FINAL

Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP)
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025

1. Call to Order and RAB General Business

The RVAAP RAB meeting for the Installation Restoration Program was called to order by Sarah Lock (Paris Township), Community Co-Chair, at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center (CJAG), Environmental Office Building (1071), 8451 State Route 5, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Sarah Lock opened the meeting by detailing that the site tour would visit three sites and would also include taking a group photograph. Sarah Lock introduced Todd Garland, the new representative for Braceville Township, who is replacing Rebecca Rood. Sarah Lock also announced that Eileen Mohr and Ed Samec have resigned from the RAB. Thank you cards for the resigned members were signed by all in attendance. Sarah Lock asked Susan (Soo) Porter, RAB Administrator, to take the roll call.

The meeting attendance was recorded as 13 RAB members present, with four (4) excused absences and three (3) unexcused absences. There are three (3) RAB member vacancies. The RAB Members in attendance were as follows:

LTC Shaun Robinson (Army Co-Chair)
Brian Miller (Windham Twp.)
Adam Eskridge (Charlestown Twp.)
Nick Roope (Ohio EPA)
Delbert Woloski (Newton Falls Twp.)
Don Jones (Charlestown Twp.)
James Mayer (Garrettsville)
Sarah Lock (Paris Twp., Community Co-Chair)
Brad King (Newton Falls)
Dan Spicer (Paris Twp.)
Denise Smith (Paris Twp.)
Dorene Spicer (Paris Twp.)
Todd Garland (Braceville Twp.)

The Administrative/Advisory attendees present were as follows:
Katie Tait (Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) Restoration Program Representative), Kevin Sedlak (Plateau GRP, Army National Guard Restoration Project Manager), and Soo Porter (Chenega, RAB Administrator).

Other visitors included LTC Tom Race, OHARNG, and the new RAB Applicant, Kathy Rapczak.

Since a quorum of RAB members was not present at the general business portion of the meeting, Sarah Lock confirmed that the RAB could not approve the RAB meeting minutes from December 11, 2024, and May 21, 2025, and tabled them for the next meeting in December 2025. Sarah Lock announced that although the Membership Committee had voted to approve Kathy Rapczak for membership on the RAB, she could not be voted onto the RAB at this meeting since a quorum was not present. This was also tabled for the December 2025 meeting. Sarah Lock informed Kathy Rapczak that she was very welcome to be at this meeting.

Sarah Lock referred to the two vacancies on the RAB that resulted from the resignation of Ed Samec and Eileen Mohr and informed everyone that the new member survey could be found on the RVAAP public website, rvaap.org.

Sarah Lock thanked Katie Tait for the July 2025 RVAAP Review newsletter.

Sarah Lock confirmed that the next RAB meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. and the location and agenda for the meeting were to be determined.

CJAG Military Operations Summary/Update
Sarah Lock asked LTC Robinson if he had any updates or information he wished to share with the RAB. LTC Robinson thanked Todd Garland for his interest in the group, and he stressed that being on the RAB was an opportunity for the community to hear what is happening at the base and to ask questions and take answers back to the community.

Sarah Lock asked Katie Tait if she was aware of any upcoming public meetings. Katie Tait responded that there were no public meetings currently scheduled for the restoration program other than the December RAB meeting.

2. Site Tour Presentation
Sarah Lock introduced Katie Tait who gave a site tour presentation. The presentation consisted of a series of slides describing the three sites on the tour, which are Atlas Scrap Yard, Muti-Purpose Machine Gun Range (formerly Winklepeck Burning Grounds), and C Block Quarry. The presentation slides are attached (Attachment 2).

Following the presentation, Sarah Lock asked Katie Tait if there were any updates on the historical marker. Katie Tait responded that the agency responsible for the markers has lost a lot of staff and she has not heard any news about the marker. She indicated that she would check on the status of the marker. Katie Tait indicated that the goal is to have the marker dedicated in August 2026 as that is the 85th anniversary for when the first ammunition shell was produced at the facility. Sarah Lock thanked Katie Tait for being so intentional regarding the timeline.

Sarah Lock asked if there were any questions and there were none. The RAB meeting attendees boarded the tour bus at 4:50 p.m. for the tour. The RAB members visited Atlas Scrap Yard, Winklepeck Burning Grounds (MPMG range), and C Block Quarry during the tour.

The bus returned back to the Environmental Office building at 6:40 p.m. and Sarah Lock adjourned the meeting/tour at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Soo Porter, RVAAP RAB Administrator

Attachment 1 – Meeting/Tour Agenda
Attachment 2 – RAB Presentation – RVAAP Restoration Program Tour – A Snapshot of the Sites on the Tour

Attachment 1

RAVENNA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Wednesday – September 10, 2025
TIME: 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center
In Person Environmental Office Building (1071)
8451 State Route 5, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

MEETING AGENDA

4:30 – 5:10 pm	-Call to Order, Attendance, RAB General Business- Sarah Lock, RAB Community Co-Chair -Presentation on sites to be visited during the tour- Katie Tait, OHARNG Restoration Program Manager
5:10 - 5:30	-Load bus for Site Visit/Tour and depart the CJAG Environmental Office
5:30 – 5:45	-Atlas Scrap Yard – Remedial Action Update
5:45 – 6:20	-Winklepeck Burning Grounds/MPMG Range – Military Use Update
6:20 – 6:35	-C Block Quarry – Remedial Action Update
6:35 – 7:00	-Return to the Environmental Office Building - Questions/Comments Adjourn

Note: This meeting is a site tour which will include a brief presentation and a field tour of several restoration program sites at CJAG. This tour is for RAB members only and is not open to the public.

Meeting dates, times, and locations are announced on www.rvaap.org. To participate, please contact Soo Porter, RAB Administrator, at (330) 872-4107 or susan.porter@chenegars.com, or Katie Tait at (614) 336-6136 or kathryn.s.tait.nfg@army.mil.

Attachment 2

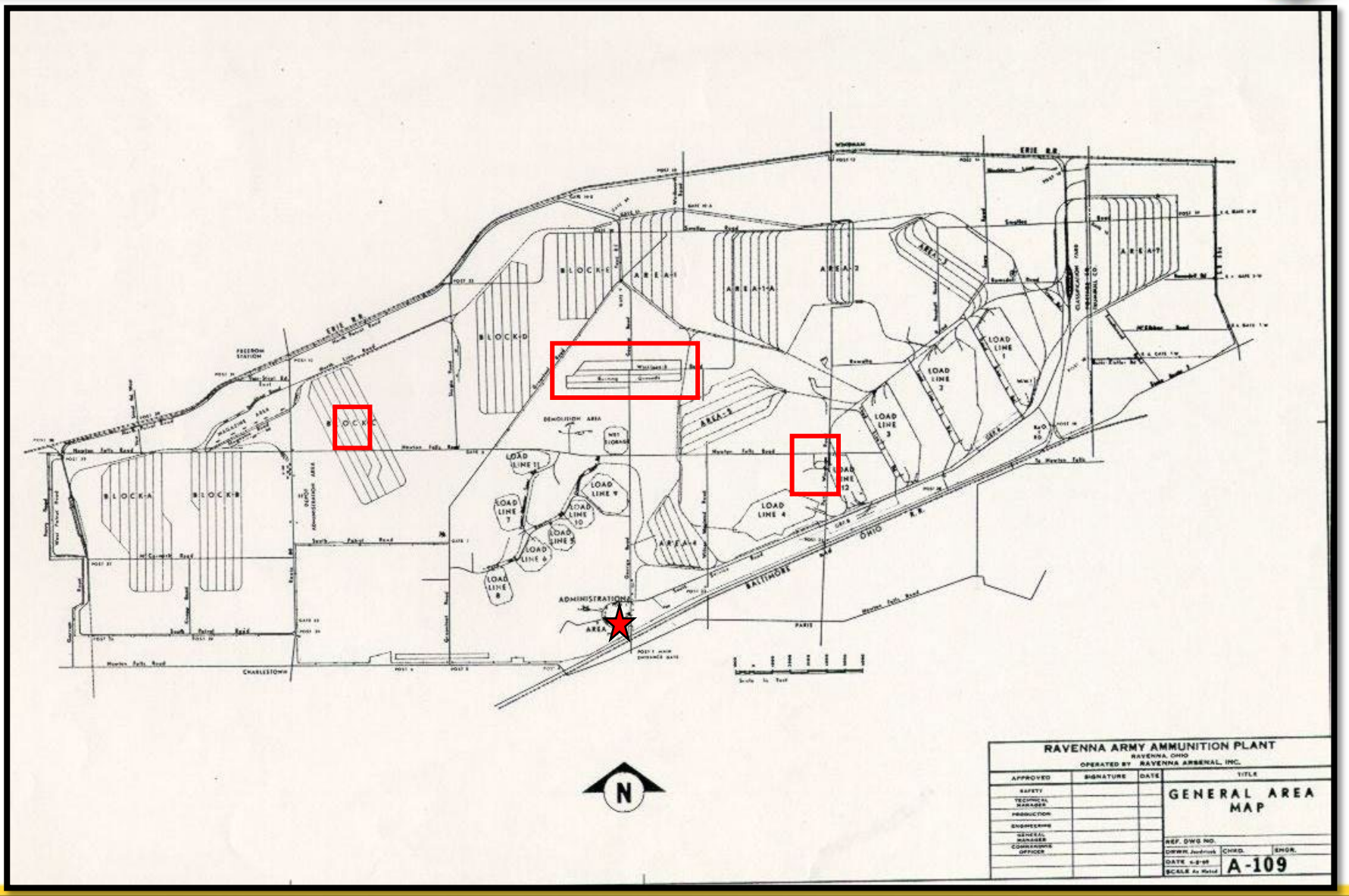
RVAAP Restoration Program Tour

A Snapshot of the Sites on the Bus Tour

Presented by: Katie Tait, OHARNG Restoration Program Manager

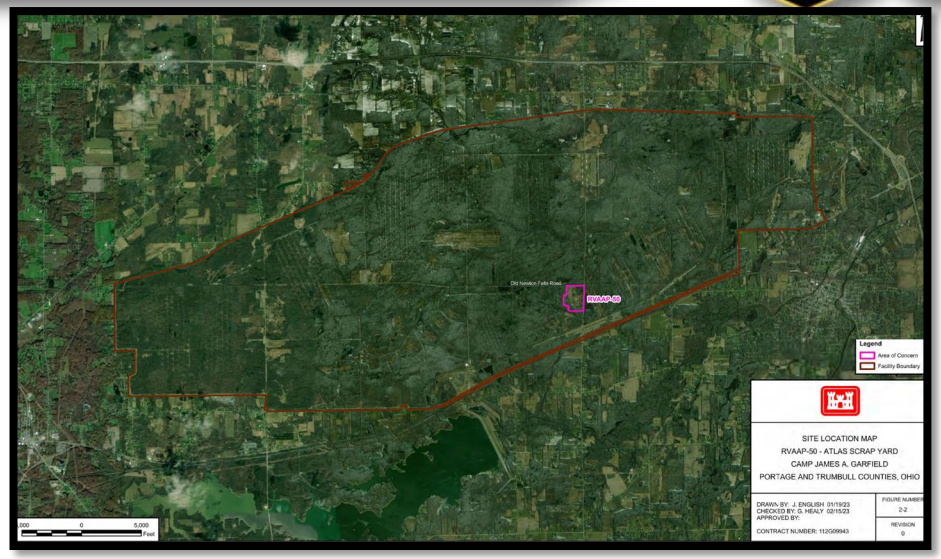
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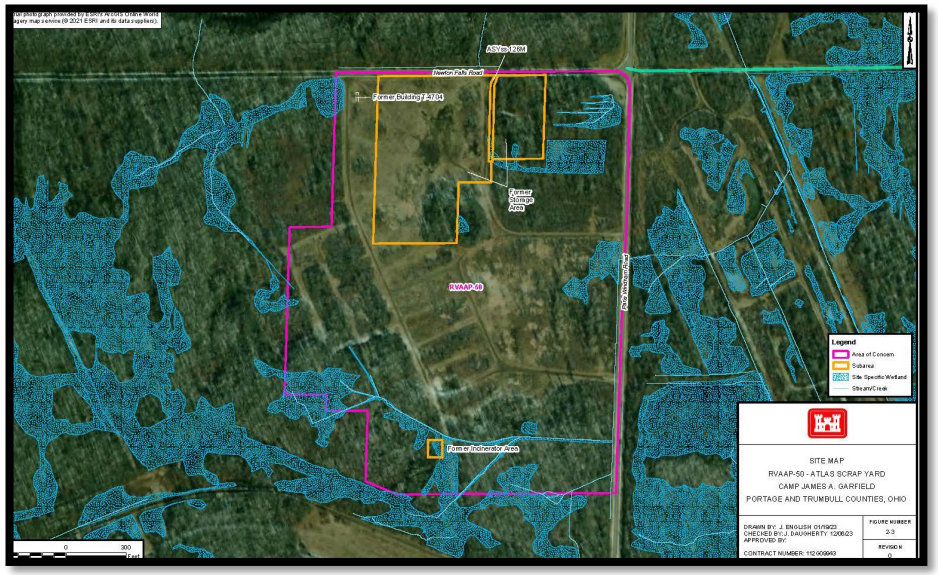
RAB Tour – Site Vicinity Map



RVAAP-50 Atlas Scrap Yard

- Original construction camp; Storage yard for bulk materials; Staging area for salvaged ammunition boxes
- A soil remedial action including a soil excavation and offsite disposal in 1 area and excavation, thermal treatment, and backfill in 1 area was completed in early 2025.
- 350cy of soil were thermally treated, sampled and used for backfill; 667cy of soil were excavated and properly disposed offsite.
- Site restoration including wetlands restoration was completed.
- Site will be used for military training.





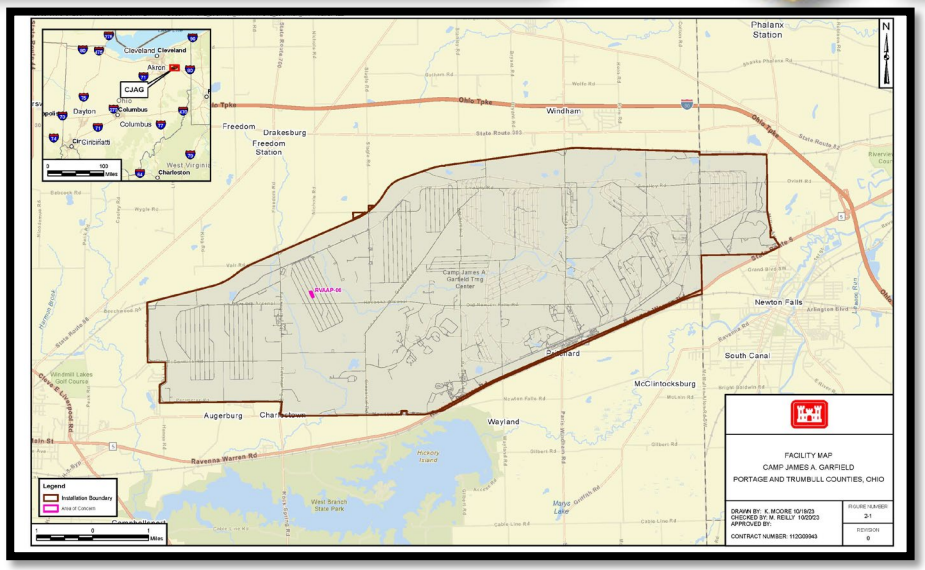
RVAAP-05 Winklepeck Burning Grounds

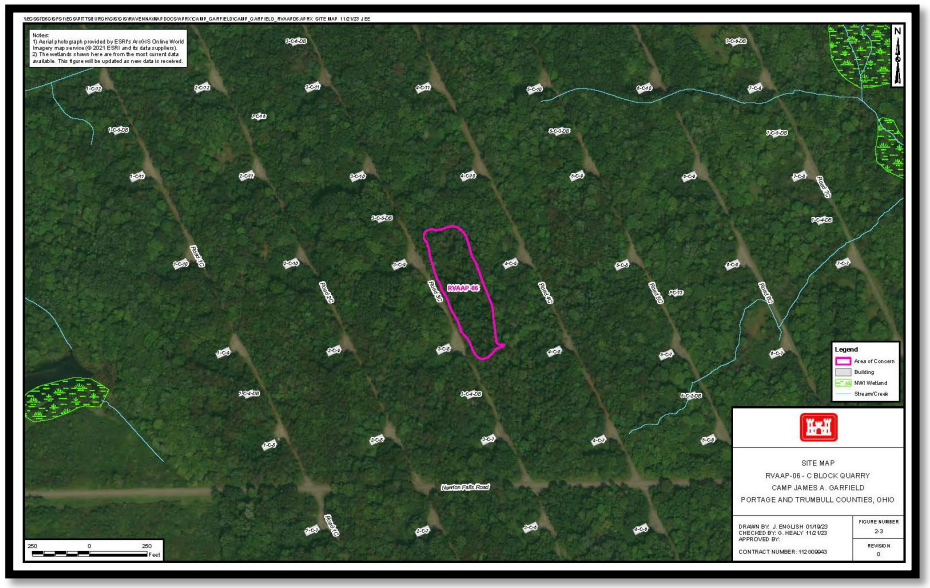
- Historical operations included destruction of explosives from various munitions, bulk explosives, propellants, and explosive-contaminated combustible materials- used open burning- originally conducted in burn pits and pads and then in metal refractory lined trays.
- Multiple investigations and remedial actions were completed from 1996 – 2018; Site achieved commercial/industrial use and is currently in long term management with limited restrictions.
- A MK19 range was originally constructed and then a MPMG range was constructed in 2023. MPMG range is actively used for weapons firing and qualification which has increased soldier throughput and training at CJAG.



RVAAP-06 C Block Quarry

- Former quarry for Homewood Sandstone that was used for road and construction base material; Was used in the 1950s/1960s as a disposal area for annealing process waste and other debris materials.
- A Remedial Action consisting of surficial asbestos removal and disposal and installation of signage and siebert stakes was conducted in March 2025.
- Due to residual asbestos, the site is restricted access and will require long term management.





Other Things Along the Route











Safety Reminders

- Bugs – Watch for bees, wasps and other flying insects. If you need bug spray, let me know.
- Slips, Trips, Falls - Watch your step getting on and off the bus and also while at each site – Watch for rocks or divots – If you need extra assistance, please let me or Soo know.
- Restrooms – Please use the restrooms in this building prior to the field visit. No good access to restrooms while we are in the field.