

**KENOSHA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
HISTORICAL ARTIFACT DETERMINATION**

ARTIFACT NAME/DESCRIPTION	Red Arrow Park Artillery (M116 75mm Pack Howitzer)
ADDRESS	1700 84 th Place
CONSTRUCTION DATE	1942 General Electric No.3620 (dedicated in park 09/12/1965)
ARCHITECT/SCULPTOR/BUILDER	Gun-General Electric, Mount - J.G. Brill Co.

STANDARDS FOR DESIGNATION - MUST CHOOSE 1 OR MORE		
X	1	Item is a local historical artifact that is at least 50 years old.
	2	Item is associated with a property that meets the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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	3	Item exemplifies or reflects the cultural, archaeological, political, economic, social, or religious history.
X	4	Item is identified with personages, events, or periods of history which personages, events, or periods are significant to the community.
	5	Item embodies distinguishing characteristics of architecture, an architect, architectural materials, craftsmanship, or works of nature.
X	6	Item is in its inherent historical nature provides the citizenry with educational or aesthetic enrichment.
	7	Check here if the historical artifact is located in a designated local, State, or National Register property or district.

<i>Level of Action</i>	<i>For Listing</i>	<i>No Listing</i>	<i>Removal from Listing</i>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTIONS	X		
<i>PUBLIC HEARING DATE: 02/28/2013</i>	<i>RECOMMENDATION DATE: 02/28/2013</i>		
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	X		
COMMON COUNCIL	X		
<i>DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION: 03/18/2013</i>			

DESCRIPTION

The M116 75 millimeter pack howitzer, located in Red Arrow Park, was manufactured by General Electric in 1942. The M1 (later M116) 75mm howitzer was first produced in the 1920's and was first used in combat during World War II. After World War II, the M1 was renamed the M116. The M1/M116 were transported on a carriage with a M1 or M8 box trail design. They were also transported on the M3A1, M3A2 or M3A3, which were all a split trail design. The M-8 carriage design is used for the Red Arrow Park howitzer.

The M1/M116 75 mm howitzer was ideal for warfare during both World Wars since both the artillery and the carriage could be disassembled into multiple pieces. The pieces could then easily be transported by pack animals, vehicles or airlifted into difficult terrain. The M1/M116 had a range of 5 miles.

The M116 75 mm howitzer in Red Arrow Park was donated by the United States Government in 1968 at the request of the City of Kenosha. The howitzer was transported to Kenosha by rail car from Pueblo, Colorado. The M116 was donated by the United States Government to the Red Arrow Division of Wisconsin and was dedicated on November 9, 1969.



SIGNIFICANCE

The M116 75 mm howitzer on display in Red Arrow Park was donated to the Red Arrow Division of Wisconsin. Red Arrow Park was named after the 32nd Red Arrow Division and was first dedicated on September 12, 1965.

The 32nd Red Arrow Division was first formed in July 1917 at Camp McArthur in Waco Texas. The Division was composed of National Guard members from both Wisconsin and Michigan. The 32nd Red Arrow Division sent 27,000 men to Europe in January and February 1918 during World War I. The Division earned its insignia due to its penetration of every German line of defense during World War I. The insignia consists of a red arrow piercing a horizontal line and has been used by the 32nd Division since World War I.

The 32nd Red Arrow Division also participated during World War II. It was the first division to deploy as an entire unit and the first division to be shipped overseas as a single convoy. The Division participated in the Pacific Theater during the war and logged 654 days, more than any other unit during World War II. Eleven of its members were awarded the Medal of Honor.

The 32nd Division was inactivated and retired in 1967. It was at this same time that the Red Arrow 32nd 'Red Arrow' Infantry Brigade was created and organized within the Wisconsin National Guard. More recently, the 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Brigade participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The 32nd Red Arrow Division has also been honored with its own highway in both Wisconsin and Michigan. Highway 32, extending from the Wisconsin-Illinois State line to the Wisconsin-Michigan State line, is named after the 32nd Division. The highway sign is the only highway sign in Wisconsin which features an image, the Red Arrow Division trademark insignia of an arrow with a horizontal line on both sides of the number 32. A portion of U.S. Route 12 in Michigan is also named after the 32nd Red Arrow Division.