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Special events planned to celebrate 25th anniversary of Ohio National Guard's partnership with Hungary

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard and Hungarian Defence Forces have regularly conducted joint military exercises and senior military and civic leader visits for the last quarter century. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the partnership, Hungarian dignitaries will visit the Buckeye State next week.

Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman, Ohio adjutant general, will welcome the Honorable László Szabó, Hungary's ambassador to the United States, and Hungarian Deputy Chief of Defence Maj. Gen. Istvan Szabó during a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2018, at the Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory, 2825 West Dublin Granville Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235. A media availability will follow the ceremony.

In the afternoon on May 14, the Hungarian delegation will tour the Delaware Training and Community Center at 1121 S. Houk Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. The combined training and community center opened in April 2015 and is used by Ohio National Guard Soldiers and members of the local community. There will be a media availability following the 2:30 p.m. tour.

The Ohio-Hungary partnership is one of the oldest in the country, developed under the State Partnership Program (SPP), managed by the National Guard Bureau. The goal of the SPP is to link a state's National Guard with a partner country to promote regional stability and develop civil-military relationships. Since 1993, there have been more than 300 exchanges between Ohio and Hungary at locations in the U.S. and Europe.

There are 74 SPP partnerships between U.S. states, territories, the District of Columbia and countries around the world. In addition to Hungary, Ohio has also been paired with Serbia since 2006.

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EDITORS NOTE: A feature story, video and photo album celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Ohio and Hungary partnership are available [online](#).

NEWSROOM NOTE: Media interested in covering the welcome ceremony in Columbus or the tour in Delaware should **RSVP by 8 a.m. Monday, May 14** to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-336-7369 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

Media is encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of each event.

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