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2017 National Matches set to open at Camp Perry

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A five-week shooting competition that will attract more than 4,500 national and international participants will begin next week at Camp Perry Joint Training Center near Port Clinton, Ohio.

The opening ceremony for the 2017 National Matches will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, June 26 at the Friends of Camp Perry Memorial Plaza at Camp Perry Joint Training Center (CPJTC), 1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio assistant adjutant general for Army, will fire the ceremonial "first shot" to signal the start of the competition. A concert by the Ohio National Guard's 122nd Army Band, at 9:30 a.m. on CPJTC's Rodriguez Range, will precede the opening ceremony.

Admission to the First Shot Ceremony, band concert and CPJTC are free and open to the public. In addition to world-class shooting ranges, CPJTC offers a public beach, cottages and a state-of-the-art conference center.

The National Matches began in 1903 and moved to Ohio in 1907, and are hosted each year by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), assisted through working partnerships with organizations including the Ohio National Guard and National Rifle Association.

More information about the National Matches, including the official program, is available at: <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches>.

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