



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Today, we celebrate the U.S. Army's birthday

The Continental Congress created the Army June 14, 1775, more than a year before issuing the Declaration of Independence.

For 247 years, the U.S. Army has answered the call to defend and support America, against both foreign and domestic challenges, and will stand ready to do so in the future.

American Soldiers are the best trained and most prepared in the world, and that includes our National Guard Soldiers.

The efforts of Soldiers — whether active-duty, Guard or Reserve — are even more remarkable when you consider that we have had an all-volunteer military for almost the last 50 years.

We salute the selfless service performed by men and women who have chosen to serve our great nation.

**Please join me in wishing the
U.S. Army a happy 247th birthday!**

John C. Harris Jr.
Major General
The Adjutant General