



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## **A Message from the Adjutant General on the Army Birthday**

The U.S. Army was established 246 years ago on June 14, 1775. Prior to that day, the only source of defense people had was their local militia.

There's a line in the second chorus of the Army Song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along," that pays tribute to that Citizen-Soldier: "Minute men, from the start, Always fighting from the heart..."

The legacy of those early Soldiers has been carried on for nearly 2½ centuries by the men and women who have faithfully served and supported our Nation while wearing the U.S. Army uniform.

This past year has been a profoundly challenging time for all of us — Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians. Yet, just as the minute men did during the Revolutionary War, we have risen to the challenge and served from the start and with heart, whether it is serving our fellow citizens here in Ohio during this unprecedented time or contributing to our national defense at various locations around the world.

I am honored to serve with you.

As another line in the Army Song goes, "Proud of all we have done, Fighting till the battle's won, And the Army goes rolling along!"

Join me today in celebrating and wishing a happy birthday to the U.S. Army!

John C. Harris Jr.  
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