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Explosives training to be conducted this week at Camp James A. Garfield

NEWTON FALLS, Ohio — Residents and business owners near Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center may notice an increase in blast noise from the area.

Explosives will be used during training by the Ohio Army National Guard's 147th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 18-19, 2021.

High explosives will be used by the 147th Regiment 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 simulates realistic battle conditions.

Sounds from the explosions may be heard farther away than what occurs during normal operations. There will be intermittent explosions and gunfire at the facility during annual training season, which runs through September.

The 147th Regiment 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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