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Ohio National Guard to open new facilities

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will conduct an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, for the Mansfield Armed Forces Reserve Center and 200th RED HORSE Detachment 1 Facility, located at 2400 Airport Road N., Mansfield, Ohio 44903.

The Mansfield Armed Forces Reserve Center and 200th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers) Det. 1 Facility encompass more than 103,000 square feet, situated on about 63 acres. Both facilities are part of a \$23 million project that includes a field maintenance shop, used for military vehicle storage and repair. The project took 31 months to complete and the facilities will be used for administrative, operational and training purposes.

The Mansfield Armed Forces Reserve Center will be jointly occupied by the Ohio Army National Guard's 1486th Transportation Company and 5694th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting), and the Army Reserve's 3rd Platoon, 486th Engineer Company. The 200th RED HORSE Det. 1 Facility will be occupied by its namesake Ohio Air National Guard unit.

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WHO: The Ohio National Guard
WHAT: Official ribbon-cutting ceremony
WHEN: 3:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28, 2011
WHERE: 2400 Airport Road N., Mansfield, Ohio 44903

EDITOR'S NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance.

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