



# BUCKEYE GUARD

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## Featuring the 196th Public Affairs Detachment

### PARENT UNIT

196th Public Affairs Detachment

### DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

1 February 1972, Worthington, Ohio

### MISSION

To provide direct Public Affairs support to units deployed in support of Army, joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational operations.

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

#### War on Terrorism:

*Iraq:*<sup>1</sup>

Transition of Iraq

Iraqi Governance

Iraqi Sovereignty<sup>2</sup>

New Dawn<sup>3</sup>



### DECORATIONS

#### Meritorious Unit Commendation,

Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004-2005<sup>4</sup>

#### Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army),

Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2010 – 2011<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Army Human Resources Command, PO 281-03, 8 October 2009.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Army Human Resources Command, PO 134-01, 14 May 2015.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Army Human Resources Command, PO 051-08, 20 February 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Department of the Army General Order 16 December 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Department of the Army General Order 87, 13 November 2013.

- 1972** Organized and Federally recognized 1 February 1972 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Worthington as the 196th Public Information Detachment<sup>6</sup>
- 1977** Redesignated 1 September 1977 as 196th Public Affairs Detachment<sup>7</sup>
- 1988** Location changed 11 May 1988 to Columbus<sup>8</sup>
- 1998** Ordered into active Federal service 22 January 1998 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 8 November 1998 and reverted to state control<sup>9</sup>
- 2004** Ordered into active Federal service 2 January 2004 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 7 March 2005 and reverted to state control<sup>10</sup>
- 2010** Ordered into active Federal service 10 March 2010; released from active Federal service 9 April 2011 and reverted to state control<sup>11</sup>
- 2021** Ordered into active Federal service 10 March 2021<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> NGB Reorganization Authority 145-72, 27 June 1972.

<sup>7</sup> NGB Organizational Authority 77-77, 2 May 1977.

<sup>8</sup> Letter, AGOH-OT-AR, 11 May 1988.

<sup>9</sup> DA Mobilization Order 141-97; DA Demobilization Order 03-98.

<sup>10</sup> DA Mobilization Order 481-04; DA Demobilization Order 149-05.

<sup>11</sup> DA Mobilization Order 1646-10; DA Demobilization Order 338-11

<sup>12</sup> DA Activation Order 305-20.



196th Public Affairs Detachment, circa 1980.



Staff Sgt. Robert Jennings and Spc. Andy Allison, broadcast journalists with the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, interview Sgt. Robin Wright, the noncommissioned officer in charge of postal operations at Camp Castle, Honduras.



Sgt. Kim Snow of the 196th Public Affairs Detachment photographs members the Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division during combat operations in Fallujah, Iraq. Snow was credited as "one of the best combat photographers the coalition has had in Iraq." Commanders used many of the images Snow took to prove that enemy forces were using protected targets as weapon platforms.



Maj. Marshall Jackson (left), commander, and 1sg Sgt. Steve Toth add the Meritorious Unit Commendation streamer to the guidon of the 196th Public Affairs Detachment during a ceremony on Sept. 18, 2011, at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio. The award was earned while the unit was deployed to Iraq in 2010-2011.



Pfc. Michael Alexander, a mass communications specialist with the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, takes a photo of Sgt. Eric Hockaday, a crew chief with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, in the skies over Illersheim Airfield, Germany, June 10, 2021. Alexander was mobilized to Europe to document Operation Atlantic Resolve.