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Ohio National Guard unveils latest improvements at northeast Ohio facility

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two new firing ranges at the Ohio Army National Guard's Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center were unveiled today during Gov. Mike DeWine's Cabinet Day in Mahoning Valley.

The ranges are a \$4.1 million automated record fire range with 16 firing lanes and concrete firing positions, and a \$2.1 million combat pistol qualification range with eight firing lanes. Each will feature pop-up targets. The federally funded projects are part of an estimated \$37 million in upgrades at Camp Garfield.

"Camp Garfield is transforming into a world-class training destination for not only our Ohio National Guard units but other military, civilian law enforcement, and first responders as well," Gov. DeWine said.

Additional modern upgrades will include a multipurpose machine gun range, solar cover training areas, new barracks, four multipurpose training buildings, and a new engagement skills trainer simulation building.

"This is an exciting time for the Ohio National Guard and Camp Garfield. When the two new ranges we highlighted today open this spring, our training capabilities will expand to provide the best in live and virtual weapons training at what's becoming a state-of-the-art installation," said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general.

The Ohio National Guard has used the 21,000-acre installation located in Portage and Trumbull counties as a joint military training center since 2013. The installation opened as a U.S. Army ammunition manufacturing facility during World War II, which operated through the Vietnam Conflict.

The adjutant general is a member of Gov. DeWine's cabinet and is responsible for the command and military readiness of the Ohio National Guard. The Ohio National Guard consists of the Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Military Reserve, and Ohio Naval Militia, totaling more than 16,000 personnel.

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