United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Cottage Grove Armory
Name of Property
Lane Co., OR
County and State
12000081
NR Reference Number

Amendment:

NRIS # 12000081
Listed Date: 7 March 2012

The Cottage Grove Armory, located at 628 E. Washington Avenue in Cottage Grove, Oregon was individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is one of 24 contributing resources of the Downtown Cottage Grove Commercial District, which was entered into the National Register on January 8, 1984 (NRIS #93001568).

The Cottage Grove Downtown Historic Commercial District National Register nomination identifies the Cottage Grove Armory as "significant locally, and to the state of Oregon, as one of a number of armories designed by the Hunzicker firm of Eugene…and the most intact example of Art Deco architecture in Cottage Grove."[1] That document also notes its significance to the local community as a venue for social gatherings including dances, coronations and roller-skating events.

The Cottage Grove Armory National Register of Historic Places Registration Form identifies the armory as eligible under Criteria A and C for "its significant association with National Guard activities and its vital role as a community gathering place and civic center for the citizens of Cottage Grove, Oregon, between 1931 and1961. It was the first armory built in Cottage Grove and is the second oldest of ten remaining original armories in Oregon."[2] That nomination also notes the armory's significance as a well-preserved example of the institutional Art Deco style and the first use of cast-in-place concrete construction in Cottage Grove.

This National Register amendment associates the Cottage Grove Armory with the *Oregon National Guard Armories 1888-1978 Multiple Property Documentation Form* and explains that the building meets the general and property-type registration requirements of the MPD. Listed under Criterions A (Military and Social History) and C (Architecture), at the local level, the property meets the significance requirements of the MPD. Regarding the period of significance, which is 1931-1961 (Criterion A) and 1931 (Criterion C) the building fits into the MPD's defined period of significance, and the "Depression Era and World War II: 1930-1945" and "Section VI: Art Deco Style" Historic Contexts found in Section E. As for the integrity of the building, the Cottage Grove Armory retains enough of its original character defining materials, setting, architectural style, workmanship, design, and ornamentation to meet the integrity threshold outlined in the MPD. The building also meets the requirements in the Art Deco property subtype by retaining the styles character-defining features, having association under the appropriate historic contexts, and retaining a level of integrity reflective of the Art Deco Armory subtype.

No other changes have been made to the previously prepared nominations' period of significance, area of significance, and National Register criteria. The property remains a contributing resource to the Cottage Grove Downtown Commercial Historic District as well as an individually eligible resource under Criterion A in the areas of Military and Social History and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture with a 1931 to 1961 period of significance.

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[1] David K. Voss, "Cottage Grove Downtown Commercial Historic District," National Register of Historic Places, Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, National Register #93001568, Section 7, page 72.
[2] Lys Opp-Beckman and Amanda Ferguson, "Cottage Grove Armory," National Register of Historic Places, Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, National Register #12000081, page 12.

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Since the individual listing of the Cottage Grove Armory in 2012, the following projects were completed to the building. Many of these were restoration projects and none of the following projects adversely impacted the integrity of the building.

- East and south façade restoration including repair plaster and paint, cleaning and exposing original marble work.
- Repaired cracks in roof.
- Original window restoration and replacement of one 1960s non-original window with reproduction original style window.
- Replaced non-original main entry doors with period correct style doors. This replacement also met ADA requirements.
- Refinished original drill hall floor.
- Converted Company Command Officer's office to ADA compliant restrooms

Photographs are included in this amendment to illustrate these projects and to highlight that the building still retains its integrity despite the changes.

State Agency Certification:

I hereby certify that this ___ additional documentation ___ move ___ removal ___ name change meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

Signature of Certifying Official/Title: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date of Action

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
__ additional documentation accepted
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 pixels, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Cottage Grove Armory

City or Vicinity: Cottage Grove

County: Lane **State:** OR

Photographer: Matthew Diederich

Date Photographed: December 6, 2022

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photo 1 of 13: Cottage Grove Armory main entrance. Original artillery shell decorations reinstalled along with non-original handrails in 2018.

Photo 2 of 13: Main entry doors altered to accommodate ADA requirements.

Photo 3 of 13: Office space converted to ADA compliant bathroom.

Photo 4 of 13: Main hallway. Drop ceiling removed and returned to original ceiling. Reproduction fixtures added. Work completed between 2018-2021.

Photo 5 of 13: Office space converted to meeting space with added ductless HVAC system. Worked completed between 2018-2021.

Photo 6 of 13: Office space highlighting non-original drop ceiling.

Photo 7 of 13: Drill floor from mezzanine. Floor was refinished in 2021.

Photo 8 of 13: Many original light fixtures remain.

Photo 9 of 13: South elevation with renovated original windows and decorative elements left unpainted, as original.

Photo 10 of 13: West elevation not yet restored.

Photo 11 of 13: ADA entrance behind armory on west elevation.

Photo 12 of 13: ADA ramp along west elevation.

Photo 13 of 13: South elevation. Hand rails installed on stairway in 2018.

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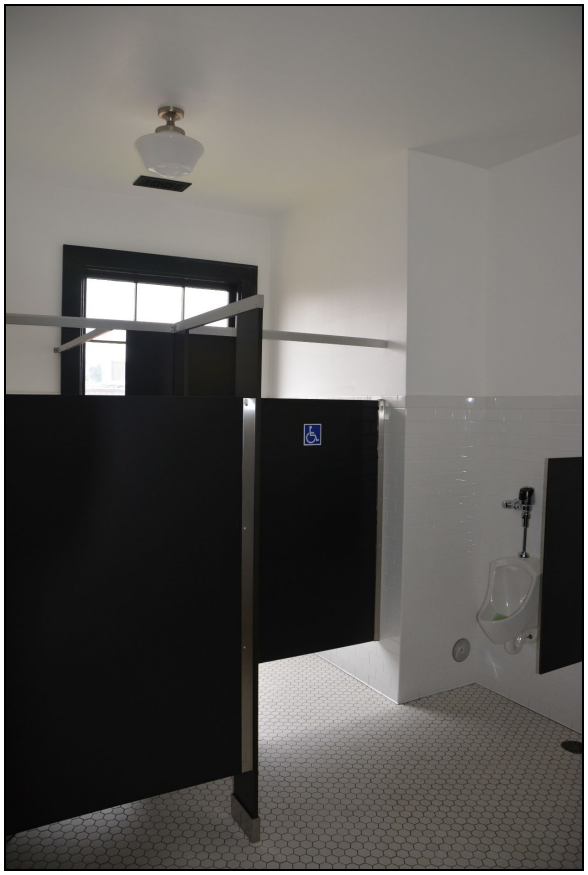

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