



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## **Ohio National Guard's air defense artillery brigade headquarters deploying to National Capital Region**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — About 30 Citizen-Soldiers of the Ohio Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, located in Columbus, are deploying to the National Capital Region in the Washington, D.C. area, in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, will send off the unit during a call to duty ceremony at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

Structured as a task force headquarters for the deployment, this 174th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade element will provide command and supervisory oversight support to the homeland defense mission, which includes the use of radar, ground-based air defense systems, and communications equipment to protect the National Capital Region (NCR).

The 174th ADA has previously deployed to the NCR in 2019-2020 (Task Force Buckeye), 2017-2018 (Task Force Guthrie Grays), 2012-2013 (Task Force Luzon), and 2009-2010 (Task Force Phoenix).

The Integrated Air Defense System (IADS) in the NCR, consisting of sensors, alert fighters, and ground-based air defense weapons systems, was established shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, at the direction of the Secretary of Defense. Originally staffed by active-duty forces, the NCR mission has been manned by Air and Army National Guard members since 2003. The mission stands today as a prime example of the National Guard fulfilling its "Defense of the Homeland" mission.

The Ohio National Guard was established in 1788 as the Northwest Territory Militia and has more than 16,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel across Ohio who respond when called for federal, state, and community missions.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is a planned deployment and is not in response to the current events in Ukraine.

**NEWSROOM NOTE:** On the day of the event, news media are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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