



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

## OHIO NAVAL MILITIA

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### OHIO NAVAL MILITIA PARTICIPATES AT BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE CELEBRATION

**PORT CLINTON, OH, September 11, 2010:** Rear Admiral David E. Kissel, Sr., Commandant, Ohio Naval Militia (ONM), and members of the unit participated in the annual celebration of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's victory over the British fleet, in the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie which took place during the War of 1812.

ONM members attended a cocktail party sponsored by the Perry Group, a non-profit organization that sponsors many local events; as well as a dinner sponsored by the Toledo Navy League. The events of the day included a Grand Parade and a Commemorative Ceremony in the shadow of the "Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial". The days events were attended by local dignitaries of the Village of Put-in-Bay, War of 1812 re-enactors and the Commanding Officer, Command Master Chief and Honor Guard of the guided-missile cruiser USS LAKE ERIE (CG-70); who fly in, each year, from the ship's homeport in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

In addition to Admiral Kissel, the following members of the Ohio Naval Militia participated in the activities: CAPT Bethany Carpenter, BMCM Douglas McClure and LS3 Thomas Thomas.

2010 represents the ninth year that the Ohio Naval Militia has attended the event to represent the State and the Adjutant General's Department. Plans are currently in the works for the Ohio Naval Militia to assist in the bicentennial celebrations of the Battle of Lake Erie, which will take place in 2013.

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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