

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-2154

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Engine and Ambulance House

and/or common Bldg. No. 137

2. Location

street & number U.S. Coast Guard Yard not for publication

city, town Curtis Bay vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S. Coast Guard

street & number 2401 Hawkins Point Road telephone no.: 410-636-7871

city, town Baltimore state and zip code: MD 21226-1797

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber GW-47

street & number folio 224

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title U.S. Coast Guard Yard National Register Nomination

1981

federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town 100 Community Place, Crownsville state MD

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Building No. 137 is located on the east side of Arundel Cove, opposite the main portion of the Yard complex. This frame, one-story, rectangularly-shaped building rests upon a concrete block foundation. Walls are protected by deteriorating aluminum siding, while the roof, which is pierced on the east side by a very tall chimney stack, is covered with asphalt shingles. Windows consists solely of gable-end ventilator windows. The Building's east side features three automotive bays, each of which is enclosed by a wooden garage door. Alterations include the addition of aluminum siding and gable windows. The garage doors have been covered with what appears to be asbestos sheeting.

8. Significance

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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 checked="" 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-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation				
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)				

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	Cummings Construction Company						
Check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D				
and/or Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local					

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This property is associated with the development of the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay. The Yard was first established on this site in 1899 as a boat repair and construction facility for the Revenue Cutter Service, the forerunner of the present-day Coast Guard. At that time, the facility was known as the Revenue Cutter Service Depot, and generally served vessels stationed in the mid-Atlantic area.

The establishment of the Depot was related to the emphasis on Naval preparedness that took place following the Spanish American war. Prior to the establishment of the Depot, vessel repair and construction were handled by private concerns. Starting as a collection of a few frame buildings, the Depot, after 1940 known as the Yard, expanded as its mission and capabilities increased. The Yard was at its productive peak and greatest size during World War II, with most surviving historic structures dating to that time.

Building No. 137 is one of only three buildings that survive from a complex of about forty erected in this area of the Yard during the early years of World War II as a Coast Guard anti-aircraft and night vision training facility. The majority of the training center complex was built by Cummings Construction Company. The land where Building No. 137 is located was acquired in the early 1940s, and is not part of the original Yard property. It was constructed to house emergency vehicles.

This resource is not included in the proposed National Register Historic District.

Due to its isolation, loss of historic context and issues of physical integrity, this building is not included in the proposed historic district.

Criterion A—Historical Associations

Building #137 was part of an approximately 40 building complex erected on this side of Arundel Cove as an anti-aircraft and night vision training facility.

Criterion C—Design Significance

This building, like most of the other buildings that were part of the training facility were built by a local construction company and use designs and materials typical of the mid-20th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Facilities and Engineering Records, U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay
- United States Coast Guard Yard: A History of Service to the Fleet, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD 1995
- National Archives, Record Group 26

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .038 acres (1670 square feet)

Quadrangle name Curtis Bay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References Do NOT complete UTM references

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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F

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The proposed boundaries coincide with the building footprint of this resource. It is a utilitarian structure within the larger Curtis Bay District. No surrounding lands are significantly associated with the resource to constitute its setting.

L. all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930) and Modern Period (A.D. 1930-present)

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Economic, Military

Resource Type:

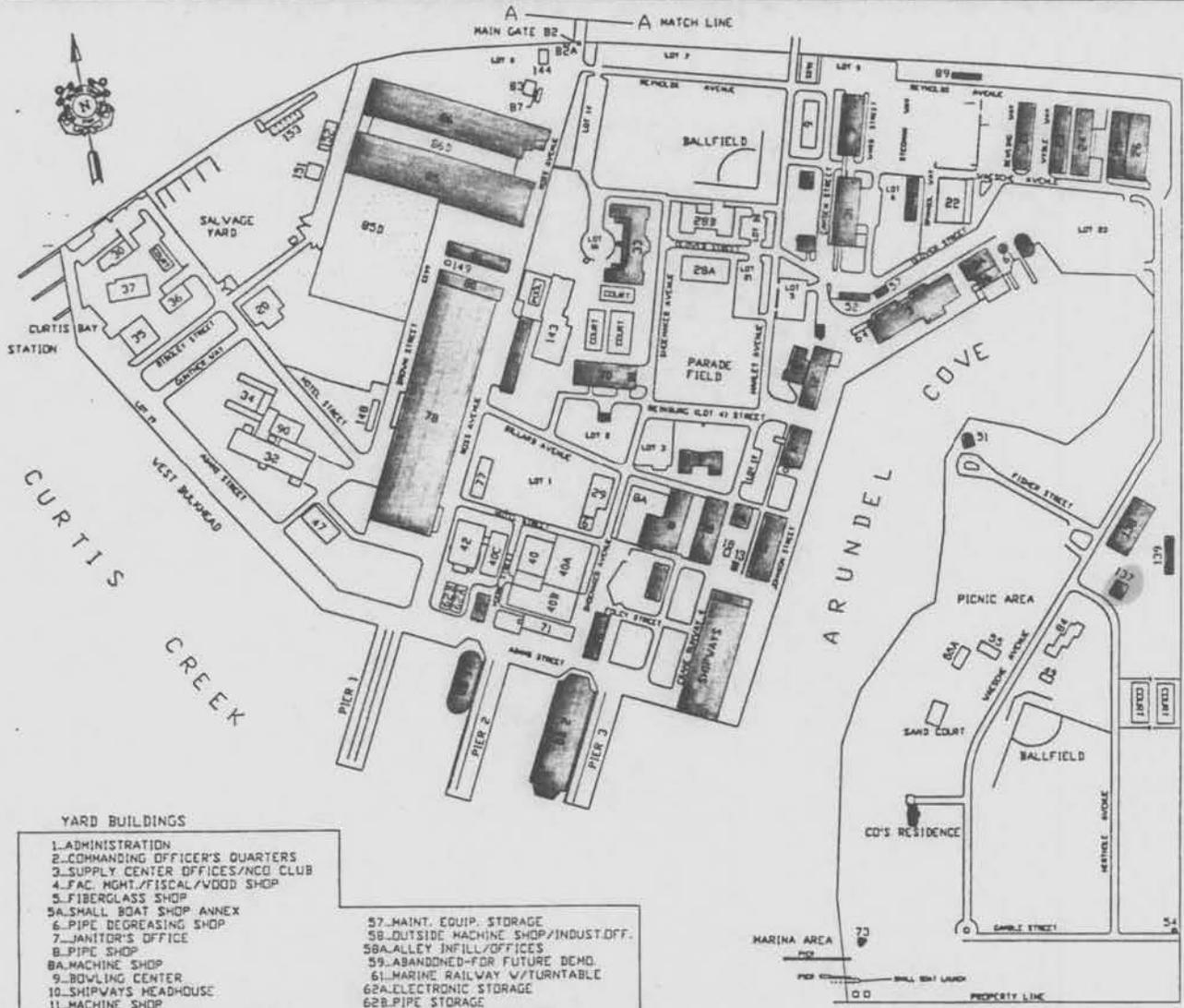
Category: District

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Defense/Coast Guard Facility/Shipyard

Known Design Source: None

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay



YARD BUILDINGS

- 1. ADMINISTRATION
- 2. COMMANDING OFFICER'S QUARTERS
- 3. SUPPLY CENTER OFFICES/NGO CLUB
- 4. FAC. MGMT./FISCAL/WOOD SHOP
- 5. FIBERGLASS SHOP
- 5A. SMALL BOAT SHOP ANNEX
- 6. PIPE DEGREASING SHOP
- 7. JANITOR'S OFFICE
- 8. PIPE SHOP
- 8A. MACHINE SHOP
- 9. BOWLING CENTER
- 10. SHIPWAYS HEADHOUSE
- 11. MACHINE SHOP
- 12. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SHOPS
- 14. TRAINING & LECTURE HALL
- 15. POWER HOUSE
- 16. SMALL BOATS SHOP
- 17. MARINE RAILWAY W/ MACHINE HOUSE
- 18. SEWAGE PUMPING SHED
- 20. FLAMMABLE STORAGE BLDG.
- 21. THRU 26. STORAGE SHEDS
- 27. CLASSROOMS
- 28A. BLD
- 29. CLINIC-DUT PATIENT
- 29. MATERIALS HANDLING SHOP
- 30. CURTIS BAY ST. WORK SHOP
- 31. SUPPLY CENTER OFFICES
- 32. PAINTED PRODUCTS
- 33. BARRACKS/EXCHANGE/HSD
- 34. PAINT & SANDBLAST SHOP
- 35. GROUP ENGINEERING DEPOT
- 36. GROUP BOUY SHED
- 37. CURTIS BAY STATION
- 40. ORDNANCE SHOP
- 40A. ELECTRONICS
- 40B. ELECTRICAL SHOP
- 40C. ELECTRICAL STORAGE
- 42. ORDNANCE BLDG - MK75
- 47. BOAT JOINERS SHOP/STORAGE
- 48. STORAGE BLDG.
- 49. PARK TOILET (FUTURE)
- 51. MAGAZINE
- 52. MAINT. EQUIP. STORAGE
- 54. BACK GATE HOUSE
- 55. OPEN PAVILION
- 55A. OPEN PAVILION
- 57. MAINT. EQUIP. STORAGE
- 58. OUTSIDE MACHINE SHOP/INDUST. OFF.
- 58A. ALLEY INFILL/OFFICES
- 59. ABANDONED-FOR FUTURE DEMO.
- 61. MARINE RAILWAY V/TURNABLE
- 62A. ELECTRONIC STORAGE
- 62B. PIPE STORAGE
- 64. DOME COATING CHAMBER
- 66. MOBILE EQUIP. MAINT. SHOP
- 68. DDHM #1/CIV. CAFETERIA/EOPHB
- 70. FACILITIES BALTIMORE OFFICES
- 71. CENTRAL TOOL ROOM
- 72. STORAGE
- 73. GREENHOUSE
- 75. DDHM #2/TEMP. SERVICES
- 77. CENTRAL TOILET & LOCKERS
- 78. FABRICATING SHOP
- 79. FIRE HOUSE/AUTO HOBBY/SAFETY
- 80. MOLD LOFT
- 81. FLAMMABLE STORAGE
- 82. MAIN GATE HOUSE
- 82A. GATE HOUSE ANNEX
- 83. GAS STATION OFFICE
- 84. GUEST HOUSING
- 85. WHSE - SUPPLY CENTER CB
- 85D. WHSE - ADDITION - SCCB
- 86. WHSE/SUPPLY/PROCUREMENT
- 86D. WAREHOUSE - SCCB
- 87. SCALE HOUSE
- 89. RR STIBING PLATFORM & SHED
- 90. PAINT SPRAY BOOTH
- 137, 138, & 139. STORAGE
- 143. COLUMBUS RECREATION CENTER
- 144. SECURITY OFFICE
- 145. TAPE STORAGE
- 148. SHEET METAL STORAGE
- 149. FLAMMABLE STORAGE BLDG.
- 151. HAZARDOUS WATS. STORAGE
- 152. SALVAGE LOT STORAGE
- 153. BULK STORAGE/RECYCLING

SOURCE: U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Facilities Department.

LEGEND

■ PRE-1946 RESOURCES EXAMINED IN THIS REPORT

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Site Plan, April 1996

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ENGINE AND AMBULANCE HOUSE

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SOUTHEAST PERSPECTIVE

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