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Celebrating 100 years of service at Camp Sherman

COLUMBUS, Ohio —The Ohio National Guard is participating in the centennial celebration of Camp Sherman in Chillicothe this weekend.

For 100 years, Camp Sherman has played a major role in the history of Chillicothe. To aid in the U.S. Army's World War I mobilization, more than 1,300 buildings were erected, including a library and a hospital. By the end of the war, more than 40,000 Soldiers had passed through the Camp Sherman gates for training.

The federal government closed the original Camp Sherman in the 1920s and today only the old library remains. The original footprint of the camp now has multiple uses, including a school and a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center. And its legacy lives on today as the Ohio National Guard's Camp Sherman Joint Training Center.

Just as Soldiers were trained there 100 years ago, the men and women of the Ohio Army National Guard prepare there today for their state and federal missions. The Camp Sherman Joint Training Center includes a 35,000-square-foot readiness center, and provides training support to law enforcement agencies and is available to local youth and educational programs.

The public is invited to an open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Camp Sherman. There will be World War I re-enactors, and the Ohio National Guard will have a display to include helicopters and a weapons training simulator room will be open to visitors.

More information about the open house and the history of Camp Sherman is available at <http://www.campshermadays.com/>.

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