

USDB - Milwaukee

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The displayed photos were taken at the Army Disciplinary Barracks (on Hopkins, near Florist) during 1949. I got them from the step son of one of the M.P.s stationed there. I have a couple more shots, showing the color guard in parades. One was taken with part of the Pabst brewery in the background. I haven't scanned those yet.

Here's a little history on the location. Prior to military use, it was the site of the Milwaukee County House of Correction. The location is now the Havenwoods Nature Preserve. All but one of the wooden barracks were burnt down in an arson fire during 1972. The main building, which hosted other military functions during the late 1950s and 1960s, was abandoned and stripped by vandals. It was torn down during the late 1970s.

The nearby Nike silos were deactivated during 1971 and were finally removed in the late 1990s to build a detention pond for Lincoln Creek after several nasty floods eight or ten years ago.

The southern section of the military land is still in active use, as a National Guard or Army Reserve center. It managed to slip through the proposed base closings unscathed. The Nike site's administration and radar sections were located there, though part of the Nike site's functions were initially located in the former USDB's main building.









