

CHAPTER 38

Armories*

A. NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF ARMORIES

1. DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES

Armories are described in following terms:

(a) *General Physical Characteristics*

An "armory" is a primary structure that houses one or more units and equipment of the Reserve components and is used for training and administration of such units. It includes a structure that is appurtenant to such primary facility and houses equipment used for the training and administration of the units assigned. It is restricted to a facility designed for home station training. These facilities are called "armories" by common usage when used by the Army National Guard. A similar-type structure is used by the U.S. Army Reserve and is referred to as a "Reserve center." An armory facility normally includes the following essential functional areas under existing criteria: (1) assembly hall, (2) rifle range, (3) classrooms, (4) training aid storage room, (5) library and classroom, (6) unit storage, (7) arms vault, (8) locker room, (9) administrative offices, (10) kitchen, (11) toilet and showers, (12) maintenance and custodial, (13) mechanical equipment room, (14) minimal parking facilities for military and civilian parking.

(b) *Services*

An armory structure is often used for many varied functions and activities other than the normal training of the Army National Guard units stationed therein. Armories are managed and controlled by the State military authorities. Under such rules and regulations as prescribed by such authorities, the armories may be utilized as community buildings for athletic events, social functions, civic use, and assembly areas in support of civil authorities in event of national disaster. The primary service these buildings provide the communities in which they are located is to house and train the Reserve component units and provide a means by which the young men of military age may fulfill their military obligations at home.

(c) *Standard of Performance by Capacity and Quantity*

Prior to the enactment of the National Defense Facilities Act of 1950, the States provided armory facilities at their own cost and

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