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## Ohio National Guard celebrates new missions for Springfield Air Base

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard and 178th Fighter Wing will host an event Friday, May 14, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the decision by the Air Force and the Department of Defense to establish new missions at the Ohio Air National Guard base located at the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport. Supporters from the local community and around the state will participate in the event, which will be held on base at the Power Maintenance Complex (Hangar), 5319 Regula Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45502.

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Steve Austria announced May 7 that the U.S. Department of Defense had determined to assign an MQ-1 Predator mission and expand the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) mission on the Springfield base. NASIC is headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base nearby and the 178th already has a squadron working with the organization.

“There is much to be happy about,” said Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general. “In 2005, the Air Force and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission nearly shut down this base, and now, we are establishing cutting-edge missions that should ensure the viability of this base long into the future.”

Strickland, Austria, former Congressman Dave Hobson, State Senator Chris Widener, State Representatives Bob Hackett and Ross McGregor, Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland, Yellow Springs Mayor David Foubert, Clark County Commissioner Roger Tackett and other elected and private sector officials will be joining Wayt to discuss future plans for the base and its members.

Media is welcome to attend and will be required to show credentials at the main gate of the base to be admitted.

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