

7TH REGIMENT ARMORY

643 Park Avenue, New York

Built in 1877–1880 in what could be described as a mock-military style, this massive structure occupies an entire city block on Manhattan’s Upper East Side. Like the 69th Regiment Armory, it was built to serve in the dual capacity of drill hall and clubhouse. A three-story building with a one-story drill shed behind, it contains one of the nation’s most significant groups of 1880s “high-style” interiors and furnishings. Individual regimental companies chose the design and the decorator to embellish their rooms, or parlors, and vied with each other to attain the most beautiful space. The most elaborate interior is the Veterans’ Room, designed by Stanford White and decorated by Louis Comfort Tiffany.