critical state and homeland security and defense missions. The construction of these new facilities sends a clear message that the communities, local government and National Guard are committed to supporting our service men and women."

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