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Ohio Army National Guard to open new multipurpose machine gun range

NEWTON FALLS, Ohio — A first-of-its-kind range is opening next week at Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center that will make the installation one of the premiere training sites across the National Guard.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Matthew S. Woodruff, Ohio assistant adjutant general for the Army, will be participating in the ceremonial first shot event May 7 at the new range.

Camp James A. Garfield's new multipurpose machine gun range will be used to train and test Soldiers on the marksmanship skills necessary to zero, detect, identify, engage, and defeat stationary infantry and armor targets in a tactical array. The range can support both light and heavy machine gun operations. Weapons systems can be fired from vehicle-mounted or ground-based configurations.

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WHEN: 10:30 a.m. May 7, 2024

WHERE: Camp James A Garfield (Front Gate — 8451 state Route 5, Ravenna, Ohio)

FOR MEDIA PLANNING TO ATTEND, CONTACT: Heidi Griesmer, public information officer, at 614-506-3490, or heidi.m.griesmer.nfg@army.mil.

NOTES:

- Please RSVP by noon Monday, May 6 so you can be cleared through base security to allow you access to the installation on the day of the event.
- You will be met at the front gate and processed through security. We will have a government vehicle to transport you between locations on the base. Dress accordingly for the weather as there may not be any covered shelters at the event locations.

- There will be an opportunity for some media who want to position themselves closer to the range action; personal protective equipment, including vests and helmets, will be provided and must be worn.

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