

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Gettysburg Armory

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 315 West Confederate Avenue

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Gettysburg

vicinity: n/a

state: PA county: Adams

code: 001

zip code: 17325

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public - State

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	2	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: PA National Guard Armories

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Date

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Art Deco

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete      roof Asphalt  
                 walls      Brick                              other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.   X   See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

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(s) of Significance: 1938-1939 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : 1938 \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s):   n/a  

Cultural Affiliation:   n/a  

Architect/Builder: Hamme, John B.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.   X   See continuation sheet.

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 9. Major Bibliographical References  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property: 3.86 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	18	307960	4410760	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:   X   See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:    See continuation sheet.

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

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 11. Form Prepared By  
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7. Description

The Gettysburg Armory is a one story, brick building in the Art Deco style. It is on a sloping site which is located on the edge of the Borough of Gettysburg. The setting is semi-rural, near the Gettysburg Battlefield. The administration area for this building is in the basement and the drill hall occupies the entire first floor. The armory has excellent integrity.

The 5 bay by 8 bay building has flemish bond brick walls resting on a concrete foundation. The lateral eaves of the asphalt shingled gable roof parallel the road. There are three entrances from the front facade entering the drill hall. Each entrance has double wood doors and the openings are flanked by fluted pylons. There are two sets of three metal casement windows between the entrances. Metal casement windows are also located on the rear and sides of the building at the first floor and basement levels. The gable ends have vertical strips of glass block.

The interior walls are glazed structural tile and plaster, and the ceilings are plaster. The drill hall has a special soft concrete floor while the basement has regular concrete floors. The interior woodwork is minimal and simple in style. The basement is entered through two rear stair towers which provide access to the drill floor.

The integrity of this building is excellent. The exterior remains intact except for in the rear of the building. An original garage door has been removed and replaced with a matching metal casement window. On the interior a former garage space has been partitioned off for a classroom and storage.

Two new buildings have been added to the site. An Organizational Maintenance Shop has been erected at the bottom of a slope behind the armory. The building dates from the 1950's and it is a one story, painted concrete block building with three garage doors and a gable roof. A prefabricated metal shed dating from 1989 has been constructed on a concrete pad next to the Organizational Maintenance Shop. Both buildings are unobtrusive to the site and are part of continuous military use.

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8. Significance

The Gettysburg Armory 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. It was built in 1938 for Company E of the 103rd Quartermaster Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The architect was John B. Hamme of York. Hamme also designed the Bel Air Armory (N.R. Property) in Bel Air, Maryland. The Gettysburg Armory is one of 17 armories constructed in Pennsylvania in 1938. Most of these were the result of funds from the federal Public Works Administration. This armory also served as shower facilities for a local prisoner of war camp during World War II. Some of the typical spaces in this armory are a locker room, a drill hall, a classroom, a kitchen and offices.

9. Bibliography

Maryland National Guard Armories, National Register Nomination,  
July, 1986.

The Pennsylvania Guardsman, Vols. 1-12, 1938.

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries as described in Adams County Deed Book Volume 146,  
Page 132.

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NE 13  
E 327960  
N 441270

