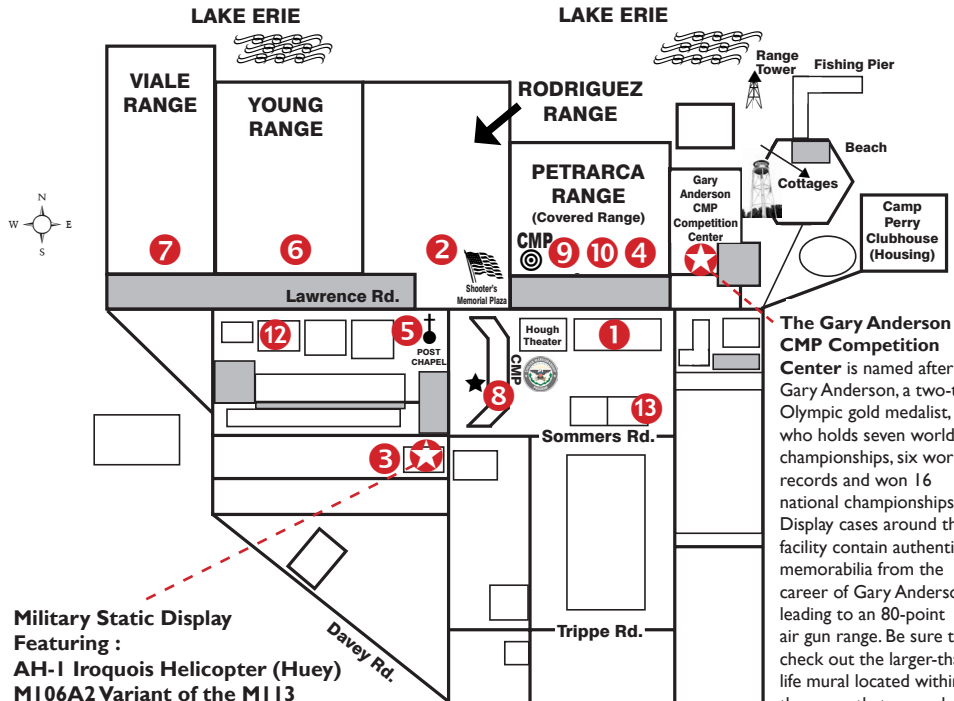


Walking Tour of Heroes of Camp Perry

Welcome to Camp Perry!

For over 100 years, Camp Perry has provided marksmanship training for both military and civilians. It is also the home of many dedicated buildings and ranges that honor some of America's most distinguished soldiers in our military history. We invite you to tour our monuments to these great soldiers and learn of their history.

Instructions: Use the map to help you locate the heroes of Camp Perry.



Military Static Display
Featuring :
 AH-1 Iroquois Helicopter (Huey)
 M106A2 Variant of the M113
 AH-1F Modernized Cobra
 M551 Sheridan
 M1 Abrams
 M4 Sherman
 Merci Train
 Nike Hercules Missile

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center is named after Gary Anderson, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, who holds seven world championships, six world records and won 16 national championships. Display cases around the facility contain authentic memorabilia from the career of Gary Anderson, leading to an 80-point air gun range. Be sure to check out the larger-than-life mural located within the range that can only be found at Camp Perry.

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center is open to the public for Marksmanship Nights
 Tues. & Thur. Nights 5:00pm - 8:00pm

-Open By Appointment-
 Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs. 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
 Call: Catherine Green 419-635-2141 Ext. 704
CLOSED FRIDAYS

1 Building 1 – Post HQ



PFC John N. Reese Jr.
 Jun. 23, 1923 to Feb. 9, 1945
 U.S. Army, Company B,
 148th Infantry,
 37th Infantry Division

PFC John N. Reese Jr. was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II for heroism February 09, 1945, at Paco Railroad Station, Manila, Philippine Islands. PFC Reese and Private Cleto Rodriguez single handedly killed 82 Japanese Soldiers while fighting for their country. The actions of both men “paved the way for subsequent complete defeat of the enemy” and saving the lives of many of their fellow American soldiers.

2 Rodriguez Range



PVT Cleto Rodriguez
 Apr. 26, 1923 to Dec. 7, 1990
 U.S. Army, Company B,
 148th Infantry,
 37th Infantry Division

PVT Cleto Rodriguez was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Heroically killing 82 Japanese soldiers with PFC John N. Reese Jr. “Two days later, PVT Rodriguez again enabled his comrades to advance when he single-handedly killed 6 Japanese and destroyed a well-placed 20-mm. gun by his outstanding skill with his weapons, gallant determination to destroy the enemy and heroic courage in the face of tremendous odds. PVT Rodriguez, on two occasions, materially aided the advance of our troops in Manila.”

3 Original Mess Hall*



PFC Joseph J. Cicchetti
 Jun. 8, 1923 to Feb. 9, 1945
 U.S. Army, Company A,
 148th Infantry,
 37th Infantry Division

PFC Joseph J. Cicchetti was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by aiding the wounded during a fierce battle with the enemy. “As he approached the casualties, he was struck in the head with a shell fragment, but with complete disregard for his gaping wound he continued to his comrades, lifted one and carried him on his shoulders 50 yards to safety. He then collapsed and died.”

***The original Mess Hall was destroyed in the 1998 Tornado. Plans are currently under way to rededicate the memorial circle to PFC Cicchetti.

4 Petrarca Range



PFC Frank J. Petrarca

Jul. 31, 1918 to Jul. 31, 1943
U.S. Army, Medical Detachment,
145th Infantry,
37th Infantry Division

PFC Frank J. Petrarca was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by aiding the wounded during a fierce battle with the enemy. "On July 31, 1943, and against the warning of fellow soldier, he went to the aid of a mortar fragment casualty where his path over the crest of a hill exposed him to enemy observation from only 20 yards distance. A target for intense knee mortar and automatic fire, he resolutely worked his way to within two yards of his objective where he was mortally wounded by hostile mortar fire."

5 Camp Perry Chapel



PFC Anthony L. Krotiak

Aug. 15, 1915 to May 8, 1945
U.S. Army, Company I,
148th Infantry,
37th Infantry Division

PFC Anthony L. Krotiak was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by sacrificing himself to save his fellow soldiers. "A grenade thrown from above landed in the center of the group. Instantly pushing his comrades aside and jamming the grenade into the earth with his rifle butt, he threw himself over it, making a shield of his body to protect the other men. The grenade exploded under him, and he died a few minutes later."

6 Young Range



PVT Rodger W. Young

Apr. 28, 1918 to Jul. 31, 1943
U.S. Army, Company B,
148th Infantry,
37th Infantry Division

PVT Rodger W. Young was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. "Despite the wounds, he continued his heroic advance, attracting enemy fire and answering with rifle fire. When he was close enough to his objective, he began throwing hand grenades, and while doing so was hit again and killed. PVT. Young's bold action in closing with this Japanese pillbox and thus diverting its fire, permitted his platoon to disengage itself, without loss, and was responsible for several enemy casualties."

7 Viale Range



2LT Robert M. Viale

Apr. 21, 1916 to Feb. 5, 1945
U.S. Army, Company K,
148th Infantry,
37th Infantry Division

2LT Robert M. Viale was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by sacrificing himself for his fellow soldiers and civilians. "His wounded right arm weakened, and, as he tried to steady himself, the grenade fell to the floor. In the five seconds before the grenade would explode, he dropped down, recovered the grenade and looked for a place to dispose of it safely. Finding no way to get rid of the grenade without exposing his own men or civilians to injury or death, he turned to the wall, held it close to his body and bent over it as it exploded. 2LT Viale died in a few minutes, but his heroic act saved the lives of others."

8 Bldg 3 - Bataan Armory



2LT Albert E. Baesel

Mar. 21, 1890 to Sept. 27, 1918
U.S. Army, Company B,
148th Infantry,
37th Infantry Division

2LT Albert E. Baesel was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by attempting to save a fellow soldier. "After thrice repeating his request and permission having been reluctantly given, due to the heavy artillery, rifle, and machine gun fire, and heavy deluge of gas in which the company was at the time, accompanied by a volunteer, he worked his way forward, and reaching the wounded man, placed him upon his shoulders and was instantly killed by enemy fire."

Other Ohio Heroes:

9 BG Ammon Critchfield

Father Of Camp Perry

10 BG Charles Dick

Father of the Modern
National Guard

10 BG William McMaken

Commanding General of
1st Brigade, ONG

10 BG John C. Speaks

Commanding General of
2nd Brigade, ONG

11 MG Benson Hough

Commanding General of
37th Division, ONG

12 MG James C. Clem

20th Adjutant General of Ohio

BG James C. Good

First Ohio Medical Officer
promoted to BG