

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hagerstown Armory

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 328 North Potomac Street N/A not for publication

city, town Hagerstown N/A vicinity of Sixth Congressional District

state Maryland code 24 county Washington code 043

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name State of Maryland, Military Department Contact: Col. Raymond Clift
728-3388 X244

street & number 231 West Hoffman Street

city, town Baltimore N/A vicinity of state Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland 21740

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u> N/A </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hagerstown Armory, erected in 1926, is a two story structure with full basement emulating a Medieval fortification. The structure is brick, with the front block executed in Flemish bond. Attached to the rear of this 2-story main block is a narrower one-story drill hall. A modern one-story brick garage has been added to the rear of the drill hall.

The front (Potomac Street) facade is oriented to the west and consists of two, two-bay wide sections which flank a central block offset by two, three-story towers. In the side sections, windows at first floor level are 4/5 casement with bases set into the stone water table. At second floor level are 4/4 casement windows. All windows have stone sills and flat brick lintels. A line of scalloped stone molding crosses the side sections above the second floor windows. At the roofline six crenelles with stone caps crown each section.

The towers which mark the front entrance to the building are octagonal, with one window in each of their three full sides, 2/5 casement at first and 2/4 casement at second floor levels. Window arches and sills correspond to those of the side sections with the addition of triangular white end stones in the arches. Centered above the second floor windows, in a line corresponding to the scalloped stone molding of the side sections, three square stone panels are set into the tower walls. At the third floor level single 1/1 sash windows are centered in the tower walls with bases set into a stone molding running around the towers. Tower tops are characterized by a ring of scalloped stone molding, surmounted by a ring of brick dentils (r dentils per side of the towers), and topped by two crenelles per side with stone caps.

At center front, three cement steps lead to a segmentally arched entry under which painted metal double doors are recessed 2-3 feet. A stone panel over the arch is inscribed "Maryland National Guard." At second floor level is a 6/4 casement window with stone sill and flat brick arch bracketed with white stones at its corners. A band of scalloped stone trim corresponding to that of the side sections crosses above the window. At the roofline, the stone molding corresponding to the third floor of the towers crosses the center section. The center is topped by two crenelles with stone caps with stone tablet bearing the seal of the State of Maryland centered between them.

The front lawn is bordered by a low hedge.

The north side of the center block contains 3 bays with three 2/3 casement windows at first floor level and three 2/4 casement windows at first floor level and three 2/4 casement windows at second floor level. The scalloped stone molding of the front facade continues around the sides and is surmounted by 8 crenelles with stone caps.

The gable-roofed one story drill hall over full basement is seven bays long, with bays separated by strip buttresses with stone capped set-backs corresponding to the bases and tops of the first floor windows. The basement is faced with stone and contains two 3/2, 6-pane strip windows per bay, except at the second bay to the end where 10 cement stairs with iron pipe railing lead to a double door entry at first floor level. The first floor windows are tall 3/6 sash, one per bay except over the stairs, where there are two smaller windows centered over the doorway. The two sides of the building are identical except that the basement windows have been blocked up on the south side. At the rear of the building is a one story brick garage and fenced motor compound.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1946	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1926 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Applicable Criteria: A, C
 Applicable Exceptions: none
 Significance Evaluated: state

The Hagerstown, Maryland Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the twentieth century. It derives additional significance from its role as a social center for its community, a function it has served continuously since its construction date. Architecturally, the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, including a T shaped plan with a two-story front "head house" section and a one-story perpendicular "drill hall" extending to the rear; its facade is detailed to recall Medieval fortifications, with towers flanking the central entrance, crenellated parapets, and strip buttresses.

The Hagerstown Armory was the home of Company D, 58th Support Battalion, from its construction in 1926 to January 1, 1978 when the Company moved to a new armory building outside of Hagerstown on Route I-70 near Breathedsville. The main reason cited for the relocation was lack of space for vehicle storage and parking at the Potomac Street site.

As part of the 29th Division of Infantry, Hagerstown and Washington County men share in the history of outstanding service by the Division, which was awarded distinguished unit citations and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for its activities in World War II.

After being vacated by the Guard in 1978, the Armory stood vacant until it was taken over by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for use as a field office through 1980.

A 1977 article in Hagerstown's Maryland Herald describes the use made of the facility's basement firing range as a training center for new police officers. In addition to long-time use by local police, the Armory was the scene of dance marathons in the 1930s and more recently has housed wrestling matches, local school basketball games and annual home builders' show.

Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records, Baltimore County, Liber EO 170/339.
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Washington Infantry Journal Press, 1979.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 0.50 acres

Quadrangle name Hagerstown, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 1.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Maryland Historical Trust date July 1980; revised 7/1985

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature  8-14-85

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

See Continuation sheet for listings date
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

In Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland:

Being the southernmost one hundred (100) feet, of all of that lot or parcel of ground situate and lying on the east side of North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, and having a frontage of one hundred (100) feet, on said street, and extending back there from with that uniform width a distance of two hundred forty (240) feet more or less, to a public alley, and being all of lot No. 287 and the southern eighteen (18) feet, of lot No. 288 on the General Plan of Hagerstown, Maryland...

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property comprises the total parcel historically associated with the resource.