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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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NEW PHOENIX ARMORY DEDICATION FACT SHEET
1335 North 52nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona

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Soon after 1900 the National Guard of Arizona established a desert rifle range on this property, then part of the reclamation lands of the Salt River Valley Water Users Association. The Adjutant General has a picture of two lone targets standing alone in 1907 in this virgin desert area then 9 miles northeast of the Phoenix city limits.

The 320 acres upon which this National Guard military reservation rests was reserved for use of the National Guard of the Territory of Arizona by the Secretary of the Interior May 11, 1909, when the late Lewis W. Coggins was Adjutant General of Arizona.

This grant of land to the National Guard of Arizona was renewed by Act of Congress approved April 7, 1930.

These premises now house this Armory, the National Guard Arsenal, the National Guard Maintenance Shops, National Guard Army Aviation Center and Airport, and extensive rifle ranges, motor parks, and maneuver areas - of a total valuation in excess of TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

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This new Phoenix Armory - largest and finest of the State's 26 Army National Guard Armories - has just been completed at a cost of ~~5,500,000~~ ^{14 million dollars}. Three-fourths of the base construction cost of this fine building was borne by the Federal Government; one-fourth of the base construction cost was paid by the State of Arizona.

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Organizations housed in this facility are:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, National Guard of Arizona (which includes the Adjutant General, the National Guard State Staff - 25 officers; and a staff detachment of 25 enlisted men).

The Detachment Commander is First Lieutenant Kenneth W. Hunter.

Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 158th Infantry - Major Roy W. Jones - and his staff.

Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 158th Infantry, commanded by First Lieutenant William T. Auten. (AW'-TEN)

Service Company, 158th Infantry commanded by First Lieutenant Dario D. Travaini (TRA-VREIN'-EE)

Company F, 158th Infantry commanded by First Lieutenant Edwin L. Luke Jr.

U. S. Army Advisors of the 2nd Battalion, 158th Infantry Captain Kenneth Baumgardner, Battalion Advisor

This represents a total troop strength for this Armory of 560 officers and Enlisted men - who for full strength and attendance bring Phoenix a total payroll of NEARLY \$300,000 ANNUALLY. Ten National Guard and Regular Army Officers and enlisted men are occupied full time in support of the troops and activities in this Armory.

One of the most interesting activities in this Armory is the fast-growing National Guard Military Museum, which I hope you will all visit tonight.

ARMORY INFORMATION:

BUILDER: Gilbert and Dolan, General Contractors, Phoenix.

ARCHITECT: Matthew E. Trudelle, Phoenix Architect.

SIZE: 15,130 Square Feet overall of floor space is included in the 121 x 162 foot main structure and the two 56 x 48 foot wings.

INCLUDED: Drill Hall - 121 by 77 feet - a total of 9,317 square feet.

Four classrooms, including one combination indoor rifle range and classroom.

Six offices for the National Guard Organizations and Advisors.

National Guard Library and Military Museum.

Seven Storage Rooms.

Four Arms Vaults.

Kitchen.

Locker Rooms and Shower Rooms.

Custodian's Quarters.

Central Air Conditioning and Heating.