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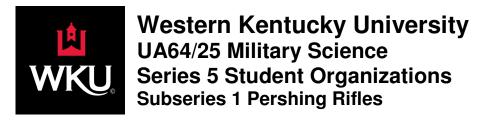
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Biographical/Historical Note: In September of 1964, Pershing Rifles Company B-3 initiated sponsorship of a female auxiliary organization known as the Rebelettes. This organization provided honorary sponsors for the ROTC cadet corps and established a female drill team to compete in organized drill meets against other universities. The Rebelette drill teams have been highly successful in exhibition drill competitions and were selected as the National Champions in 1967, 1973, and 1975. The famous Rebelette "Garter Salute" and silent drill routines highlight their excellence in drill and ceremonies and their contributions to the esprit de corps.

In 1964 "Western Kentucky State College" dedicated a new rifle range for use by the cadet corps. In 1968 the National Rifle Association would become the sponsor of the team and in 1979 the varsity rifle team would become affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association continuing the long history of excellence in marksmanship at Western. Western's ROTC program added another extracurricular organization in October 1967 when the Special Forces Company was formed. Prospective members were challenged with an intensive pledge training program. Chartered to further military excellence in tactical skills, small unit leadership, physical fitness, and techniques of unconventional warfare, the organization provided an opportunity to apply classroom skills and knowledge to realistic training situations under arduous conditions in all types of terrain and increased tactical proficiency of the corps.

In August 1983 a difficult decision to retire the Pershing Rifles Company and Rebelette Auxiliary was made by the Professor of Military Science. Replacing these units was the Organization of the Red Knights. Although not affiliated with a National Association, the Red Knights continued the excellence in drill and ceremonies, presentation of the official colors, and demonstration of the highest standards of military bearing within the Corps of Cadets.

[History from http://rotc.wku.edu/history.htm website]

Description: Records created by and about the Pershing Rifles.

Dates: 1937-present

Subject Analytics: Military Science (WKU) Pershing Rifles ROTC U.S. Army Western Kentucky University

Allied Materials:

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Military Bibliography - http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua records/1822

Military Vertical File – available upon request

UA1C11/12 - Pershing Rifles Photograph Collection

UA94/6/1 - Dessie Barlow Student/Alumni Papers

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Pershing Rifles

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Crider, Steve
Cunningham, Ramey
Davis, Rita
Devine, Mike
Dillard, Pat

Dillard, Pat Dillard, Ron Froedge, Jerry Fussell, Jerry Galloway, Joe Houston, Bill James, Eddie Jasper, Nancy Karr, Ed Kenney, Mike Kohlmeyer, Kandi Kramer, Bennie Lewman, Tom Mays, Carol Meuth, Mike Mize, Bill Moore, Wayne Morrow, Ellis Osburn, Ron

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