



THE OHIO NAVY

Camp Perry Joint Training Site
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Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-9578



The Ohio Naval Militia (ONM), or Ohio Navy, is a military unit, staffed by military veteran and volunteer Sailors who are residents of communities all across Ohio, as well as from the contiguous states. The Ohio Navy Sailors have served the State of Ohio since 1896. As one of the three federal and state government sanctioned State Defense Forces, along with the National Guard, the Ohio Navy serves under the command of the Governor, and the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio.

The Ohio Navy drills throughout the year, once or twice a month on weekends, at the Lake Erie headquarters located at Camp Perry Joint Training Center. The ONM Sailors are barracked at Camp Perry. As volunteers, each Sailor is personally responsible for our meal, transportation, supplies, and uniform costs; ONM Sailors receive no pay.

The volunteer Sailors of the ONM, or Ohio Navy, support operations at Camp Perry Joint Training Center, used by: 1) our U.S. military forces for continuous small arms training, and at times to prepare for overseas deployment; 2) the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), sponsoring the annual National Matches since 1907, thus promoting American civilians exercise of their Second Amendment Right.

The Ohio Navy is a necessary partner of both our military and the CMP (facilitating the National Matches). To permit these activities, the impact zone of Lake Erie (extending 3.5 miles off the coast of Camp Perry) is closed to commercial vessels and recreational boaters. It is the presence of the Ohio Navy boat patrols that allow for this zone to only be closed during range use, allowing for these Lake Erie waters to remain open at all other times. Thus, advancing Outdoor Recreation Access for the enjoyment of fisherman and recreational boaters.



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Throughout the year, Sailors of the Ohio Navy continuously train in navigation, radio communications, boating safety, boat handling, maintenance, and boating support functions. With basic military training included, the Ohio Navy is prepared to assist the citizens of Ohio in times of natural disasters or other emergencies.

The following web sites are sources of information that you may reference to better understand the structure of our State's Naval Militia and the organization of the Ohio Naval Foundation.

- The ONM URL {<http://navalmilitia.ohio.gov/>} that directs to the Ohio Navy website.
- The WikipediA website for the ONM :
{https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_Naval_Militia}
- The WikipediA website : { https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_defense_force } describing the federal establishment, structure, and purpose of State Defense Forces.
- The Civilian Marksmanship Program website : <https://thecmp.org/about/>
- The Ohio Naval Foundation website: <https://ohionavalfoundation.org>