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Explosives training to be conducted this week at Camp James A. Garfield

NEWTON FALLS, Ohio — Residents and business owners near Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center may notice the sounds of explosive blasts in the area this week.

The explosives will be used during scheduled training exercises Tuesday through Thursday (Aug. 18-20). The training is an important part of military readiness and the explosives are used to simulate battle conditions. There will be intermittent explosions and gunfire at the facility during annual training season, which runs through September.

Camp James A. Garfield is an Ohio Army National Guard training site in Portage and Trumbull counties that consists of about 21,000 acres, with various small arms weapons ranges and permanent facilities to support individual and collective training events for both weekend and annual training.

Camp James A. Garfield is undergoing major infrastructure improvements to become a worldclass training center for Army and other Department of Defense entities in the Midwestern U.S. Among the recent improvements are a fire and movement range and a new automated record fire range. Camp James A. Garfield also features TADSS — an acronym for Training Aids, Devices, Simulators, and Simulations — which is state-of-the-art digital training equipment that allows for realistic combat training without the logistical challenges of live-fire ranges.

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