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## **Ohio Army National Guard to hold ribbon-cutting ceremony for opening of new Defiance recruiting office**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Army National Guard will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at **1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020**, at its new recruiting office at 100 Stadium Dr., Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Col. Daniel Shank, Ohio assistant adjutant general for Army, will preside over the ceremony. Staff Sgt. Brandon Oreglia, a graduate of Kenton High School (Kenton/Hardin County) and Bluffton University (Bluffton/Allen County), and Sgt. Andrew Michalak, a graduate of E.L. Bowsher High School (Toledo/Lucas County), have been assigned to the location as the recruiting noncommissioned officers.

The local community is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting, enjoy refreshments, and meet with local National Guard members. College students and high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to stop by between 2 and 6 p.m. to compete in a three-event "Patriot Games Challenge" for Guard gear giveaways.

There is a rich history of Ohio National Guard service in Defiance County, including during the Mexican War, Civil War, and both World Wars. During the Civil War, Defiance provided men for a number of regiments from Ohio to include the 14th, 21st, 38th, 48th, 68th, 100th, 107th, and 111th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiments. One of the officers in Company E, 21st Ohio was Samuel F. Cheney, great-great-grandfather of former Vice President Dick Cheney. The Defiance Armory, in operation from 1914 to 1993, was home to many Ohio National Guard infantry units during the course of its existence.

The Ohio Army National Guard, with more than 11,000 Soldiers, responds when called for federal, state, and community missions and is an operational force of the U.S. Army.

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