



## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

# OHIO NAVAL MILITIA

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### OHIO NAVAL MILITIA HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND

**PORT CLINTON, OH, October 24, 2010:** The Ohio Naval Militia held its Change of Command ceremony at the Camp Perry Training Site, where Rear Admiral David S. Kissel, Sr., assumed command of the Ohio Naval Militia from Captain Albert F. Schmidt, Jr. (Acting), who assumed command last May upon the retirement of RDML David E. Ozvat. The Change of Command Ceremony formally recognizes the transfer of authority from one commander to another. Major General Gregory L. Wayt thanked the sailors of the ONM for their service to Ohio and in support of the federal missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Without your professionalism and dedication to your mission, our troops would lack the ability to maintain their marksmanship qualifications and utilize the firing ranges at Camp Perry with high levels of safety" said Wayt.

The Change of Command Ceremony dates back to the days in which a military unit's flag marked its position in the line of battle. The colors were always near the commander, so troops knew where to rally on the battlefield.

Today the transfer of the colors marks a change in the unit and gives the sailors their first opportunity to see and hear their new leader. The change of command ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of the outgoing commander and the Sailors who served under him. In addition, the ceremony identifies the new commander to the Sailors, so they can follow him on the field of battle.

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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