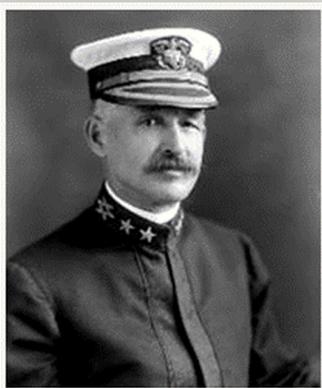


# Camp Parks Remembers 70 Years of History



**Rear Adm. Charles W. Parks**

Looking at the namesake of Camp Parks you notice that it's named after Rear Adm. Charles W. Parks which might lead one to wonder why is an Army Reserve Installation is named after a Naval Officer. Why is Camp Parks named after Rear Adm. Parks? Why is it now an Army Installation and when was Camp Parks established?

The simple answer is that when Camp Parks was officially established in Jan. 19 1943 it was a Naval Training Camp for the Navy Seebes. Overtime, which was marked by inactivity, possession by the Air Force and eventual Army property, Parks today is officially designated as an Army Garrison under the Installation Management Command.

Today Camp Parks is home to more than twenty Army Reserve Units, The Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, a California National Guard Unit, A U.S. Air Force Satellite communication station and a Women's Federal Correctional Institution and a Detachment of Navy Seebes.

On Feb 9 Camp Parks will commemorate its 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a 5K run and a Public Cake Cutting Ceremony. ([Click here for more information](#))

For a more detailed history of Camp Parks go to <http://www.militarymuseum.org/CpParks.html>