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Ohio Army National Guard hosts second annual Warrior Challenge

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Nearly 150 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) will participate in the second annual Warrior Challenge April 25 at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe and April 26 at Camp Lazarus in Delaware.

Established in 2005, the Ohio Recruit Sustainment Program is designed to offer each new recruit the opportunity to prepare for military service by ensuring they are properly prepared to ship to and successfully complete basic training. Ohio's Warrior Challenge is a two-day competition, created to give RSP Warriors the opportunity to test themselves mentally and physically.

Saturday's events at Camp Sherman will include Soldiers performing basic military skills, including map reading, land navigation, and basic first aid.

Sunday's events provide the ultimate motivation and military pride as Soldiers compete in a leadership and teamwork challenge. Ohio's Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) will send 29 teams of five Warriors each to navigate a grueling two-mile Challenge Course consisting of the low wall climb, litter carry, water crawl, ravine rope climb and other events at Camp Lazarus in Delaware.

Each team wants the honor of being named Ohio's top team. The day will culminate with a military Pass-In-Review ceremony consisting of more than 500 of Ohio's RSP Soldiers. An estimated 45 Warriors will also be promoted during the ceremony.

"The Warrior Challenge that the recruits will be going through this weekend is a great training event and very motivating to the Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Chip Tansill, commander of Recruiting and Retention Battalion. "It provides an opportunity for us to see the Soldiers' skills and help us better prepare them to successfully graduate from Basic Training."

All 54 states and territories have Recruit Sustainment Programs tracked by National Guard Bureau. In the past few years, the Ohio National Army Guard has continuously ranked first in the nation in ship rate. On average, for every 100 enlistments into the Ohio Army National Guard, 93 ship to basic training, and 90 of those graduate.

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WHO: Ohio Army National Guard Recruit Sustainment Program Soldiers

WHAT: Warrior Challenge

WHEN: Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday April 25 in Chillicothe and 9:30 a.m. Sunday April 26 in Delaware

WHERE: Saturday at Camp Sherman, 2154 Narrows Rd. Chillicothe, OH 45601
Sunday at Camp Lazarus, 4422 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015

HOW: Media who plan to attend should arrive 30 minutes early at each location, and check in at the reception center. Contact Capt. Michelle Smith of the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at (614) 365-0362.