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## **Ohio National Guard Operational Mentor & Liaison Team (OMLT) to deploy**

COLUMBUS - Approximately 30 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard 174<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade are scheduled to mobilize for active duty next month in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's 10 a.m. call to duty ceremony Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, OH.

Soldiers and units of the 174th Brigade have deployed throughout the world from Kosovo to Iraq, Washington, D.C. to Germany, and Egypt to Afghanistan.

The Operational Mentor & Liaison Team (OMLT) program is a key NATO contribution towards the development of the Afghan National Army (ANA).

The OMLT mission is to provide training and mentoring to the ANA forces. The unit will begin the initial training period in Hungary and Germany and then deploy to Afghanistan.

The Ohio National Guard personnel will be training the ANA forces jointly with members of the Hungarian Armed Forces. The joint Ohio-Hungarian mission is a continuation of a relationship formed in 1993 between the Ohio National Guard and the Republic of Hungary as part of the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program (SPP). The SPP includes the National Guard for all 54 state and territories and fosters relationships with 56 foreign countries, including the Ohio National Guard's partnership with the Republic of Serbia, inaugurated in September of 2006.

"The 174th ADA Soldiers assigned to this OMLT mission are prepared to train and mentor the ANA forces," said Maj. Thomas Moore, the unit commander. "The Ohio National Guard will provide the Afghan National Army with the utmost professionalism, and offer guidance as they continue to grow."

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance.

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