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Ohio National Guard to hold ribbon-cutting ceremony for opening of new Steubenville recruiting office

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Army National Guard will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at **1 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2019**, at its new recruiting office at the Fort Steuben Mall, 100 Mall Drive, Steubenville, Ohio, 43952.

Ohio Army National Guard Col. Daniel Shank, assistant adjutant general for Army, will preside over the ceremony. This is the first time the Ohio Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion has had a permanent storefront in Steubenville. Staff Sgt. Lance Delbrugge, a 2002 graduate of Martins Ferry High School, has been assigned to the location as the recruiting noncommissioned officer.

The local community is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting, enjoy refreshments, and meet with local Guard members. Area high school juniors and seniors can compete in a three-event "Patriot Challenge" for Guard gear giveaways.

The ceremony coincides with the Ohio National Guard's birthday. The Ohio National Guard was organized on July 25, 1788, nearly 15 years before Ohio gained statehood, in Marietta, Ohio, as the Northwest Territory Militia. This year, the Ohio National Guard turns 231 years old, celebrating more than two centuries of being a trusted team of Soldiers and Airmen serving their communities, state, and nation.

There is a rich history of Ohio National Guard service in Jefferson County. During the War of 1812, a complete regiment of 14 companies of Ohio Militia was raised in Jefferson County, approximately 1,000 men. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Capt. Anson G. McCook raised Company H, 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry in April 1861. Company H also included Pvt. William Pittenger, who would later earn the Medal of Honor. The Steubenville Armory, in operation from 1925 to 2007, was home to many Ohio National Guard units during the course of its existence, including field artillery, medical, engineer, armored cavalry, air defense artillery, transportation, and chemical units.

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