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## Media Advisory

### **Ohio National Guard to host ribbon-cutting ceremony for Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater Readiness Center**

- WHAT:** The Ohio National Guard will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new readiness center at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.
- WHEN:** 1 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025.
- WHERE:** Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, 7370 Minuteman Way, Columbus, OH 43217
- BACKGROUND:** Planning for the Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater Readiness Center began in 2018. The AECOM infrastructure consulting firm designed the 43,000-square-foot facility and the project broke ground in late 2023. The new readiness center provides a larger, modern, consolidated facility for multiple Ohio Army National Guard units, which previously occupied two buildings that were nearly 70 years old. The new facility includes administrative and storage space as well as common spaces such as assembly halls and classrooms. Additional features include a high-bay workspace and a general-purpose training bay. This federal and state partnership cost \$16.7 million.

The facility is memorialized for Teater, a nearly 60-year resident of Columbus and Franklin County. After serving on active duty in Korea, Teater joined the Ohio National Guard in 1954 and held various staff and command positions across a 34-year career that culminated in his assignment as deputy commander, State Area

Command. Outside of his military career, Teater held a doctorate from The Ohio State University, where he was the director of the School of Natural Resources (now the School of Environment and Natural Resources) from 1970 to 1974. Gov. James A. Rhodes appointed Teater as director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in 1975, and he served in that position until 1983. He also served for 12 years on the Columbus Board of Education and was involved in the creation of The Wilds safari park and conservation center in Cumberland, Ohio. Teater died in 2013 at 86.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Media interested in covering the ceremony **must** RSVP and provide credentials no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5. To RSVP or for more information, contact Heidi Griesmer, public information officer, at 614-506-3490 or [heidi.m.griesmer.nfg@army.mil](mailto:heidi.m.griesmer.nfg@army.mil).

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