

**WISCONSIN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**  
**157<sup>th</sup> MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE**  
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Alderman Willie Hines  
Milwaukee Common Council  
Milwaukee City Hall, Room. 205  
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Dear Alderman Hines,

As you may be aware, the United States Army and the Wisconsin Army National Guard are transforming from a Cold War based legacy force to a more modern, more deployable, more lethal contemporary Army capable of fighting and winning America's land battles.

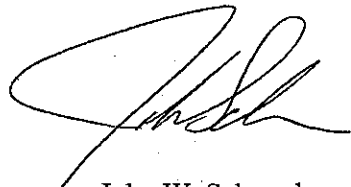
As part of this transformation the Milwaukee National Guard Armory located on Capital and Richards Street will be going through a major reorganization. The last brigade sized deployable unit located in the Milwaukee facility, the 57<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, has been disbanded and reorganized into a new organization.

A new unit to the Wisconsin Army National Guard is currently being formed in Milwaukee. This unit is the 157<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. The mission of this unit will be to mobilize and deploy in support of an Infantry Division anywhere in the world and provide engineer, military police, and chemical support. This new organization will have over 2,000 men and women assigned around the State of Wisconsin when at full strength, over 100 of which will be full time Soldiers assigned in the armories everyday.

The official activation of the 157<sup>th</sup> Brigade Headquarters is scheduled for September 2009, but we are actively recruiting, equipping and training Soldiers now in anticipation of that date.

I would like to request the opportunity to conduct a short 10-15 minute presentation to the Milwaukee Common Council, at your convenience, as soon as time is available on the agenda in order to fully communicate our plans and timelines for the changes in the Milwaukee National Guard unit. I can be reached at (414) 961-8682 or [john.schroeder@us.army.mil](mailto:john.schroeder@us.army.mil).

Sincerely,



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