



**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA1C11 WKU Archives Photo Collection**  
**Series 12 Pershing Rifles Photo Collection**

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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 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" dedicate 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 extra curricular 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 ROTC History website]

**Description:** Digitized Images and newspaper clippings belonging to various members of the Pershing Rifles.

**Dates:** 1950-present

**Extent:** 1 folder, digital images

**Subject Analytics:**

Pershing Rifles  
Soldiers  
Thompson, E. Kelly, 1909-1993

United States. Army  
Western Kentucky University

**Digital Commons:**

Military and Veteran Studies  
Military History  
Photography

**Allied Materials:**

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UA64/25/5/1 Pershing Rifles  
UA64/25/5/4 ROTC

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# Finding Aid Report

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<b>Level</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Linked toUA1C</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>UA1C University Archives Photograph Collection Series 11. Collections. Subseries 12. Pershing Rifles</b>	
<b>Collection</b>	<b>University Archives</b>	
<b>Scope &amp; Content</b>	<b>Digitized Images and newspaper clippings belonging to various members of the Pershing Rifles.</b>	

## Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
VLM		Pershing Rifles		Digital Images
Description	Digital images available through KenCat.			Subjects
	Alcott, Fred			Banners
	Banks, J.K.			Homecomings
	Carneal, Lysander aka Sandy			Parades & processions
	Case, George			Floats (Parades)
	Christie, Bill			Flags
	Confederate flags			Honor guards
	Crider, Steve			Marines (Military personnel)
	Daily, James			Reunions
	Diddle Arena (WKU)			
	Dillard, Pat			
	Dillard, Ron			
	Dyerson, Fred			
	Fenimore, Clark			
	Foushee, Jay			
	Galloway, Joe			
	Gay, Tom			
	Hall, Sam			
	Head, George			
	Heavrin, L.G.			
	Helm Library (WKU)			
	Higdon, Bertha			
	Higdon, Gilbert			
	Horton, Charlie			
	Houston, Bill			
	Hutcherson, Daryl			
	Karr, Ed			
	Kenney, Mike			
	Lewman, Tom			
	Mackey, Dave			
	Manning, Jim			
	Marquis, James			
	Mercer, Chester			
	Meuth, Mike			
	Miller, Walter aka Barclay			
	Mize, Bill			
	Moore, William			
	Morrow, Ellis			
	Norman, Pat			
	Nunn, Ron			
	Osbourn, Ron			

Parks, William  
 Perceful, gene  
 Reinhardt, Butch  
 Ridenour, Hugh  
 Ritter, Bill  
 ROTC  
 Sanders, Jack  
 Scates, Joe  
 Scott, Ken  
 Shake, Jack  
 Sullivan, Thurston  
 Taylor, Warren  
 Thompson, Kelly  
 Vance, Kevin  
 Verdier, Doug  
 Vititoe, John  
 Webb, Wesdie  
 Westlake, Richard

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Pershing Rifles

Pershing Rifles

Description

Artis, Carol (2)  
 Batensargh, Beetle  
 Bogart, Bruce  
 Brown, Wanda  
 Burns, Dianne  
 Carnahan, Cheryl (2)  
 Carr, Tom  
 Carroll, Betsy  
 Chadwell, Susan  
 Chance, Diane  
 Couch, Brenda  
 Curry, Latoka  
 Dalton, Danny  
 Daniels, Jack  
 Davis, Rita  
 Doll, Jennie  
 Glascot, Nancy  
 Jasper, Nancy  
 Kohlmeyer, Kandy (2)  
 Loftis, Larry  
 Maize, Carol  
 McHargue, Betty (2)  
 Menner, Dianne  
 Moore, Jim  
 Park, Carlyle  
 Parker, Francis  
 Preston, June  
 Quinn, Pat  
 Rogers, Pat  
 Roper, Jackie (2)  
 Rowley, Susan (2)  
 Skaggs, Saundra  
 Small, Carol (2)  
 Smith, Ed  
 Smith, Jimmy  
 Smith, Larry  
 Spinning, Bill  
 Talley, Larry  
 Thomas, Bill  
 Thomas, Charlie  
 Thomas, Mike  
 Toppas, Janice  
 Truitt, Ann  
 VanTyle, Donna

Voyles, Jr.  
Webber, Steve  
Westerfield, Beverly (2)  
Willis, Bill (2)  
Young, Barbara