369th Regiment Armory

Individual Landmark 2360 5th Avenue

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369th Regiment Armory August 1, 1982 Image courtesy of the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission

The 169th Regiment Armory occupies the eastern half of the block bounded by West 142nd and West 143rd Streets at 2360 Fifth Avenue, just off the Harlem River Drive. Like other New York City armories built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the 369th Regiment Armory is a highly specialized structure built to serve as a training and marshaling center for the National Guard.

The armory consists of two sections, the drill shed and the administration building; these were designed and built in two stages by the firms of Tachau & Vought in 1920–24 and Van Wart & Wein in 1930–33, respectively. The 369th Regiment Armory combines the medieval design forms of earlier armories with contemporary Art Deco elements. It is particularly noted as the home of the "Harlem Hell Fighters," New York's official black regiment, whose efforts in World War I brought military success and well-deserved accolades.

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