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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 conducted by the Ohio Army National Guard's 147th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) on Wednesday and Thursday, May 7-8.

The 147th Regiment will be conducting training 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 throughout annual training season, which typically runs through September.

The 147th Regiment provides institutional training within assigned career management fields, the Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System, officer candidate school, and warrant officer candidate school missions based on the collective requirements identified by the Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard Bureau.

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 and machine gun weapons ranges and permanent facilities to support individual and collective training events for both weekend and annual training, for Army and other Department of Defense units in the midwestern United States.

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