



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

Major General John C. Harris Jr., Adjutant General

Happy birthday, National Guard: 384 years of service

Since Dec. 13, 1636, when the first militia regiments were formed in Massachusetts, there's been a National Guard ready to protect and defend. The 384-year legacy of service continues with today's Citizen-Soldier and -Airman.

More than 3,000 Ohio National Guard and State Defense Force members have been deployed throughout the last 10 months for COVID-19 support and civil disturbance missions. Hundreds more have deployed overseas to support federal missions. The response has been unprecedented in our organization's history.

While we won't be able to get together in person to celebrate the birthday as we normally would do, my hope is that we all take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, the service of those who came before us, and the future missions to come in support of our nation, state and communities.

The National Guard Bureau public affairs team has put together a great video to celebrate the National Guard's birthday, and it can be viewed at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/774853/national-guard-384th-birthday>.

The video showcases some of the outstanding work being done across the country and around the globe by our exceptionally dedicated, professional and diverse Soldiers and Airmen.

Together, we are Always Ready, Always There!

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