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Ohio National Guard to name new building at Springfield Air National Guard Base in honor of former U.S. Rep. David Hobson

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard, U.S. Air Force Space Command and the City of Springfield will host a building dedication ceremony for the Hobson Cyberspace Communications Complex during a 10 a.m. ceremony on Wednesday, May 21 at the Springfield Air National Guard Base, 1416 W. Blee Road, Springfield, Ohio 45502.

The new facility — which houses the Ohio Air National Guard's 251st Cyber Engineering Installation Group and 269th Combat Communications Squadron — consists of nearly 32,000 square feet of administration and training space, with an additional 15,700 square feet of supply and warehouse space for 38 full-time personnel and 174 traditional guard members.

The complex is critical to Air Force Space Command's federal mission and the Ohio National Guard's homeland security and peacetime missions supporting local, state and national response operations such as cyberspace and communications infrastructure activities, civil disturbances or natural disaster response. The advanced technological features of the complex will significantly increase the resident units' capacity to support critical missions for command and control of cyberspace defense missions.

As an Ohio Air National Guard veteran, former Rep. Hobson learned firsthand just how much service members and their Families sacrifice to serve their country. And during his nearly 20-year career in Congress, Rep. Hobson successfully secured more than \$200 million in federal funding for military projects that have improved the lives and working conditions for National Guard members at home and overseas, including securing funding in 2009 for the Hobson Complex construction.

NEWSROOM NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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