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Ohio National Guard to host historic public muster celebrating America's 250th anniversary

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will host a historic public muster to commemorate both the 238th birthday of the Ohio National Guard and the 250th birthday of the United States.

The public is invited to attend the muster from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215.

Attendees can meet current Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen and see military vehicles, state-of-the-art equipment, aircraft flyovers, and historical displays with living historian reenactors. The 2026 muster is patterned after muster events held at the Statehouse in the mid-20th century, which were high-profile public exhibitions that included hands-on demonstrations and old-meets-new equipment displays and vehicles. Tracing their roots back to the 17th century, traditional musters were public events that connected community members with their local military units.

View the Ohio National Guard Muster webpage at:
<https://ong.ohio.gov/about-us/history/highlights/ohio-250/index.html>

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

It's recommended that media covering the event be at the Statehouse between 10 a.m. and noon to encounter the majority of activities, including the flyovers.

Media interested in covering the muster must RSVP and provide credentials no later than noon on Friday, July 24. To RSVP or for more information, contact Heidi Griesmer, public information officer, at 614-336-7369 or heidi.m.griesmer.nfg@army.mil.

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