

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

**Survey No.:** P.G.: 67-36

**Construction Date:** 1954

**Name:** Greenbelt Maryland National Guard Armory

**Location:** 7100 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland

Public Ownership / Present Use: Military, Government / Occupied / Condition: Good / Restricted Access

Description:

The Greenbelt National Guard Armory, built in 1954, is representative of the streamlined Classical-Moderne fortification-style designs favored by the government and military from the 1930s through the 50s. Although constructed in mid-century and later than many of Maryland's historic armory's, this design is a continuation of the architectural formalism, symmetry, and symbolism pervasive for this type of structure. This brick and limestone structure is largely unchanged in form and function

Significance:

The majority of Maryland's National Guard Armories were built between 1913–29, and are significant for their association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system after World War I. The significance of the Greenbelt armory, built in 1954, is as representative of the expansion and growth of this military organization and the architecturally symbolic structures erected to serve its personnel and their communities following World War II.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name

historic Greenbelt Maryland National Guard Armory (Preferred) (Addendum to existing thematic nomination)  
and/or common B.G. John R. Kenly Armory

### 2. Location

street & number: 7100 Greenbelt Road  not for publication  
city, town Greenbelt vicinity of congressional district  
state Maryland county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 Maryland National Guard  
street & number: 7100 Greenbelt Road telephone no.: 301-220-7397  
city, town Greenbelt state and zip code: MD 20770

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds. County Administration Building, Land liber: 1163  
Records Office of Prince George's County  
street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive folio: 192  
city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  
date  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state

---

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.: 67-36

---

### Condition

excellent

good

deteriorated

ruins

### Check one

unaltered

altered

### Check one

original site

moved

date of move

---

Resource Count: 2

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

### Summary:

The Greenbelt National Guard Armory, built in 1954, is representative of the streamlined Classical-Moderne fortification-style designs favored by the government and military from the 1930s through the 50s. Although constructed in mid-century and later than many of Maryland's historic armory's, this design is a continuation of the architectural formalism, symmetry, and symbolism pervasive for this type of structure. This brick and limestone structure is largely unchanged in form and function.

The main building of the armory consists of a seven-bay, 2-story brick block with 1-story, two-bay flanking wings, a flat roof, and massive exterior brick chimney on the west end of the main block. The central entrance is a projecting limestone stepped block, with a recessed doorway containing double wood doors, above which is a sculptural plate depicting spear points. In contrast to the dark brown brick, the plinth of the building is limestone, as is a beltcourse around the building cornice. These spaces contain individual offices, restroom facilities, a lounge, kitchen, and maintenance facilities. Directly behind the office space is the large, open "drill floor"/gymnasium, adjacent to which is a maintenance area, storage room, and former rifle range-turned classrooms. An entrance to the west end of this space is a slightly smaller version of the main limestone entrance, but with larger double utility doors; additional exterior single and double doors access other areas of the building. Fenestration on the building has limestone sills, and is predominantly metal; offices feature combination fixed-and-movable lights.

On the interior, the gym features an open metal-truss system supporting a polygonal roof. The masonry walls in this space are articulated by pilasters alternating with partially fixed industrial metal lights. Lockers line the interior walls; the floor is hardwood. The floors in the building are otherwise linoleum or tile; walls are glazed tile and painted plaster. The lounge is a knotty-pine paneled area dominated by a massive dressed-stone fireplace.

Affiliated with the armory is a 1-story flat-roofed brick garage of 10 bays that are each divided into two sub-bays. The openings have limestone lintels, and the garage "doors" are a combination of modern metal and wood.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.: 67-36

Period	Areas of Significance – Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

**Specific Dates** 1954

**Builder Architect** Capitol Construction Company

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The majority of Maryland's National Guard Armories were built between 1913–29, and are significant for their association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system after World War I. The significance of the Greenbelt armory, built in 1954, is as representative of the expansion and growth of this military organization and the architecturally symbolic structures erected to serve its personnel and their communities following World War II.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Greenbelt Maryland National Guard Armory

SURVEY NO.: P.G: 67-36

ADDRESS: 7100 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

The Greenbelt Maryland National Guard Armory is not eligible for the National Register. It was erected in 1954 and is representative of a stylistic military architecture found in armories across the country at mid-century. Although the structure retains high architectural integrity and is in good physical condition, it is not possible to claim an exception of uniqueness required to surmount the 50-year age requirement.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended *XX*

Eligibility Not Recommended:

Comments: *THE ARMORY HAS COLD WAR SIGNIFICANCE.*

Reviewer, OPS: *[Signature]*

Date: *9/11/08*

Reviewer, NR Program: *[Signature]*

Date: *10/12/00*

---

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

---

Survey No. P.G.: 67-36

Moore, Susanne. National Register of Historic Places Thematic Group nomination "Maryland National Guard Armories." Revised 1985.

---

## 10. Geographical Data

---

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name Washington, DC East, and Beltsville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

N/A

---

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

---

## 11. Form Prepared By

---

name/title Sara Amy Leach

organization KCI Technologies, Inc.

date January 2000

street & number 10 North Park Drive

telephone 410-316-7800

city or town Hunt Valley

state/zip Maryland, 21030

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.

Return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

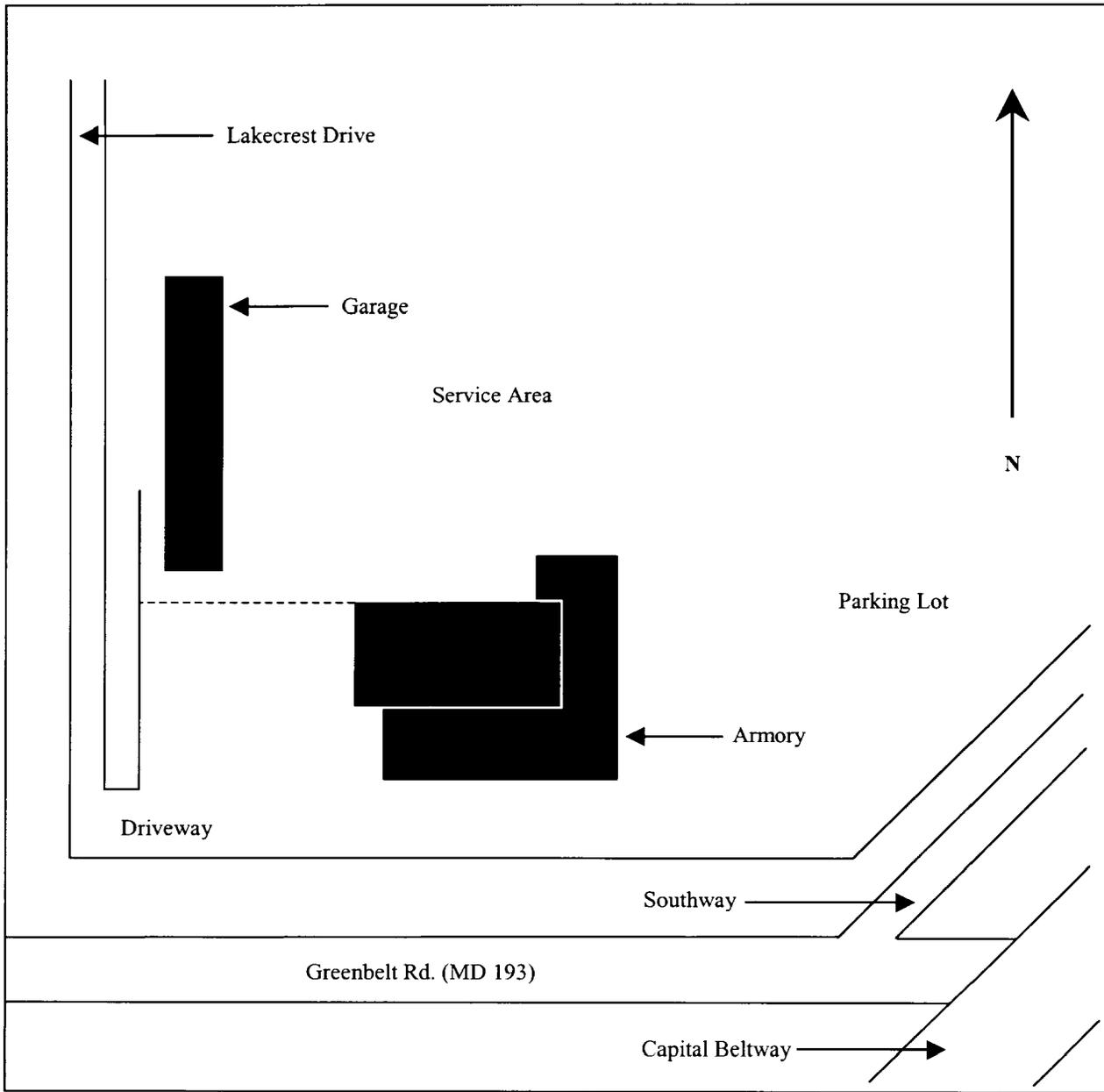
RESOURCE NAME: Greenbelt Maryland National Guard Armory

SURVEY NO.: P.G.: 67-36

ADDRESS: 7100 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



**CONTINUATION SHEET**

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM**

**RESOURCE NAME:** Greenbelt Maryland National Guard Armory

**SURVEY NO.:** P.G.: 67-36

**ADDRESS:** 7100 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland

**Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet**

**Historic Context:**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION DATA**

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period Theme(s):

Modern

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Military

**RESOURCE TYPE:**

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Military/government

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation Improvement Study

Property Name: GREENBELT MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

MHT#: PG: 67-36

Quad Name: WASHINGTON EAST, D.C.







1. P.G.: 67-30
2. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, GREENBELT MARYLAND
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MD
4. SARA AMY LACE
5. 12199
6. MD SHPO
7. 7100 GREENBELT RD, SE MAIN ELEVATION, SIDE, VIEW NW
8. 1 OF 5

ET. 67-36

AL GUARD ARMOY, GREENBELT MARYLAND  
NCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MD

RT AMY LEACH

199

MD 2170

100 GREENBELT RD, SW-FRONT SIDE ELEVATION, VIEW NE

1/10  
1/10



1. PG 67-36
2. NAT. MIL. GUARD ARMORY, GREENBELT MARYLAND
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MD
4. SARA AMY LEACH
5. 12199
6. MD 3170
7. 7100 GREENBELT RD, SW/POINT SIDE ELEVATION, VIEW NE
8. 12/10



1. Pict: 67-36
2. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, GREENBELT, MARYLAND
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
4. SARA ANN LEECH
5. 12/49
6. MD SHPO
7. 7100 GREENBELT RD, INTERIOR - EGGHOLE
8. 3/5



ONE  
AT THE  
END OF THE  
ROW

1. PERIC 1-30
2. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, GREENBELT MARYLAND
3. PUBLIC ESCORTS COUNTY, MD
4. SARA ANN LEAD-
5. 10/90
6. MDSMPD
7. 7100 GREENBELT RD. GARAGE, 30 ESCORTS VIEW W
8. 4/15



1. P. Et: 67 36
2. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, GREENBELT MARYLAND
3. PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD
4. SARA AMY LEACH
5. 12/99
6. MD SHPO
7. 700 GREENBELT RD, INTERVIEW: DRILL FEEDS
8. 5/05