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## Media Advisory

### **Ohio Army National Guard to break ground on new Major General Robert W. Teater Readiness Center**

- WHAT:** The Ohio Army National Guard will host a groundbreaking for a new readiness center at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.
- WHEN:** 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023.
- WHERE:** Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, 7370 Minuteman Way, Columbus, OH 43217.
- BACKGROUND:** The construction of this readiness center will include administrative space, storage space, and common areas such as assembly halls and classrooms. Additional features include a high bay workspace, a general-purpose training bay, and an arms vault. This federal and state partnership is expected to cost \$15.5 million, have a 15-month construction timeframe, and provide quality workspace for over 120 personnel. When the construction is complete, the occupying units are the 73rd Troop Command, and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 437th Military Police Battalion.
- The facility will be memorialized for Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater, a 59-year resident of Columbus and Franklin County. After serving on active duty in Korea, Teater joined the Ohio National Guard in 1954 and held various staff and command positions across a 34-year career that culminated in his assignment as deputy commander, State Area Command. Outside of his military career, Teater held a doctorate from The Ohio State University,

where he was the director of the School of Natural Resources (now the School of Environment and Natural Resources) from 1970 to 1974. Gov. James A. Rhodes appointed Teater as director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in 1975, and he served in that position until 1983. He also served for 12 years on the Columbus Board of Education and was involved in the creation of The Wilds safari park and conservation center in Cumberland, Ohio. Teater died in 2013 at 86.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Members of the media interested in attending Friday's ceremony **must** RSVP and provide credentials no later than 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6 to gain access to the base.

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