



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Honoring the U.S. Army's birthday, Flag Day

Sunday, June 14 marks the 245th birthday of the U.S. Army, which also happens to be Flag Day.

Even during a national health crisis and ongoing protests, it is important to honor both events.

Since the Battle of Lexington in 1775, the American Soldier has bravely served and protected our nation.

There are more than 11,000 men and women in the Ohio Army National Guard who proudly wear the U.S. Army uniform to stand together with their active duty counterparts in missions across the globe. Our common goal is to defend our country and our way of life. We share a love of country and patriotism.

And on each of our uniforms is the American flag. Old Glory, with 13 stripes to represent the original 13 Colonies and 50 stars for each state in the Union. The colors of the flag also have meaning. Red represents hardiness and valor; white represents purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Please join me in saluting the Army on its 245th birthday and proudly displaying the American flag.

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