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UPDATE

Ohio Army National Guard deploys 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

COLUMBUS — About 1,600 Citizen-Soldiers of the Ohio Army National Guard's 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) are scheduled to deploy this week to support the Global War on Terrorism. This is the largest **single-unit** deployment for the Ohio National Guard since World War II.

"While the Ohio National Guard continues to support the Global War on Terrorism, we are ready to respond when called to support an emergency in Ohio," said Maj. Gen. Greg Wayt, Ohio adjutant general. "The Ohio National Guard stands at more than 15,000 strong, so this deployment is a small percentage of our total force, and we have ample resources remaining in the state."

Through the Army transformation process, the 37th is comprised of Citizen-Soldiers from Ohio and Michigan and will deploy for the first time as a modular brigade combat team formation. While other units within the new brigade have deployed for various missions at home and abroad, this is the first deployment for the Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which mobilizes under the new Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) Model and is currently scheduled to deploy for a total of 12 months.

The Ohio Soldiers, along with about 950 of their fellow Soldiers from the Michigan Army National Guard, head first to Fort Hood, Texas, to conduct training before deploying in early spring to Kuwait, where they will conduct base camp and security missions.

The attached pdf form provides the final update of each of the Ohio units that comprise the 37th IBCT, where they are located, and the date, time and location of each public deployment ceremony. A member of the Ohio National Guard's state public affairs office will be on site at each ceremony to provide any assistance you may need. The matrix also provides PAO contact information at each location.

Media should plan to arrive about 30-60 minutes prior to the ceremony if they want to interview Soldiers and families before the ceremonies. Reporters may conduct interviews after the ceremonies, too.

If you plan on covering one or more of these ceremonies or for more information contact MAJ Nicole Gabriel at (614) 336-7449 or (614) 365-0362, James Sims at (614) 336-7126 or the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at (614) 336-7000.