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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name National Guard Armory
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Elliott Street at Unity Street not for publication
city, town Fort Mill vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county York code 091 zip code 29715

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Properties of Fort Mill
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.
Mary W. Edmonds 4/21/92
Signature of certifying official Date
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History
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:) _____

Entered in the National Register
Alicia Reyes 6/11/92
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Defense: arms storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant: not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Art Deco

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Metal

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Armory is a rectangular brick building constructed about 1938 to provide a meeting place and site for exercises for the local National Guard unit. The building is heavily influenced by the Art Deco style. The facade consists of a central block with tall vertical windows and decorative brick panels, two flanking sections with smaller windows over entrance doors, and two end sections with square windows. The main block's tall windows, four multi-planed brick engaged columns, and low-relief brick designs provide vertical elements which make it appear taller than its one-story height. The windows are industrial steel sash; the three central windows have 35 panes each, the flanking windows six, and the end windows sixteen. Brick detailing includes door surrounds, decorative panels above windows, and triple-planed engaged columns. A barrel roof is concealed behind the facade's parapet. The rear (east) facade, which faces Leroy Street, repeats the design of the front without the entrance doors. The north and south ends have windows with six panes each. There are eight windows on the north end and five on the south with a garage door.

The Armory is surrounded by public and residential uses. It served as a school gymnasium for a number of years after its use as an active armory ended. It is now owned by the local school district, which uses it for storage.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Military

Period of Significance

c.1938

Significant Dates

c.1938

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The National Guard Armory is significant for its architecture and for its association with its role as the military training facility for Fort Mill. The National Guard Armory is Fort Mill's only Art Deco-influenced building. While the style was used freely throughout the state in armory buildings, the style was otherwise relatively rare in South Carolina. The building provided a home for the local National Guard unit in the important period just prior to World War II.

Fort Mill had an outstanding National Guard unit during the period between World Wars I and II, Co. K, 118th Infantry. This unit won a number of awards for excellence in National Guard exercises. The unit's armory facility was located for a number of years in the old City Hall.¹ This space was inadequate, but there were no funds for replacement. In the middle 1930s, funds were available from the federal Works Progress Administration, and the Town of Fort Mill sought a grant.² The new armory was one of over thirty local armories built in South Carolina with WPA funds in the late 1930s.³ The new armory provided an adequate space for the National Guard unit in the period just prior to World War II, and also served as a public space for dances and other events. The building qualifies for the National Register under Criterion A because it is associated with events which have been important to the development of Fort Mill. It qualifies under Criterion C because it possesses the distinctive characteristics of the Art Deco Style, and is the only known example of this style in Fort Mill.

FOOTNOTES:

¹Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 14 April 1932.

²Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 5 August 1935.

³The State (Columbia, S.C.), 26 November 1939.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See full list of bibliographical references in the Multiple Property submission, Historic Properties of Fort Mill. The following references pertain to this individual nomination:

Bradford, William R., Jr. Fort Mill, S.C. Interview, 27 April 1990.
Fort Mill Times (Fort Mill, S.C.), 14 April 1932; 31 September 1933;
5 September 1935; 22 April 1937.
The State (Columbia, S.C.), 26 November 1939.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

S. C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.2 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel 20-04-23-07 as listed in the York County tax records, and is represented on the accompanying map, drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel which has historically been associated with the property.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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Name of property: National Guard Armory
Historic Properties of Fort Mill multiple property
submission

Location of property: York County, South Carolina

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Date: May 1990

1. Facade (N)