

**MAJOR GENERAL DEBORAH A. ASHENHURST**  
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Major General Deborah Ashenhurst assumed the duties as the Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters - Ohio on 10 January 2011. She is a member of the Governor's cabinet and is responsible for the command of the Ohio National Guard and the military readiness of the Ohio Militia. The Ohio National Guard consists of the Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Military Reserve, and Ohio Naval Militia, totaling more than 17,000 personnel. General Ashenhurst supervises four flag officer heads of these components and four deputy directors in the day-to-day operation and management of the readiness, fiscal, personnel, equipment, and real property resources of the agency.

General Ashenhurst's career began in 1978 when she enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard. She was commissioned an Engineer Officer in 1980 through the Ohio Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School. After completion of the Engineer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, General Ashenhurst served as a reconnaissance officer with the 54<sup>th</sup> Support Center. She has commanded and has held staff officer assignments at all levels from company, battalion, brigade, and Joint Force Headquarters. Recent assignments include the Commanding General, 73rd Troop Command (Brigade), Commander, 237<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Battalion, and Director, Property and Fiscal Operations, United States Property and Fiscal Office for Ohio.