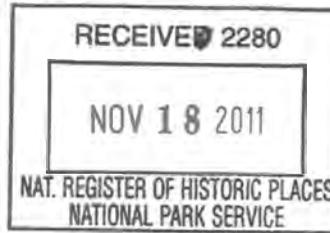


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name War Memorial Building

other names/site number NA

2. Location

street & number 103 North B Street NA not for publication

city or town Lenoir City vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Loudon code 105 zip code 37771

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 for 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.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

November 7, 2011
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
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 certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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]
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

12/29/2011

War Memorial Building
Name of Property

Loudon County, Tennessee
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in count)

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

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

Contributing

Noncontributing

1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: civic/meeting hall

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: civic/meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MODERN MOVEMENT

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation MASONRY; BRICK
walls MASONRY

roof METAL
other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Summary Paragraph

The War Memorial Building is located in downtown Lenoir City (pop. 8,092), TN, at the southeast corner of the intersection of West First and North B streets. It was completed in 1951 to honor residents of Lenoir City who served in the military and perished in the conflicts. The entirety of the building consists of two continuous sections. The main section is a two-story brick structure with a continuous concrete foundation that exhibits characteristics of modern mid-twentieth century architectural trends, such as a simple rectangular massing and minimal ornamentation. The secondary section is a small one story barrel-vaulted gymnasium. Inside, where the gymnasium, auditorium and meeting rooms are, the finishes include tile and wood floors, painted concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls, and acoustic asbestos tile ceilings. The building's immediate environs are most accurately described as urban, with a high density of historic multi-story commercial buildings and detached single family housing; a mix of commercial, residential, social/civic, and governmental uses; and proximity to major transportation corridors such as TN/U.S. Scenic Highway 95/321 and Interstate highways 40 and 75.

Narrative Description

The west façade fronts North B Street. It consists of three large bays, with the central bay projecting slightly from the plane of the building. The central bay is characterized by a deeply recessed one story entryway. Influences of modern architecture, particularly the decorative elements created and expressed from structure itself, are observable throughout the façade, including the brickwork resembling quoins at the building's edges and corners and the slight banding of the concrete roofline capping.

Casement windows are located on the west elevation and are original to the building. Windows are actually two casements set with several fixed panes. They have an industrial aesthetic and are attached to the frame with a vertically oriented hinge. A hand crank at the base of the window frame enables each window to be open and closed. Window profiles are rectangular in shape, horizontal in orientation, and are relatively unadorned except for the soldier coursing found at the top and sides. Each window has roughly twenty individual lights organized in a square metal frame. At the base of the window frame is a horizontal course of rowlocks.

The end bays each have three windows on the first and second floors. The central bay has windows only on the second floor; the main entry is centered on the first floor. The building is accessible through two sets of double doors located within the recessed entry. These doors are modern, and each set of double doors is surmounted by a horizontal transom consisting of six lights. On the brick wall space between the sets of doors are three plaques, recognizing by name all the individuals from Lenoir City who died in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

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The north elevation offers a lengthwise view of the two story section and the auditorium/gymnasium section. On this elevation, there are two windows on the top and bottom floors of the two story section. The auditorium/gymnasium roof structure is clearly visible. Corrugated metal roofing material is found throughout the roof covering. Windows have been removed from this section, as indicated by the presence of bricked rectangular silhouettes.

The east elevation is dominated by a brick stepped parapet roofline that shields the vaulted auditorium/gymnasium roof. The parapet serves as a design feature only. One set of steel double doors and two single steel doors are found on this elevation. There are no window openings.

The south elevation runs alongside an alley and is nearly obscured by the adjacent building. Window spaces on the first floor of the two story section and on the auditorium / gymnasium section have been bricked. The top floor of the two story section has two windows.

The main entryway opens into an open two-story lobby with concrete masonry gray and white walls. The floor is finished with large black and white square tiles that form four "X" shapes. Small hallways to the left and right lead respectively to the American Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary meeting rooms and to staircases (one on each side) leading to the second floor. Walls are concrete masonry. The original ceiling is obscured by acoustic drop ceiling tiles.

There are two doors leading from the lobby into the gymnasium / auditorium. The gym measures 100 by 120 feet, with wood bleachers along the north and south sides of the basketball court. The gymnasium floor is wood with a standard clear finish. A small wood stage is located at the eastern end of the court, elevated roughly three feet from the ground level. The interiors have no notable ornamentation.

Two wood staircases lead up each side of the building and terminate at a grand open room that comprises nearly the entirety of the second floor. This room has its original wood floor with a standard clear finish. To the left, a non-permanent partition separates a small kitchen nook, restroom, and serving area from the rest of the open space. A small separate room to the right has a small stage area and ample seating room. Walls are concrete masonry and asbestos ceiling tiles are found in all rooms. The interiors have no notable ornamentation.

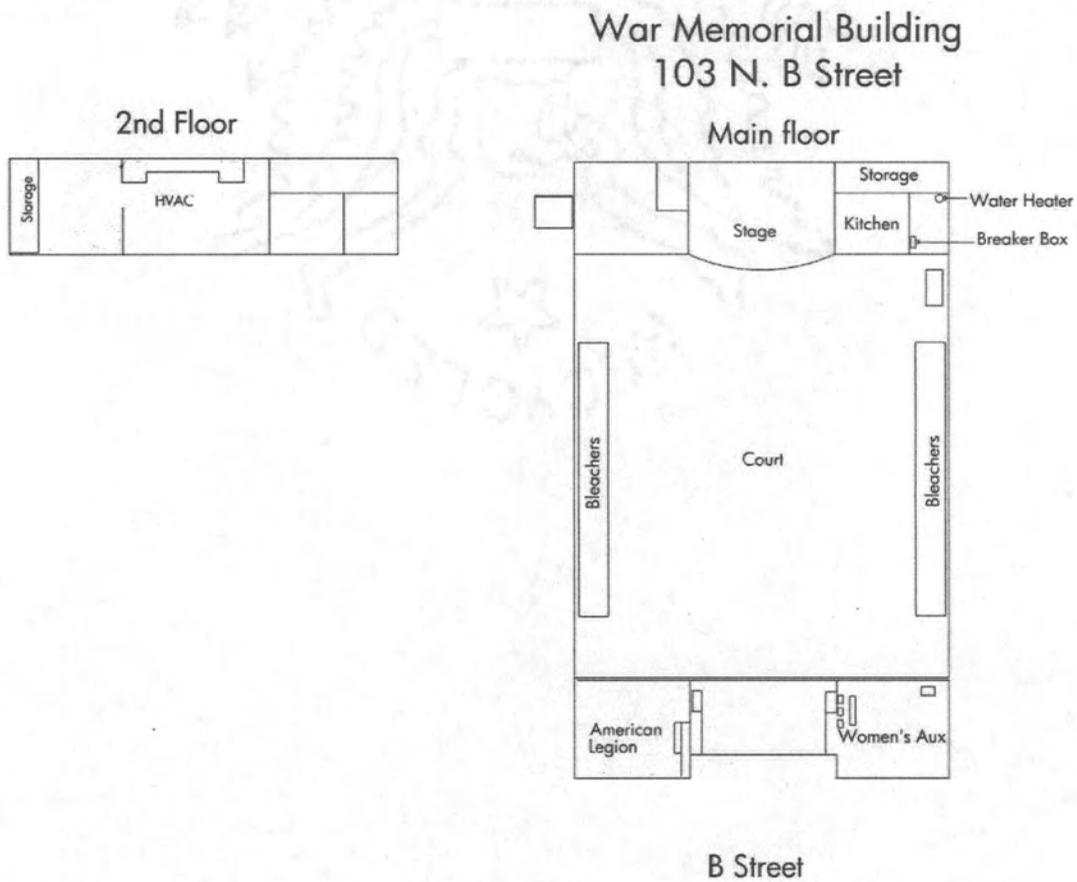
A few changes have been made to the building over the last forty years, but none of them were significant. In 1977, gas heaters and air conditioning units were installed. A drop ceiling was installed in the gymnasium in 1982. In 1998, a handicap accessible restroom was installed, and in 2001, the front doors were changed from the original wood to similar style metal doors. The most recent changes were made in 2004, when several ADA and fire safety issues were addressed by creating an accessible ramp to the stage area, installing doors at back of stage, and installing panic hardware on all exit doors.

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Figure 1. Sketch floor plans



8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- 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 N/A

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1951-1961

Significant Dates

1951

Significant Person

(complete if Criterion B is marked)

N / A

Cultural Affiliation

N / A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- 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:

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The War Memorial Building is eligible for listing in the National Register under criterion A for its local significance in social history. Completed in 1951, both military veterans and the city worked to erect the building. Although it was primarily to be a social club and extended family for military veterans, the building quickly became a center of community life in Lenoir City. It presently continues in that capacity, used almost daily by the community. The building has had some changes but retains its historic and architectural integrity.

Narrative statement of significance

The War Memorial Building is located in the heart of downtown Lenoir City in Loudon County, Tennessee. Though the city was incorporated in 1907, its history actually dates to the early nineteenth century when it was part of a 5,000 acre land grant awarded to General William Lenoir for his service in the Revolutionary War.¹ The Lenoir family rose to prominence in the area throughout the nineteenth century, with General Lenoir's heirs advancing the successes of their father by continuing to build mills and textile industries. By the mid 1850s, the town, then called Blair's Station, had prospered not only from the Lenoir industries, including the Lenoir Manufacturing Company, but also from having the northern terminal point of the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad. When General Lenoir's eldest son, Major William B. Lenoir, died in 1852, his sons retained ownership of 2,700 acres of the original landholding.² They eventually sold it to the Lenoir City Company, which had formed in 1890 to bring in more business and industry.³

As Lenoir City began to grow, its leaders, including the Lenoir City Company, wanted to provide its residents with a healthy, vibrant community. To accomplish this, the Lenoir City Company envisioned a town with gridded street networks and green space, with the industries sequestered far away from the residential areas. These types of plans reflected town planning movements popular in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, which planners believed would foster community identity and growth by emphasizing health, temperance, and quality, efficient design.⁴ While not all of the Company's plans were realized in this aspect, they were successful in bringing new sources of commerce to the area and patterning cohesive neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and industrial areas.

Eventually, the people of Lenoir City began to shape an identity for themselves and adopt a sense of community. They valued social activities and civic events, and many hobby groups, clubs, and civic organizations formed there during the early and mid twentieth century. When many of the

¹ Spence, Joe. "Loudon County." *Encyclopedia of Tennessee History and Culture*. Available online at <<http://tennesseeencyclopedia.net/entry.php?rec=810>>; accessed 2 May, 2011. Last updated 21 February 2011.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Benhart, John. *Appalachian Aspirations: The Geography of Urbanization and Development in the Upper Tennessee River Valley, 1865-1900* (Knoxville, Tenn.: University of Tennessee Press, 2007), pp. 74-79, 90-92, 97

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city's residents returned from World War I in 1919, an American Legion Post (post number 70) was subsequently established to assist the veterans and help them readjust to civilian life. The American Legion is one of the United States' oldest service organizations, chartered under Title 36 of the U.S. with the purpose of being a support group, social club, and extended family for military servicemen. There is a Tennessee connection with the establishment of the Legion. Nashville native Luke Lea, lawyer, Democrat, reformer, newspaper owner, and senator from the state, was instrumental in establishing the organization. During World War I, Lea commanded a volunteer regiment and immediately after the war he attempted to persuade the Kaiser to return to Paris and be tried for war crimes. When he returned to the U.S., Lea worked to found the American Legion.⁵ The Legion was instrumental in creating the United States Veterans' Bureau, later known as the Department of Veterans Affairs. Additionally, the Legion was responsible for authoring the preliminary version of the Veterans' Readjustment Act, more commonly known as the G. I. Bill.⁶

When members of the military returned home at the end of World War II, they too were admitted to their local American Legion Post in Lenoir City. Many of Lenoir City's organizations were devoted to caring for military servicemen, as indicated by the presence of the American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post, and Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW. However, these organizations contributed to the overall quality of life in Lenoir City, as they were evidence of an engaged, proactive, and compassionate citizenry.

In the mid 1940s, the American Legion Post in Lenoir City expressed their need for a post home, one that ideally would be dedicated to the memory of Lenoir City residents who served and died in military service to the United States. The post established a Building Committee in 1943 and presented their idea to the City Council, but the plans for the building were stalled for almost six years. Numerous plans and designs were discussed and subsequently rejected during that time. The City Council finally approved plans for the building in 1949. Since the facility would also lend itself to use for other community and social functions, the Legion Post asked that the City contribute \$40,000 to the building fund.⁷

According to the local paper, *The News-Herald*, from Monday, June 27, 1949, the approved plans specified that the building was "to be constructed of brick, veneer, and blocks, 100 feet across the front and 120 feet in length. The front section of the building will be two stories high."⁸ The building's rear section was designed to incorporate a gymnasium and auditorium within the same footprint. Plans discussed in the newspaper indicated that the building "will seat approximately 1,000 people. The building will also have a stage, dressing rooms, rest rooms, and a regulation size [basketball] court."⁹

⁵ <http://tennesseencyclopedia.net/entry.php?rec=773> Accessed 28 September 2011.

⁶ United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Available online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/history.htm> Accessed 5 May 2011.

⁷ Lenoir City Council Meeting, Book 13, 1949.

⁸ "Immediate Construction of War Memorial Building Hinges on Council Approval." *The News-Herald*, 27 June 1949.

⁹ Ibid.

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In order to fund the construction of the building, several different approaches were taken. The Lenoir City Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to approve requested \$40,000 towards the cost of construction, which was estimated at a total of \$60,000.¹⁰ Since the Tennessee Legislature had adopted provisions for an Amusement Tax, the City decided to use it towards the construction of the Memorial Building.¹¹ Additionally, the American Legion encouraged citizens, business owners, and local merchants to pledge money to assist with the construction and outfitting of the building; however they wanted the building to be partially complete before asking donors to fulfill their pledge amounts.¹² Upon completion of the Legionnaires' Meeting Room, Ladies' Auxiliary Room, and library, money was still needed to complete the flooring, bleachers for the gymnasium, and heating in the form of a boiler and radiators.¹³ Work stopped temporarily on the building in 1950 to collect the pledged donations; about \$7,500 more was needed to complete the building according to approved plans.¹⁴ In October 1950, the memorial plaques for World Wars I and II were installed.¹⁵

The building was completed in 1951, and a dedication ceremony was formally held on Sunday, May 13, 1951, which also happened to be Mother's Day. A crowd of 350 people were present for the ceremony, including a small number of Gold Star Mothers (mothers who had lost a child to war). Lieutenant Frank Clements, a past State Commander of the American Legion and at the time, an active duty soldier with the U.S. Army, gave the dedication address. Sunday's activities marked the beginning of "American Legion Week," officially declared by Lenoir City Mayor W. J. Hamilton, to be celebrated Monday, May 14 through Saturday May 19. Activities that celebrated the newly constructed building consisted of a Dedication Concert performed by the Lenoir City High School Band and Chorus, a Bingo Night, an Amateur Night Talent Show, and a Saturday Night Square Dance. The public was invited to all events, except for the American Legion District meetings. See figures 1 and 4 for images of the completed building and the program for opening day ceremonies.

The War Memorial Building has sustained Lenoir City's vision for a true community center from its completion in 1951 to the present day. Until the Lenoir City High School was completed in 1968, baccalaureate sermons and commencement exercises were held in the Memorial Building's auditorium.¹⁶ During the 1960s and 1970s, it was the designated venue for "Teen Time," a series of Friday night dances with music provided by local disc jockeys. Little T and Double K square dance events were also regularly held in the gymnasium. Junior high and high school basketball games were held there for many years, and the community congregated there to celebrate when

¹⁰ "Memorial Building Fund." *The News-Herald*, 30 June 1949.

¹¹ "New Amusement Tax to be Used for War Memorial Building." *The News-Herald*, 28 April 1949; for usage in Lenoir City, the Amusement Tax was levied by the state legislature, effective May 1, 1949. The Amusement Tax levied on such forms of entertainment as motion pictures, theater, etc., and included in the total admission price. The city's treasurer would collect the tax and hold it in trusts to retire bonds and maintain the new building.

¹² Letter from American Legion Post 70, Lenoir City, TN. Received April 2011.

¹³ "Work to Halt Temporarily on Memorial Building." *The News Herald*, 4 August 1950.

¹⁴ Minutes from American Legion Post meetings, 7 August 1950.

¹⁵ Minutes from American Legion Post meetings, 6 November 1950.

¹⁶ Notes from Joe Spence, Loudon County Historian, January 2011.

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the Lenoir City High School basketball team won the state championship in 1958. Today, Zumba classes (a Latin dance-inspired fitness program), line dancing, wellness programs, and walking clubs meet at the Memorial Building.

The Memorial Building has also been the site of many community fundraisers, checker and chess club tournaments, and the annual Jamboree Music Showcase. It remains one of the most sought after sites for personal and community events, furthering its reputation as the heart of community life in Lenoir City.

The War Memorial Building commemorates the lives of local individuals who had perished in World War I and subsequent wars; it also provided a home for the local American Legion post and functioned as the center of community life and leisure activities for residents of Lenoir City. It presently continues in that capacity, used almost daily by the community.

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War Memorial Building
Name of Property

Loudon County, Tennessee
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.5 acres Lenoir City 130 SE

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lindsay Johnson, Historic Preservation Planner
organization East Tennessee Development District date 1/18/11
street & number 216 Corporate Place telephone (865) 273-6003
city or town Alcoa state TN zip code 37701

Additional Documentation

submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items

Property Owner

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

name City of Lenoir City, ATTN: Steve Harrelson
street & number 600 East Broadway telephone 865-986-2715
city or town Lenoir City state TN zip code 37771

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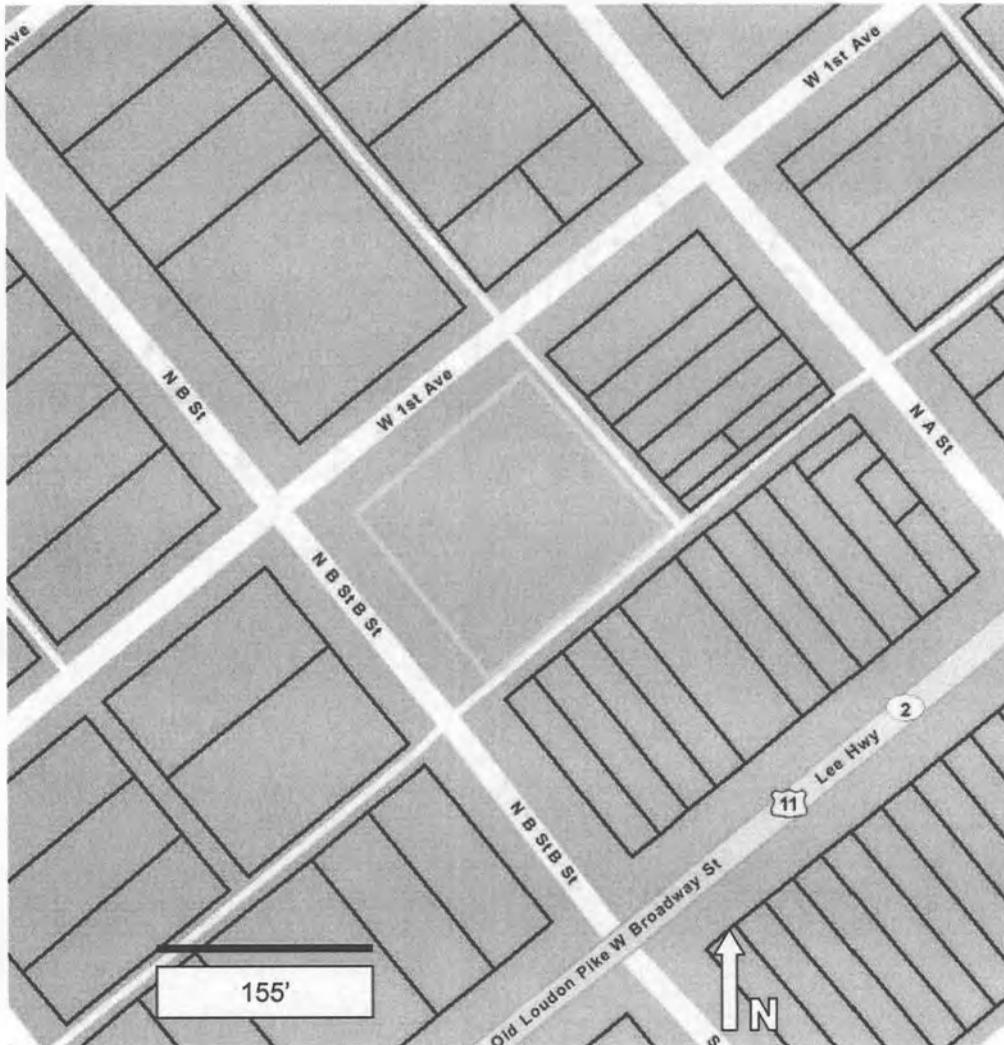
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Boundary Description and Justification

The proposed property boundary includes the entire tax parcel (number 020N F 001.00), as indicated on the parcel map below. This is all the property currently and historically associated with the War Memorial Building.

Loudon County - Parcel: 020N F 001.00



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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo by: Lindsay Johnson
Date: January 2011
Digital negative: Tennessee Historical Commission

Photo #	Description	Level
0001	View of west elevation, facing southwest	1
0002	West elevation, facing east	1
0003	Corner of west elevation, looking northeast	1
0004	View of south elevation, looking northeast	1
0005	View of plaque on west elevation, looking east	1
0006	View of plaque on west elevation, looking east	1
0007	View of east elevation, looking southwest	1
0008	Lobby interior, looking southeast	1
0009	Lobby interior, looking northeast	1
0010	Lobby interior, tile floor	1
0011	Gymnasium interior, looking east	1
0012	Gymnasium interior, view of bleachers, looking southeast	1
0013	View of bleachers, looking southeast	1
0014	Section of bleachers, looking southeast	1
0015	Gymnasium interior, view of bleachers, looking northeast	1
0016	American Legion Meeting Room, looking northwest	1
0017	American Legion Meeting Room, looking north	1
0018	Window, Ladies Auxiliary Room, looking southwest	1
0019	Ladies Auxiliary Room, looking southwest	1
0020	Stairs, looking northwest	2
0021	Stairs, looking southeast	2
0022	Stairs, leading downward, looking south	2
0023	Wood floor, detail, looking west	2
0024	Music room, looking northwest	2
0025	Music room, looking northwest	2
0026	Kitchen area, looking southeast	2

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Figure 1. Program from opening and new building, May 13, 1951



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Figure 2. First floor meeting room, date unknown



Figure 4. War Memorial Building in 1958

Figure 3. War Memorial Building gym in 1958



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: War Memorial Building

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Loudon

DATE RECEIVED: 11/18/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/12/11
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/27/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/03/12
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000979

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/29/2011 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Minor technical problems resolved with replacement pages

*A Post WWII memorial bldg! Served as community hub
for social/sport/Political activities*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER J. Gabbard

DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____

DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





War
Memorial
Building







IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO
 SERVED IN WORLD WAR II
 AND OF THE FOLLOWING
 MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES

ROBERT BAILEY HE HEDRICK
 TE BARGER JU HOUSLEY
 JW BLISCARD AB HOUSTON
 CL BROOKSHEAR H M HUFF
 U L BIVENS JR HUFF
 R L BROWDER L L HUNT
 M L CARMACK W E ISBILL
 P R CAMPBELL K H JAYNES
 W H COOPER J R JOHNSON

NE O'NEAL
 J W OODY
 W N PERKY JR
 J T PERKINS
 C C PERRYMAN
 H E O PHIBBS
 G W PURDY
 KENNETH PICKEL
 G D PLEMONS



IN MEMORY OF THOSE
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 WORLD WAR I
 WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES



THE CALL TO THOSE WHO NOW LIVE IN ETERNITY
A NOTICE THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN BY
THEIR NATION AND THEIR COMRADES....

KOREAN WAR 1953

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April 19
3rd Thursday 10:00 AM
Memorial Building











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**Preamble to the Constitution of
The Amalgamated Legion**

We the Grand Council and Districts hereby pledge for the following purposes to uphold and defend the Constitution of The Grand Council of Amalgamated Legion and to give to honor and obedience to our Grand Council and to our Districts to preserve the interests and welfare of our members to the best of our power to produce a sense of individual obligation to the organization, to the rules and orders, to uphold the interests of each the Grand Council and the Districts to uphold the rights to secure peace and good will to uphold and maintain to preserve the principles of justice freedom and democracy to maintain and defend our constitution to our Districts to extend helpfulness



















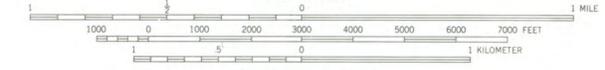
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
State Route	

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November 7, 2011

Carol Shull
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
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1201 Eye Street NW
8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the documentation to nominate the *War Memorial Building* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Claudette Stager at 615/532-1550, extension 105 or Claudette.stager@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-1-10-1920

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION PROCESS OF THE
LENOIR CITY WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF
HISTORIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, in 1943, the War Memorial Building concept was brought to the City's attention by the American Legion as a dedication to the honor and memory of Veterans serving in World War I, World War II, and beyond; and

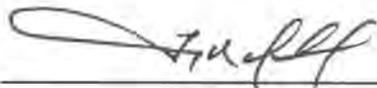
WHEREAS, 1949 culminated six (6) years of planning; City Council passage of Resolution stating all Veterans Organizations shall have equal rights/use of building; City Council voting to appropriate \$40,000.00, along with anticipated membership drives, to move forward with the construction of the building; and

WHEREAS, October 1950 witnessed the American Legion Post 70 holding its first meeting in the front section of the building, which was called "Legion Quarters"; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 13, 1951, the War Memorial Building was officially dedicated; the facility has ever since been utilized as a meeting place for Veterans Groups, as well as various community groups, clubs, and organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Lenoir City, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, does hereby fully support the Lenoir City War Memorial Building's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Adopted this the 10th day of January, 2011.



Tony R. Aikens, Mayor



Attest