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Ohio Historical Marker to be dedicated at Camp Perry Joint Training Center

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard and the Ohio History Connection will dedicate a historic marker at **11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, 2019**, at Camp Perry Joint Training Center, 1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton, Ohio, 43452.

Col. Daniel Shank, Ohio assistant adjutant general for Army, and Burt Logan, executive director of the Ohio History Connection, will unveil the marker to memorialize the importance of the railroad to Camp Perry.

Camp Perry, located in Ottawa County along Lake Erie, opened in 1907 as a state rifle range and camp. Trains were the main mode of transportation into the facility for many decades.

Participants and spectators arrived by train every summer to attend the annual National Matches shooting competition. During World War II, when Camp Perry was a reception center for new Army recruits and housed prisoners of war, trains again played an important role. As the historic marker notes, "One thousand soldiers were processed every three days until the prisoner of war camp was established in 1943. Trains brought Italian and German POWs to Camp Perry from ports in New York."

Today, Camp Perry continues to host the National Matches, serves as an Ohio National Guard training facility, and has public lodging and banquet facilities.

For over 60 years, the [Ohio Historical Marker](#) program has championed our state's history. More than 1,700 markers have been erected all over Ohio by local community sponsors in partnership with the Ohio History Connection. These unique landmarks showcase the important people, places, and events in our shared history.

The [Ohio History Connection](#), formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens, focused on preserving and sharing the state's history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office, the official state archives, local history office, and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio.

The Ohio National Guard was established in 1788 as the Northwest Territory Militia, and has more than 16,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel across Ohio who respond when called for federal, state, and community missions.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering the dedication ceremony should RSVP by 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26 to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-336-7369 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

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