

Camp Reynolds Fun-with Facts Sheet

For Kids, Adults & Families

Resources: internet, libraries, grandparents, senior citizens, Camp Reynolds web site (www.campreynolds.com), Camp History Booklet

* For Answers to the Camp Reynolds Fun-with-Facts Sheet, Email art@campreynolds.com and request the answers to the Fun-with-Facts Sheet.

During the time the camp was open there were four USO centers in the Sharon & Greenville area.

Here is a list of the location of the centers.

* Buhl Club in Sharon (visited by 475,000 service members)

* Farrell

* Greenville in Riverside Park (visited by 812,000 service members)

* Greenville in the Methodist Church.

What does the acronym USO stand for? Is the USO still in operation today?

The camp's original name was the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot. On September 21, 1943 it was renamed to Camp Reynolds after the Pennsylvania War Hero Major General John F. Reynolds.

What war and what battle was he killed in?

Col. Zim E. Lawhon was the camp's second commander. He died on November 8, 1943 while serving as commander. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery. Where is Arlington Cemetery?

One of the main reasons the camp was built in Pymatuning Township in Mercer County was because of the good railroad facilities. There were four Class One Railroad systems in the general area (which was unusual for an area this size).

Name the four railroad systems.

The camp had eight commanders; there were 4 Colonels, 1 Lt. Colonel, 1 Brigadier General, and 2 Majors.

Which is the highest ranking? Colonel or Lt. Colonel or Brigadier General or Major

The camp was built to house 90,000 soldiers. There were over 1000 buildings.

What types of buildings were needed to house, feed, train, and care the soldiers?

Some of the soldiers at the camp wore an arm band with MP on it. What does the acronym MP stand for?

Lt. Lydia Briggs of Attleboro, MA was the first WAC at the camp. What does acronym WAC stand for?

During the time of the camp's existence there was only one bridge across the Shenango River near the camp.

What is the name of that bridge which still stands today but is no longer used? Have you ever visited this bridge?

In 1943 the Governor of Pennsylvania came to the camp to dedicate the new Amphitheater at the camp.

What was the Governor's name? What is an amphitheater?

There were many big name entertainers and sports personalities that came to the camp to entertain the troops.

Listed below are some of those entertainers and sports personalities.

Entertainers

Judy Garland (Movie Star & Singer)

List a few movies she was in & name a few songs she sang.

Benny Goodman (Big Band Musician & Band Leader)

List some of the songs his band performed.

Louis Armstrong (Jazz Musician)

List some of the songs he sang and played. What was his nickname?

Sports Personalities - What sports were these people associated with?

Joe Louis -

Lou Boudreau -

Art Rooney -