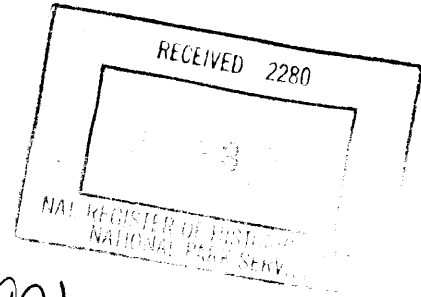


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name **Elizabethtown Armory**  
other names/site number **Hd-E-412**

2. Location

street & number **205 Warfield St.** not for publication **N/A**  
city or town **Elizabethtown** vicinity **N/A**  
state **Kentucky** code **KY** county **Hardin** code **093** zip code **42701**

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*David L. Morgan*  
Signature of certifying official **David L. Morgan, SHPO / Excutive Director** **6-18-02**  
Date

**State Historic Peservation Office/ Kentucky Heritage Council**

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register *Edson H. Beall*  
 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): \_\_\_\_\_

*Jan*  
Signature of Keeper Date  
of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

|               |                 |            |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| Contributing  | Noncontributing |            |
| <u>  1  </u>  | <u>      </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   Kentucky's National Guard Facilities: 1931-1951  

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:   DEFENSE   Sub:   arms storage  

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:   DEFENSE   Sub:   arms storage  

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

  Modern Movement  

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation   Concrete slab    
 roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 walls   Brick    
 other   Limestone  

Narrative Description ( begins p. 7-1)

8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance **MILITARY**

Period of Significance **1948-1949**

Significant Dates **1948**

Significant Person **N/A**

Cultural Affiliation **N/A**

Architect/Builder **Frankel & Curtis, architects**  
**Wehr Construction Co., builders**

Narrative Statement of Significance (begins p. 8-1)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data  
Acreage of Property 1.9 acres

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

|   | Zone Easting | Northing       | Zone Easting | Northing   |                    |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1 | <u>16</u>    | <u>600 820</u> | <u>4172</u>  | <u>830</u> | Elizabethtown Quad |

Verbal Boundary Description and Boundary Justification (see p. 10-2)

11. Form Prepared By  
name/title Kate Carothers

organization Kentucky Archaeological Survey date 4-16-99

street & number 1020A Export St. telephone (606) 257-1944  
city or town Lexington state KY zip code 40502

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Commonwealth of Kentucky

street & number Boone National Guard Center telephone (502) 564-0269

city or town Frankfort state KY zip code 40601

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## Narrative Description

The Elizabethtown Armory (HD-E-412) is located at 205 Warfield Street in a residential area of Elizabethtown. The armory, built in 1948, is composed of a large, two-story, yellow-brick central block with one-story wings on either side. The front, five-bay facade of the building (west elevation) features limestone ornamentation; otherwise, the facade is unadorned. The two wings do not have any decorative detail, except for the limestone sills under the windows. An attached rear drill hall is located behind the main block of the building. The front windows of the building are the original ten-pane metal-framed windows. Originally, three sets of metal or wooden doors were located where a set of double glass doors and two large windows are now. The doors were replaced in the 1970s. Concrete steps lead up to the entrance of the building, which sits on a concrete foundation.

On either side of the building are three hexagonal windows - these are original, as are most of the other windows in the administrative section of the building. The rear drill hall has some of its original windows, and some have been replaced with glass block. On the south elevation is a maintenance/OMS section in the basement. The armory sits on a fall-away lot, so the basement level is not visible from the street.

On the interior of the armory, many of the original features of the building remain, including original wooden doors and hardware, wooden floors on the second floor, and wooden bleachers in the balcony overlooking the drill hall. The original wooden drill hall floor has been replaced with another, newer wooden floor. Most of the original windows are intact, and much of the interior hardware is also intact. The armory's original plaque with its date of construction, architects and engineers (Frankel & Curtis) is located in the entry hall. The builder for the armory was Wehr Construction Company of Louisville.

## Narrative Statement of Significance

The Elizabethtown Armory (HD-E-412) is significant because of its association with the National Guard in Elizabethtown, and for its use as a community center for the citizens of the city. Besides its military duties, the armory has served as a community center for Elizabethtown. The Guard used to hold an annual bean soup dinner at the armory, and wrestling matches, basketball games, trade shows, and wedding receptions all take place in the armory drill hall. It meets National Register eligibility criterion A (historic associations) and criterion C (type of construction). The armory meets the registration requirements established for the armory property type because it possesses integrity of location and setting, materials, design, and association. The armory retains integrity of location because it has not moved, and the setting (residential area), is the same as when the armory was built. The armory retains much of its original materials and design, and it is still owned by the National Guard, so it retains integrity of association.

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The Elizabethtown Armory is one of several armories built in Kentucky soon after the end of World War II. This armory and the one in Somerset are identical to each other in design and plan. The current armory is the first and only National Guard armory built in Elizabethtown. The armory reflects the changing locations of the armories, as they were not located in residential areas until after the war. The armory has served as the home of Battery B, 2/138th Field Artillery since the unit first started there in the early 1940s. This is the only unit to ever be stationed in Elizabethtown.

Battery B from Elizabethtown served in the Vietnam War, along with Headquarters Battery, Batteries A and C from Carrollton and Bardstown, and the Service Battery out of Louisville. These units all served a one-year tour of duty from 1968-1969. Several men from Battery C were killed in a surprise attack on Fire Base Tomahawk, where they were stationed. Other than Vietnam, the unit has not participated in any other wars. Several men did volunteer for service during the Desert Storm conflict, however.

**Verbal Boundary Description** - The parcel designated by the Hardin County PVA as tax map/parcel #220-20-12-016.

**Verbal Boundary Justification** - The chosen boundary for the property includes the armory, related motor pool and parking area, and front yard, for a total of 1.90 acres.

**Bibliography**

Historical Annual of the National Guard of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Author unknown.  
Baton Rouge: Army and Navy Publishing Company, 1938.

Files on the Elizabethtown Armory, located at the Military Records and Research Branch,  
Frankfort.

Interview with SGT Lanham, June 1998.

Interview with Herb Vessio, December 1997.