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To the Soldiers, Airmen and civilian staff members of the Ohio National Guard,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it's appropriate to give thanks for your efforts in the past year to make the Ohio National Guard a leader in serving our communities, our state and our nation.

As a trained, ready force, we've successfully deployed across the globe to perform missions and train with our active duty and coalition counterparts. We've strengthened partnerships with Serbia and Hungary that began several decades ago as a way to promote stability in a region where democracy was emerging after decades of communism. We've also created a new partnership with Wright State University that will open a door to higher education through an Ohio National Guard graduate scholarship program. In our communities, we've provided free medical care, participated in Veterans Day celebration events and supported local law enforcement.

While this is not an exhaustive list, it is a good representation of the dedicated service you've provided.

On behalf of the leadership of our Joint Force Headquarters, thank you, and have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Major General Mark E. Bartman,
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