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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 811th Engineer Company (Sapper) this Thursday through Sunday, May 15-18, 2025.

The planned explosives training helps maintain engineer Soldiers' demolition skills and is an important part of military readiness that simulates realistic battle conditions. Sounds from the explosions may be heard farther away than what occurs during normal operations.

Army sappers are elite combat engineers skilled in a variety of military engineering duties such as minefield placement or clearing, bridge-building, demolitions, field defenses, and road and airfield construction. Sappers are responsible for tasks that help facilitate movement of allied forces and impede adversaries.

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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