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Ohio National Guard ends presidential inaugural mobilization, support to civil law enforcement in state capital

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio National Guard members who deployed recently to support local, state, and federal authorities have returned from duty.

The Ohio National Guard had about 500 members assisting local and state authorities in Columbus and at the Ohio Statehouse, and there were around 1,000 more providing security and other support services in the Washington D.C. area during the presidential inauguration.

“I want to thank every Citizen-Soldier and Citizen-Airman who provided a service to their fellow Americans,” Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said. “Their presence and professionalism helped support a peaceful transition of power and provided a safe environment for people to peacefully express their opinions.”

Ohio Guard members provided assistance to law enforcement by protecting critical infrastructure while ensuring people’s rights to demonstrate peacefully in both the state and national capitals.

“This is what the National Guard’s for — to be ready at a moment’s notice to help the state and nation,” said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general. “I couldn’t be more proud of our members for answering the call in such a manner.”

The Ohio National Guard’s Homeland Response Force was activated and placed on standby in the National Capital Region, as were personnel and equipment for communications and food service. In total, more than 26,000 National Guard men and women from 50 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia supported federal and D.C. agencies for the Jan. 20 presidential inauguration.

There currently are more than 1,000 Ohio National Guard members deployed for other federal missions throughout the world. Another 1,000 are supporting the state’s COVID-19 response efforts, including food banks, temporary medical support at nursing facilities, and community pop-up testing sites.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Links to photos and video from the deployments are available on the Ohio National Guard's Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS) page.

Photos:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/387557/photo-imagery-content-hub-ohio-national-guard-civil-support-59th-presidential-inaugural-ohio-statehouse>

Video (including b-roll and interviews):

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/387544/video-content-hub-ohio-national-guard-civil-support-59th-presidential-inaugural>

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