



**ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
OHIO NAVAL MILITIA**

CAMP PERRY TRAINING SITE
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OHIO NAVAL MILITIA SUPPORTS NRA NATIONAL MATCHES

PORT CLINTON, OH, JULY 29, 2010: The Ohio Naval Militia (ONM), a group of sailors comprised of dedicated men and women are spending several weeks executing a key role in the safety of the National Rifle Association's (NRA) National Matches at the Camp Perry Training Site in Port Clinton, Ohio. Throughout the NRA event, the Naval Militia will spend their days patrolling the Impact Area, keeping boaters out of the dangerous areas near the firing ranges; always on the alert and watchful for stranded boaters, or other things out of the norm. "This is what we're trained to do." said Rear Admiral David E. Kissel. "It's rewarding getting the opportunity to put our skills to the test," he added.

The ONM has a long history of military service dating back to 1898 when the United States Congress declared war against Spain. In an effort to get Spain out of Cuba, President William McKinley was authorized to use all land and naval forces, as well as militia to enforce Congressional demands. At this time, the naval forces in the State of Ohio became the Ohio Naval Militia. The ONM participated in the war, fighting as part of the 10th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The Ohio Naval Militia much like the Ohio National Guard stands ready to answer the call from the State of Ohio. The greatest difference is that the ONM members perform their duties solely on pride, duty and their love for their country. For they receive no financial compensation, no drill pay, no annual training days just the satisfaction that they are making a difference. "This is a great organization with great people," said LTjg William McNally, Executive Officer, Ships Company One (SC1). I'm proud to be a member of the Naval Militia," he added.

The Ohio Naval Militia [ONM] is an organized, unarmed, all volunteer unit that has been serving the State of Ohio and our nation since 1896. The unit serves under Ohio's Adjutant General and its operational headquarters is on the Camp Perry Training Site, just outside of Port Clinton, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie. If you are interested in joining the ranks of the Ohio Naval Militia, log on to <http://navalmilitia.ohio.gov> for more information.

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