



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## **Assistant Adjutant General for Air selected**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Recently appointed Adjutant General, Col. (P) Deborah Ashenhurst, has selected Col. Mark E. Bartman as Ohio's new assistant adjutant general for Air effective Jan. 10, 2011.

As assistant adjutant general for Air and commander for the Ohio Air National Guard, he will be responsible to the adjutant general for directing Air National Guard operations and establishing policy to ensure readiness for over 5,000 personnel in four flying wings and eight support units.

"Col. Bartman brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership and experience to the position," said Ashenhurst. "He has been instrumental in developing our joint strategies and documents, as well as those for the Ohio Air National Guard."

Bartman is currently serving as commander for the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Toledo, Ohio, where he ensures the wing is ready to deploy mission-ready warriors and equipment and provide air defense.

Serving in the Ohio Air National Guard since 1982, he has held numerous staff and command positions throughout the organization. He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, including 29 combat missions in operations Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, and Southern Watch.

Bartman is a graduate of the Air National Guard Senior Leadership Seminar, Air War College, Naval War College, Air Command and Staff College and Squadron Office school. He holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Boston University and a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Ohio State University. He is decorated with many awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak cluster.

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