

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Harrisburg 19th Street Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 1313 South 19th Street

city/town: Harrisburg not for publication: N/A
vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Dauphin code: 043 zip code: 17104

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public-state

Category of Property: building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Pennsylvania
National Guard Armories

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Brent D. Glass
Signature of certifying official

10/7/91
Date

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

 entered in the National Register.

 See continuation sheet.

 determined eligible for the National Register.

 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the National Register.

 removed from the National Register.

 other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

Current: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Moderne

Materials:

foundation concrete

walls stucco

roof unknown

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: statewide

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): _____

Areas of Significance: Military
Architecture

Period of Significance: 1938-1940 _____

Significant Dates: 1938 _____

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Good, Jr., Edmund George
Schmitt, Carl J. and Son

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register.

previously determined eligible by the National Register.

designated a National Historic Landmark.

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

X State historic preservation office.

Other state agency.

Federal agency.

Local government.

University.

Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: .5

UTM References:

A 18 342440 4457000 B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing D Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description:

X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description.

Fronted by a concrete wall, the Harrisburg 19th Street Armory consists of a stucco covered concrete building built in 1938 and designed in the Moderne style. The armory was built into a slight hill sloping upward toward the rear of the building. It has a modified T plan with administrative rooms located in the exposed basement and first floor of the front section, and a garage on the first floor and drill hall on the second floor of the rear section. In 1974 an L-shaped addition was completed on the south end and southeast corner of the 1938 building. Covering an approximate area of 16,556 square feet, the armory retains good integrity.

Resting on a concrete foundation, the armory is covered by flat roofs. Exterior features include a parapet and slightly recessed panels of casement windows. The concrete wall fronting the armory is original to the 1938 building and complements its Moderne styling. It has a curvilinear profile and designs of chevrons, cannons and the letters "PNG" impressed into it.

Having a decorative cornice, the main (West) elevation of the front administrative section is divided in half by a central entrance bay. Possessing a higher parapet and fluted, decorative pilasters, the central bay contains a double casement window on the first story and a double door basement entrance with transom sash. A concrete platform with concrete steps on both ends, leading down to 19th Street, is located in front of the central entrance, behind the concrete wall. On each side of the entrance bay are two slightly recessed panels each containing two basement and two first-story windows. Set back slightly on the right (south) end of the 1938 portion, the front elevation of the 1974 section similarly contains two windows on the basement and first stories.

Five windows are spaced along the south elevation of the addition on both the basement and first stories, while the east or rear elevation includes two stepped sections with two upper windows and a ground-level door opening the right hand section.

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To the rear of the 1974 addition, the south elevation of the rear section consists of four recessed panels of two second-story windows and two large, first-story overhead garage doors opening the two panels left of center. The panel immediately right of center is pierced by first-story metal double doors, and the right end panel contains two first-story windows.

The east (rear) elevation of the rear section shows only the second story exposed above the sloping ground. Consisting of three recessed panels, the center panel contains double doors, while the end panels each contain two windows. A concrete walk leads from the center entrance out to the corner of Hudson Street and Caledonia Street.

Facing a fenced in vehicle compound, the north elevation of the rear section contains five recessed panels each of which are pierced by two first and second-story windows. The north elevation of the administrative section has a recessed panel pierced on the first story by three windows and on the basement by a door. The east elevation of the administrative section, which adjoins the northwest corner of the rear section at first story level, is pierced by a window and metal door.

On the interior, the basement of the administrative section contains a boiler room, coal room, locker room, equipment room, officer's quarters, storage space, and offices, all with concrete floors, along a double loaded corridor. On the first floor, the administrative area contains a kitchen, vault, class rooms, and storage rooms along a double loaded corridor. The basement of the rear section is not excavated. A garage occupies the first floor of the rear section. Several piers with flared capitals support the drill hall which is located on the second floor. Having concrete block walls and a wood floor, the drill hall has a roof that is supported by steel flat Pratt trusses.

Apart from the 1974 addition, no major alterations have been made to the armory. Consequently, the armory retains good integrity.

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8. Significance.

The Harrisburg Armory at 19th Street is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building Property type under the multiple property nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. The armory was designed by Edmund George Good, Jr. of Harrisburg. One of seventeen Pennsylvania armories constructed in 1938, the Harrisburg 19th Street Armory consisted of a T plan with the drill hall located behind an administrative section. An annex built on the south side and southeast corner of the administrative section was completed in 1974 and was designed by Carl J. Schmitt and Son of Wilkes Barre. The armory includes interior spaces typical of T-plan armories including a drill hall, kitchen, boiler room, class room, locker rooms, storage rooms, and offices. The Harrisburg 19th Street Armory represents the common function of armories to serve the Pennsylvania National Guard for storage, meeting, and training. As such it is significant in the context of Pennsylvania's military history as well as representing a distinctive building type.

9. Bibliography.

See section H in Multiple Resource Nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Dauphin County Deed Book C, Volume 24, pages 18 and 19.

HARRISBURG MILITARY
POST

HARRISBURG EAST
QUAD
Dauphin County
ZONE 18

A
340 680 E
4460 380 N
B
340 780 E
4460 040 N

ALSO SEE:
HARRISBURG WEST
QUAD

340 540 E
4459 950 N

D
340 380 E
4460 420 N

HARRISBURG (19m SH)
ARMORY

HARRISBURG EAST
QUAD

ZONE 18

342 440 E

445 7000 N

Dauphin County



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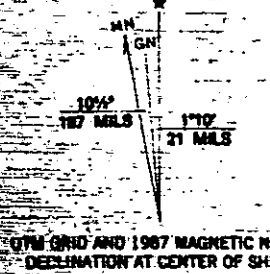
Polyconic projection 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Pennsylvania coordinate system,
south zone

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

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27 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

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