



Ohio Veterans Homes Military Museum

The Ohio Veterans Homes (OVH) maintains a museum and reference library dedicated to its residents and the various conflicts in which they have served. At the behest of the OVH residents interested in the historical legacy of the Home, the Ohio Military Heritage Association was founded in 2004.

The members assist and advise the Ohio Veterans Homes (formerly the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home) administrators regarding the historical impact of the home and its residents on the local community, state and nation. Additionally, the Ohio Military Heritage Association is dedicated to expanding the present museum and significantly adding to the collections and purpose as well as preserving the historical monuments and structures on the 99 acres of the home, thus providing searchable archives.

With oversight provided by OVH administrators, the museum is operated and run by resident veterans who have a deep commitment to the collections and preservation of OVH artifacts, as well as artifacts from the Spanish American War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since the Ohio Military Heritage Association is a 501 C-3 non-profit organization, there is no charge to enter the museum, however, we gratefully accept monetary donations. We thank you for your interest in the Ohio Veterans Homes Museum.

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Ohio Veterans Homes Museum
3416 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-625-2545 ext. 1447



Military Museum

Hours of Operation are:

Wednesday through Sunday

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY



I.F. Mack Memorial Building

Ohio Veterans Home - Sandusky
3416 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-625-2454



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Naomi R. Twine
Museum Manager

Greetings,

We cordially invite you to visit the OVH Museum on your next visit to the area.

We are conveniently located on the grounds of the Ohio Veterans Home with access from Milan Road (Rt. 250) or Columbus Ave. in Sandusky.

The museum staff is comprised of OVH resident workers and volunteers who take great

pride in what they do. The various artifacts, books and word of mouth history lessons that you will experience are sure to be unforgettable. We hope that when you visit us, you will have learned something you didn't know. So the next time you're in the area, we would greatly appreciate you stopping in.

There is no cover charge for admission, but we graciously accept donations.

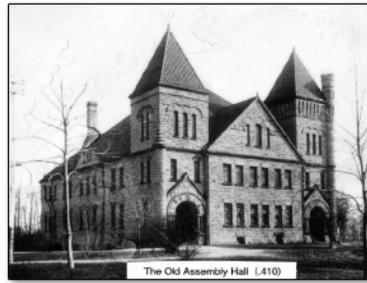
Sincerely,

Naomi R. Twine



"C" Cottage (.433)

One of the original cottages remains standing today.



The Old Assembly Hall (.410)

The Old Assembly Hall features a building that was torn down in the 1970's. In its place is the Secret Nursing Facility, which was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1979.

Highlights of War Rooms

Civil War & Spanish-American Room

- Nineteenth century artifacts include different kinds of weaponry
- Group photos, hats, music instruments, medals



The Great War - World War I Room

- Early Twentieth century weaponry
- German water-cooled machine gun and belt loader
- Personal items, uniforms, local draft notice, posters

World War II Room

- Rotating exhibit includes US and enemy weapons, uniforms, medals, badges and insignias
- Battle of the Bulge mural, field music organ and a photo history of this war are prominent features

Korea, Vietnam to Present Room

- Uniforms of different branches of service, pictures and miscellaneous memorabilia
- Vietnam Wall commemorations from The Wall Visit, '97

Ohio Veterans Home History Room

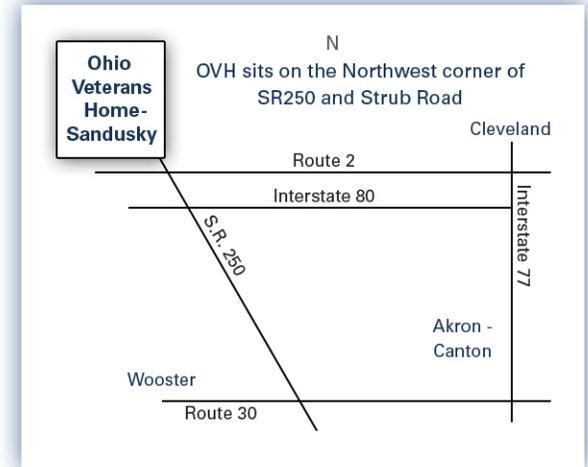
- Documents and photographs provide insights to life in the early days and in more recent times
- Artifacts from cottages, assembly hall, dining room and other functional buildings

Veterans Organizations Room

- Memorabilia of the GAR, USWV, AL, VFW, DAV, MCL and each of their affiliates honor deeply treasured memories of fallen comrades

Johnson's Island Preservation Society

- Artifacts from the Confederate Civil War Prison on Johnson Island are displayed.



The museum is housed in a Richardsonian architectural style building called the I.F. Mack Building. Named after prominent Sandusky resident and the first President of the Board of Trustees, Isaac Foster Mack. In 1888, the original administration offices of the then named Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home was housed in the I.F. Mack Building.

Since opening in the I.F. Mack Building in 1996, the Ohio Veterans Home Museum has consistently increased it's number of visitors on an annual basis. Support from local museums, the Erie County Visitor's Bureau, as well as community members at large have extolled the wonderful cultural content of this gem hiding in plain site on Route 250. We invite you to stop by and tour this wonderful historic landmark filled with priceless treasures.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Sunday
12:00 to 4:00 pm, or by appointment

Open for individuals, families and group tours.

Please make a reservation for a group tour or to use the library by calling 419-625-2454 ext. 1447.