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**Media advisory:
B-roll, photo, and interview opportunity during explosives training
at Camp James A. Garfield**

WHAT: Media availability for b-roll, photos, and interviews during explosives training by the Ohio Army National Guard's 147th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) at Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center near Newton Falls, Ohio.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 21, 2021, weather permitting.

WHERE: Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center, main gate, 8451 state Route 5, Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

BACKGROUND: High explosives will be used by the 147th Regional Training Institute during training exercises specifically designed for Soldiers taking the combat engineer course. Explosives training is an important part of military readiness for Army engineers and the explosives used simulate realistic battle conditions.

Combat engineers learn skills to come up with quick and creative engineering solutions, constructing fighting positions, fixed and floating bridges, obstacles, and defensive positions. Combat engineers are able to construct bridges, clear barriers with explosives, and detect and avoid mines and other environmental hazards.

The 147th, based in Columbus, provides institutional training within assigned career management fields, Army NCOES (Noncommissioned Officer Education System), officer candidate school, and warrant officer candidate school missions based on the collective requirements identified

by the National Guard Bureau-ART-I (Individual Training Branch), the Army Program for Individual Training for the Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve, the Active Component, and the Subject Matter Expert Regiment in support of the U.S. Army's modular force.

Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center is an Ohio Army National Guard training site in Portage and Trumbull counties that consists of about 21,000 acres, with various small arms weapons ranges and permanent facilities to support individual and collective training events for both weekend and annual training.

The installation is undergoing major infrastructure improvements to become a world-class training center for Army and other Department of Defense units in the Midwestern U.S. Among the recent improvements are a fire and movement range and a new automated record fire range. Camp James A. Garfield also features TADSS, or Training Aids, Devices, Simulators and Simulations, which is state-of-the-art digital training equipment that allows for realistic combat training without the logistical challenges of live-fire ranges.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: Please submit names of media members planning to attend the training and their contact information by **noon Tuesday, April 20, 2021**, to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-506-3490 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

Social distancing and face masks will be required. Other safety protection will be provided. On the day of the event, media should plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time to get through security and to be escorted to the event location. Please have a valid driver's license or media credentials. Media should enter through the installation main gate, located at 8451 state Route 5, Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

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