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## Ohio Army National Guard bids farewell to “Huey” helicopters

COLUMBUS—The Ohio Army National Guard will bid farewell to its two remaining UH-1 Iroquois “Huey” helicopters during a 3 p.m. ceremony Sept. 7 at 7750 S. Access Rd., Bldg 918, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, 43217.

For the past several years, the newer, more technologically advanced UH-60 “Black Hawk” has been steadily replacing and phasing out the UH-1, said Col. Rick Hall, the state Army aviation officer.

“The Huey is what's called legacy technology,” Hall said. “It doesn't have redundant systems, it doesn't have near the lift capability of the modern aircraft, it doesn't have enough range and it doesn't do as well in a crash as modern aircraft.”

The UH-1 has a rich tradition of service within the Ohio National Guard and has been used to support missions including rescue, casualty evacuation and re-supply operations to aid Ohio residents during blizzards, floods and tornados.

The UH-1 has flown in service for more than 35 years and has been used in all conflicts since the Vietnam War. At their peak, the Ohio National Guard had about 120 UH-1 helicopters in service. The two remaining fly with Company B, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment. When they leave Ohio, one will go to the Colorado National Guard to continue service and the other will go to Texas to be refurbished.

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