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Ohio Army National Guard unit to deploy for U.S. European Command duty

COLUMBUS, Ohio — About 50 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, located in Columbus, are deploying for approximately one year in support of U.S. European Command.

The unit's call to duty ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020, in Columbus. The ceremony will be held with strict social distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements. Due to current safety and health considerations, the event will not be open to the public.

The ceremony will be streamed live on the Ohio National Guard's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheOhioNationalGuard>.

The unit has previously deployed to Germany in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve in 2018. Portions of the unit have also deployed as task force headquarters elements to the National Capital Region in 2009-2010 (Task Force Phoenix), 2012-2013 (Task Force Luzon), and 2017-2018 (Task Force Guthrie Grays). In addition, portions of the unit mobilized in support of U.S. Central Command from 2008 to 2013 through NATO's Operational Mentor & Liaison Team program.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: Media outlets interested in interviewing deploying Soldiers via Skype immediately after the ceremony must contact Aaron Smith, public affairs officer, before 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18 at 330-998-2955 or aaron.d.smith158.civ@mail.mil.

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