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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

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UA1C11.12	Print, Photographic	Date
Level	Series	Linked toUA1C
Title	UA1C University Archives Photograph Collection Series 11. Collections. Subseries 12. Pershing Rifles	
Collection	University Archives	
Scope & Content	Digitized Images and newspaper clippings belonging to various members of the Pershing Rifles.	

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, Sandra
 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