

Camp Reynolds Fun with Facts Sheet - Questions

For Kids, Adults & Families

Resources:

www.campreynolds.com, Camp Reynolds History Book, Library, parents, grandparents and senior citizens.

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)
- * Greenville in Riverside Park (visited by 812,000 service members)
- * Farrell
- * 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 1500 buildings.

What types of buildings were needed to house, feed, and care for 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 -

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What does the acronym USO stand for? United Service Organizations

Is the USO still in operation today? Yes

What war and what battle was Major General John F. Reynolds killed in? Civil War / Battle of Gettysburg

Where is Arlington Cemetery? Arlington County, Virginia (across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.)

Name the four railroad systems. Pennsylvania, Erie, Bessemer, New York Central

Which is the highest ranking? Brigadier General

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

Barracks, Latrines, Mess Halls, Infirmarys, etc.

What does the acronym MP stand for? Military Police

What does acronym WAC stand for? Women's Army Corps

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

What was the Governor's name who visited the Camp in 1943? Edward Martin

What is an amphitheater? an open-air venue used for entertainment, performances, and sports.

Entertainers & Sports Personalities that visited the Camp

Judy Garland (Movie Star & Singer)

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

Movies... The Wizard of Oz (1939) / Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) / A Star Is Born (1954)

Songs... Over The Rainbow / I Got Rhythm / Dear Mr. Gable: You Made Me Love You

Benny Goodman (Big Band Musician & Band Leader)

List some of the songs his band performed. Sing Sing Sing / On the Sunny Side of the Street / Moonglow

Louis Armstrong (Jazz Musician)

List some of the songs he sang and played. Wonderful World / When the Saints Go Marching In / Hello, Dolly!

What was his nickname? Satchmo or Pops

Sports Personalities - What sports were these people associated with?

Joe Louis - Professional Boxing / World Heavyweight Champion

Lou Boudreau - Professional Baseball / Played for & Coached the Cleveland Indians

Art Rooney - Professional Football / Founding Owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers

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