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The National Rifle and Pistol Matches conduct M-1 Garand shooting match

CAMP PERRY – The National Rifle and Pistol Matches, held annually at the Ohio Army National Guard's Camp Perry, in conjunction with the Civilian Marksmanship Program and the National Rifle Association will conduct an M-1 Garand shooting match at the Viale Range complex, 1000 Lawrence Road, Port Clinton, at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug 5.

The M-1 Garand rifle was carried by American Soldiers in WWII and is credited with being a key element to winning the ground war. There will be approximately 1,000 other shooters participating in the match to include Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio's adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Ohio's assistant adjutant general for Army.

The National Rifle and Pistol Matches, which began July 10 and run through August 14, will host more than 6,000 professional and amateur shooters. The shooting events are broken into three categories: high-power rifle, pistol and smallbore weapons. It is estimated that the National Rifle and Pistol Matches will bring into the local economy 5-10 million in revenue.

The Viale Range complex was built in 1907 for marksmanship training for Ohio National Guard troops, and has hosted the National Rifle and Pistol Matches nearly every year since its opening. The range is named after WWII Medal of Honor recipient 2nd Lt. Robert M. Viale and is home to one of the world's finest 1,000-yard known distance rifle ranges.

Recent renovations to the abutment structure along with the installation of new target carriers will enable this facility to enter into the next 100 years of service with the same level of excellence for marksmanship training.

The general public is invited to attend.

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