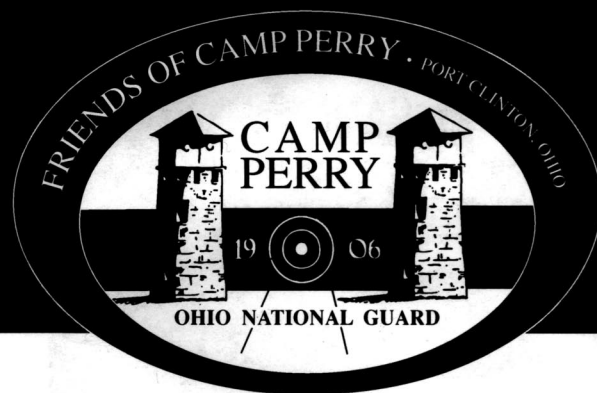


Promote the health and welfare of the troops who train at Camp Perry.



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If you live around Port Clinton, OH there is a good chance you are familiar with historic Camp Perry, which was established in 1903. Located just five miles west of Port Clinton on Hwy #2, Camp Perry has been home to the National Pistol and Rifle Matches since 1907 and draws thousands of competitors each year. Organizations housed on base year round are the Civilian Marksmanship Program which hosts the National Matches, the Air National Guard 200th RED HORSE Squadron and the Camp Perry Training Site Detachment, which manages the Camp and provides support to military and non-military users. The Friends of Camp Perry, a non-profit support organization, now adds its name to the list of residents.

The Friends of Camp Perry is a group of residents that volunteer their time providing support to the camp. Their mission is, "to promote the health and welfare of the soldiers and sailors at Camp Perry, to preserve the heritage, history and traditions of Camp Perry and to promote a good and harmonious relationship between Camp Perry and the community."

The organization has been around since 1995 but has only recently been legally certified as a non-military support organization officially authorized to conduct activities on the camp. Some of their projects include restoring the "Gratitude Train" and the "Baggage Station," both historical markers on post that were in dire need of repair. They also support the Army and Air National Guard Family Welfare Program, which provides much needed relief to Soldier's families when the 200th RED HORSE

Squadron was deployed in Iraq. These are just a few of the programs Friends of Camp Perry support. Funding for these projects comes from fund raising efforts and hard work of the group's membership. They have hosted golf tournaments, breakfasts and even invitational matches to raise money.

2007 is a premier year for Camp Perry; it will be **100 years old**. The Friends have been asked to participate in the celebration. We are eagerly looking forward to working with the Camp Perry leadership in making 2007 a year to remember.

For more information about the Friends of Camp Perry, or to how to join, you can contact Vice President Jim Hansen at 419-734-2423, or mail him at 307 E. 11th Street, Port Clinton, OH 43452. You can also send a \$20 donation to Treasurer Mark Putnam at 1511 N Walker Street, Graytown, OH 43432, using the membership form on the other side of this newsletter.

On November 25, the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association will hold the First Annual Modified Record Fire Shoot for the Friends of Camp Perry. We will be using the range with the Pop-Up Targets. The cost will be \$30 to join FOCP and the first relay, with \$10 for each additional relay that you request. The Non-Member price will be \$15 for each relay. The relays are limited so call or e-mail to sign up quickly before all the spaces are taken. There will be a food trailer available for purchasing non-alcoholic beverages, sandwiches and chili. You can contact Ralph Reichman at 330-468-1287 or reichmans@juno.com to sign up. Be at Camp Perry by 8 a.m. to sign up for your squadding and for the safety meeting. The first relay will start by 9 a.m.