

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

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



1. Name

historic Pikesville Armory

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 610 Reisterstown Road N/A not for publication

city, town Pikesville N/A vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland code 24 county Baltimore code 005

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

4. Owner of Property

name State of Maryland, Military Department Contact: Col. Raymond Clift
728-3388 x244

street & number 231 W. Hoffman Street

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

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Court House

street & number

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

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

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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 Pikesville Armory, located in the northwest suburbs of Baltimore, is part of a complex of buildings built for and in current active use by the Maryland National Guard. A driveway turns west off Reisterstown Road and leads the visitor past administrative offices on the right and a former barracks (now as an officers' club) on the left. The large lawn is filled with historic hardwood trees.

Lying perpendicular to the driveway with its long side parallel to Reisterstown Road is the Armory, the second oldest in Maryland, built by the Baltimore architectural firm of Wyatt and Nolting. The main structure is a simple one-story enclosure with tiled gable roof. It has no basement. The foundations and supporting walls are of rough cut stone; the exterior walls are faced with a smoother, buff-colored field stone.

The front facade is oriented to the south and reads from the east to south as follows: a two-bay section east of the center entrance is punctuated by strip buttresses at the corners and between bays. Three windows in the outermost bay and two in the inner bay are filled in with glass bricks. A 1941 photograph of the building facade indicates these were originally 2/3 casement windows. This section is faced with buff-colored field stone to a horizontal line of painted metal trim at the base of the roofline. Above the line of trim, the facade is stuccoed and painted white. The roof pediment over the inner bay contains a rounded arch window with radially paned fanlight over a stationary paned panel. The window is trimmed with painted metal, and a keystone-shaped ornament tops the arch.

The facade is symmetrical and identical on the opposite side of the center entrance.

At the center of the facade, a half-octagon shaped vestibule projects from the front wall at ground level. Narrow glass-bricked windows flank the wide double doors of the vestibule, and the doorway is surmounted by a segmental arch of stone. Two cement steps separate the doors from street level.

A six-foot high fieldstone fence projects at right angle to the front facade, on the south side of the vestibule, and connects with modern fencing to seal the rear of the motor compound and garage area. The 1941 photograph mentioned above shows the facade without wall or fences. Two and three-story brick additions to the rear (southwest) side contain mess halls and storage areas.

The northwest facade (facing Reisterstown Road) is comprised of three sections of four bays each. In each bay are three 2/4 casement windows set just under the roof line. At the innermost edges of the two outer sections are double doors into the drill hall. Half-dome projections resting on stone piers protect the doorways. The facade around the doorways has been trimmed with stuccoed, arch-shaped panels painted white.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<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 1903 **Builder/Architect** Wyatt and Nolting, Architects

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

The Pikesville Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the 20th 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. As Maryland's second-oldest armory building, constructed in 1903, it does not conform to the standard architectural form which was established in the World War I era; however, it has architectural significance in its own right as a unique design by the prestigious Baltimore firm of Wyatt and Nolting.

The Pikesville Armory was designed by the prominent Baltimore architectural firm of Wyatt and Nolting. William G. Nolting (1866-1940) and J. B. Noel Wyatt (1847-1926) designed a number of public buildings, most notably the Baltimore City Courthouse (1900) and the Veterans' Bureau in Washington, D. C. The firm also designed the Fifth Regiment Armory in downtown Baltimore (1901).

The Pikesville Armory is the home of the 110th Field Artillery of the Maryland National Guard. The 110th was originally a horse artillery and its officers were well-to-do horsemen from Green Spring Valley in suburban Baltimore. These men were, not surprisingly, keenly interested in polo, and played the game on the original tan bark floor of the armory. This floor was replaced with poured cement during major renovations to the entire building in 1970. Original cement spectator stands at both ends of the hall remain. These end areas are now enclosed and utilized as classrooms with desks installed in a lecture-hall style on the rows of spectator seats.

The Armory has a long history as a meeting place for political functions and has been the site of fetes for many famous or about-to-be-famous politicians, among them Spiro Agnew, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Lyndon Johnson, Barry Goldwater, Hubert Humphrey, and John F. Kennedy. The latter made campaign speeches and held a major press conference at the Armory in 1960.

The Pikesville military complex may be the only remaining National Guard "show-place" in the country. The facility's large grounds of over fourteen acres and location in a relatively low density suburb with immediate access to a major thoroughfare (Reisterstown Road) have aided in preserving the facility from the obsolescence suffered by most other armories in the state, whose once-open sites have been engulfed by urban growth and congested by increased automobile traffic. Afflicted by severe shortages of space for vehicles and equipment, both the Fifth Regiment Armory in downtown Baltimore and the Towson Academy make use of the ample parking and storage facilities at the Pikesville complex.

A "historical room" in the administrative building adjacent to the armory is filled with antique uniforms, saddlery and other memorabilia of the 110th Artillery. The room is open to visitors during regular weekday office hours.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records of Baltimore County, Liber 254, Folio 259-264
Vertical files, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore
Archival materials of the Pikesville Armory Historical Room
Interviews: Col. Charles Tresse and Mrs. Edith Hall, Administrative Assistant,
of the Pikesville Armory

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 10 acres

Quadrangle name Baltimore West, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	8	3	5	1	8	3	0	4	3	5	9	1	0	0
Zone	Easting						Northing							

B

1	8	3	5	1	9	2	0	4	3	5	8	9	8	0
Zone	Easting						Northing							

C

1	8	3	5	1	5	9	0	4	3	5	8	7	4	0
Zone	Easting						Northing							

D

1	8	3	5	1	4	8	0	4	3	5	8	9	0	0
Zone	Easting						Northing							

E

Zone	Easting						Northing							

F

Zone	Easting						Northing							

G

Zone	Easting						Northing							

H

Zone	Easting						Northing							

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

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Maryland Historical Trust date July 1980; revised July 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature] 8-14-85

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>See Continuation Sheet for Justification</u>	date
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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Pikesville Armory

Continuation sheet Baltimore County

Item number 10

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

In Baltimore County near the Village of Pikesville:

Beginning for the same on the northwest side of an avenue 50 feet wide at the distance measured along the northwest side of said Avenue of 335 feet 6 inches south 59 degrees 30 minutes West from intersection of the said northwest said side of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road, the said place of beginning being intended to be at the end of the second line of the lot of ground which by deed dated May 20th 1897 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber LMB No. 115 Folio 128 &c was conveyed by Wilson Cary McHenry and others Executors to Hugo Goertz, and running thence binding on the northwest side of said Avenue south 59 degrees 30 minutes West 9 feet 6 inches to a bind in said Avenue, north 85 degrees 30 minutes West 318 feet 6 inches to the Western end of said Avenue, thence across the Western end of said Avenue, south 30 degrees 30 minutes east 48 feet 9 inches to the end of the third line...thence binding reversely on said third line south 30 degrees 30 minutes east 113 feet 10 inches to a point south 59 degrees 30 minutes West 261 feet from the end of the first line of this description, thence south 59 degrees 30 minutes West 731 feet 6 inches, thence parallel with the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road north 30 degrees 30 minutes West 503 feet 4 inches to intersect the south 61½ degrees West 125½ perches line of the tract of land...conveyed by Robert Riddell and wife to James Howard McHenry, thence binding on said line reversely with allowances for variation north 64 degrees 33 minutes east 1006 feet to the end of the Third line of the lot conveyed to Hugo Goertz as aforesaid, and thence binding on said third line reversely south 30 degrees 30 minutes east 414 feet 3 inches to the place of beginning; Containing 10 acres of land, more or less.

Boundary Justification:

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