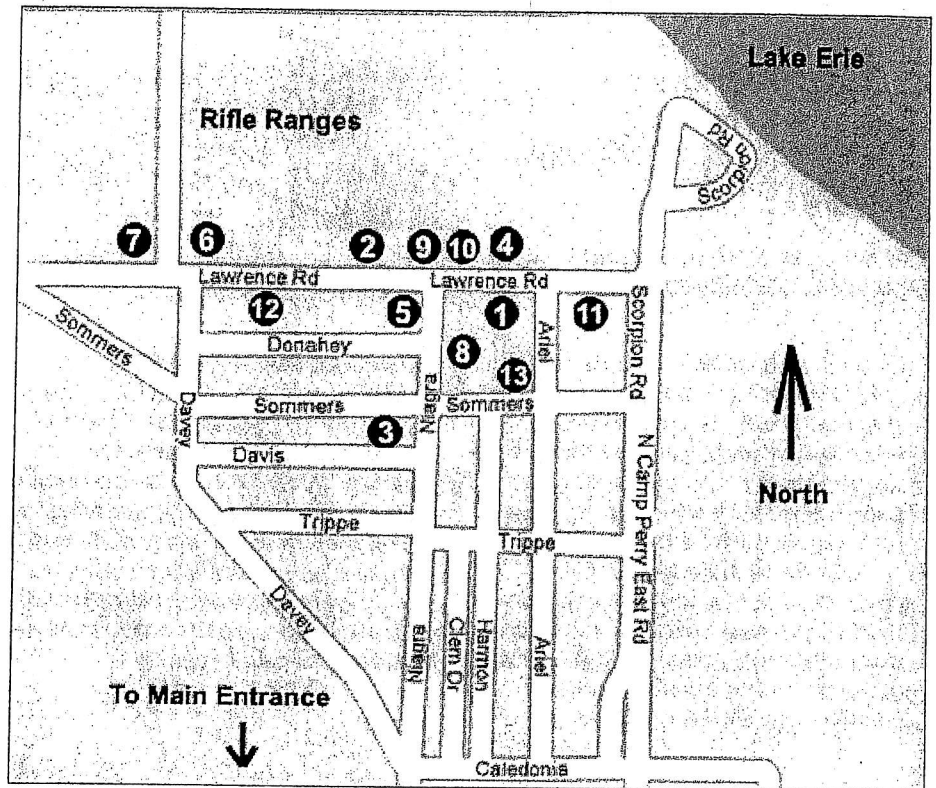


Walking Tour of Heroes of Camp Perry

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.



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

Earned 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

April 26, 1923 to
Dec. 7, 1990

U.S. Army, Company B, 148th
Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Earned 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 2 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

Earned 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 by 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.

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4 Petrarca Range



PFC Frank J. Petrarca

July 31, 1918 to July 31, 1943

U.S. Army, Medical Detachment, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division.

Earned The Medal Of Honor by aiding the wounded during a fierce battle with the enemy. "On 31 July 1943 and against the warning of a 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 2 yards of his objective where he was mortally wounded by hostile mortar fire."

5 Camp Perry Chapel



PFC Anthony L. Krotiak

August 15, 1915 to Feb. 13, 1946

U.S Army, Company I, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Earned 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

April 28, 1918 to July 31, 1943

U.S. Army, Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Earned 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 handgrenades, 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

April 21, 1916 to Feb 5, 1945

U.S. Army, Company K, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Earned 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 5 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 the civilians to injury or death, he turned to the wall, held it close to his body and bent over it as it exploded. 2d Lt. 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 Sep. 27, 1918

U.S. Army, Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Earn 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 machinegun 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
- 13 **BG James C. Good**
First Ohio medical officer promoted to BG