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NAMING NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS

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You asked what naming convention states surrounding Connecticut use for National Guard camp sites.

In the other five New England states and New York, National Guard camp sites are generally named after military service members and governors. Connecticut and New Hampshire both have one camp named for the location (see Table 1 below).

TABLE 1: NAMES OF NATIONAL GUARD CAMP TRAINING FACILITIES

State	National Guard Camp/Training Facility Name
Connecticut	<i>Camp Niantic</i> * - named for location
	<i>Camp Hartell</i> - named for Medal of Honor recipient 1st Lt. Lee R. Hartell (Korea)
Maine	<i>Camp Keyes</i> - named for Civil War Commander, Maj. Gen. Erasmus Darwin Keyes
Massachusetts	<i>Camp Edwards</i> - named for Maj. Gen. Clarence Edwards
	<i>Camp Guild</i> - named for former service member and governor, Brig. Gen. Curtis Guild
New Hampshire	<i>Center Strafford Training Site</i> - named for location, Strafford, NH
New York	<i>Camp Smith Training Site</i> - named for Governor Alfred E. Smith
Rhode Island	<i>Camp Varnum</i> - named for General James Mitchell Varnum
Vermont	<i>Camp Johnson</i> (1945) - named for Adjutant General Herbert Thomas Johnson

*In 2010, Connecticut's legislature voted to permanently name the Niantic-located National Guard training site, which for decades had been named for sitting governors, "Camp Niantic" ([PA 10-69](#)).

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