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Ohio National Guard engineer company to deploy

COLUMBUS, Ohio — About 120 members of the Ohio Army National Guard's 1191st Engineer Company are deploying to the U.S. southern border area in support of Operation Ardent Vanguard.

The public is invited to attend a call to duty ceremony honoring the Soldiers at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, at Christ's Community Church, 2433 25th St., Portsmouth, OH 45662.

While deployed, the unit will provide operational support as part of Operation Ardent Vanguard, which encompasses U.S. Northern Command efforts to secure the border against unlawful mass migration, narcotics trafficking, human smuggling, and other criminal activities.

The 1191st functions as an Army engineer construction company, specializing in horizontal and vertical construction, utilities installation, and heavy equipment operation. These units are designed to build, repair, and maintain critical infrastructure in combat zones as well as for domestic and humanitarian missions.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering the ceremony **must** RSVP and provide credentials no later than 4 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 16, 2026. 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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