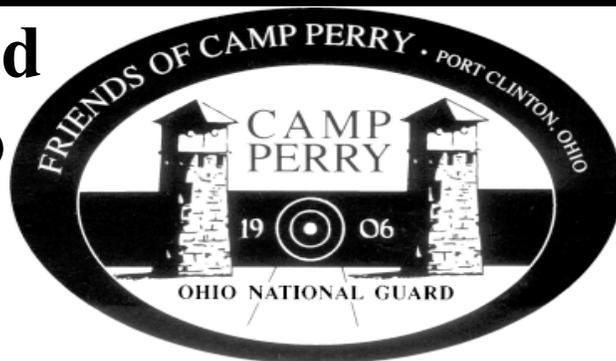


To promote the health and welfare of the troops who train at Camp Perry.



Winter 2008 Newsletter



The peace and serenity of winter has fallen on Camp Perry, in stark contrast to the hustle and heat of the National Matches during the summer time.

2007 was a busy year for the *Friends of Camp Perry*. In conjunction with ORPA, we sponsored two extremely successful and popular pop-up shoots, the March pistol shoot last spring and the fall rifle, or Snowflake Shoot, in November. Participation in the 2007 rifle shoot showed approximately a 70% increase over the 2006 shoot! Judging by the license plates seen in the Viale parking lot, shooters from as far away as Wisconsin are coming in to shoot.



The length of the waiting line at the registration tent was also a definite indication of the increase in the popularity of the pop-up matches. Funds raised by these events helps the Friends in its mission to support the troops and their families who train at Camp Perry and maintain Camp Perry as a historical landmark. Our next pistol pop-up match is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2008, so mark your calendars accordingly and bring plenty of ammo!



The Friends also initiated the Memorial Brick program selling inscribed bricks for the Shooters Memorial Plaza to be built at the intersection of Niagara and Lawrence roads in front of the flagpoles. After some delays, construction is expected to get underway in April. The plaza will be comprised of some 1,400 bricks with up to 52 characters per brick. Brick order forms can be downloaded from the *Friends of Camp Perry* website. Buy a brick for that special shooter, a loved one, or yourself and become a permanent part of Camp Perry history! We are hoping that all the state associations and clubs will purchase bricks to support this project.

The Friends also started selling Camp Perry Centennial memorabilia this year. The Camp Perry Centennial coin for \$5, the Centennial pin for \$3 and the *Friends of Camp Perry* dual LED flashlight (with replaceable batteries) for \$3. A limited number of complete sets are still available for \$10, while quantities of coins and the flashlights are still available. Mail order forms are available through our web site at www.friendsofcamperry.org/Memorabilia.html. Order your Centennial memorabilia now while supplies last, there are still a limited number of pins and complete sets available!

Mark your calendars!
The next pistol match is
Saturday March 29th!



Speaking of fund raising, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has graciously donated a Standard Products M-1 Carbine to the *Friends of Camp Perry* that will be raffled off at the July 7th Shooters Reception of the 2008 National Matches. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and on sale now! Raffle tickets will be available at all *Friends of Camp Perry* events and by mail order. The order form is on our website for download at www.friendsofcamperry.org. This M-1 carbine has a bit of historical value since the Standard Products carbines were manufactured in Port Clinton, Ohio, during World War II. The carbine has a serial number of 2149034 and has an Underwood barrel dated 12/43. The muzzle has been gauged at 1.5. Pictures of the rifle are available for inspection on our website. Click on the link "M-1 Carbine Raffle" to check out the pictures and download a ticket order form. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets at your clubs, contact us regarding obtaining packs of tickets.



2008 Friends of Camp Officers

For those of you who may have not met any of the Friends' officers at any of the events, they are:

President:	Tom Brown	CPTS CO	Col. Jim Chisman
Vice President:	Chic Elum	200th Red HORSE CO	Col. Mike Skomrock
Secretary:	Bob Brown	CMP Liaison	Kathy Williams
Treasurer:	Mark Putnam	Public Relations/Web	Mark Podany

One final note, if you have not yet received your *Friends of Camp Perry* membership card, please be patient with us. We are still in the process of consolidating three different membership lists created over the last year and half! Once the consolidation has been completed, you should receive your card. We also working on *Friends of Camp Perry* e-mail addresses to make it easier for our members to contact us.