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### **Ohio National Guardmembers to be honored during Ohio State vs. Illinois football game**

COLUMBUS (November 6, 2007) —The Ohio State University Buckeyes will honor troops from the Ohio National Guard Nov. 10 in conjunction with Military Appreciation Day during the team's final home football game of the season. Various events are scheduled to pay tribute to the men and women who have served in America's Armed Forces during pre-game, time-outs and halftime activities.

Prior to kick-off, more than 102,000 fans will be treated to a four-ship F-16 flyover conducted by the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing. More than 40 Soldiers and Airmen from the Ohio National Guard have been provided special seating and will be recognized on the field during a first quarter timeout. In addition, pre-recorded "Go Bucks" messages from Soldiers in Iraq will be played to fans over the Jumbotron.

"Guard members from Ohio have served and sacrificed to defend the homeland and in support of the Global War on Terrorism and I am very pleased that they will have an opportunity to be recognized in front of thousands of people and on national television," said Maj. Gen. Greg Wayt, Ohio adjutant general.

The No. 1 ranked Buckeyes (10-0, 6-0 Big Ten) will face the Illinois Fighting Illini (7-3, 4-2 Big Ten) at Ohio Stadium in their 94th meeting. Ohio State, at 10-0, last week set a Big Ten record of 20 consecutive conference wins and a school record with 28 consecutive regular season wins.

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For more information contact or to arrange an interview with a Soldier or Airmen contact the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at (614) 336-7000 or James Sims at (614) 496-3812.