

**ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY  
AUGUST 17****Coal Miners Not Expendable,  
Kleppe Says At Dedication**

The Mine Health and Safety Academy in Beckley was dedicated on August 17, 1976.

**CSO: SS.8.25**

**Investigate the Document: (Ms2006-001, Box 3, Folder 1, West Virginia Labor History Association Collection, National Mine Health and Safety Academy, 1976)**

1. Who provided the introductory remarks at this program and what is their title?
2. What is the goal of the National Mine Health and Safety Academy?
3. Who provided the music for the program?

**Think Critically: Why is mine safety so important in West Virginia?**

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**August 17, 1976**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Dedication Program**



**PROGRAM**

<i>Introductory Remarks</i>	<i>Michael G. Zabetakis, Ph.D.</i> Superintendent, National Mine Health and Safety Academy
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>The Reverend Shirley Donnelly</i>
<i>Introductions</i>	<i>The Honorable Robert E. Barrett</i> Administrator, Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>The Honorable Thomas S. Kleppe</i> Secretary of the Interior
<i>Keynote Address</i>	<i>The Honorable Robert C. Byrd</i> United States Senate
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>The Reverend Robert I. Brown</i>



MUSIC PROVIDED BY ELEMENT

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WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Congress of the United States, upon the recommendations of a  
Appropriation Committee, through the leadership of Senator Rob  
C. Byrd, and with the special support of

Alan Staton, Director

Citizen of the City of Beckley, and Raleigh County, West Virginia,  
land donated by the

"Star Spangled Banner"

Raleigh County Airport Authority and Raleigh County Commission  
Charles S. Lewis, Jr.—(Soloist) Minor L. Scott—President  
Larkin S. Philpott Walter James  
E. V. Bowman H. K. Mumpson

HELEN DOBSON

Accompanied by Jan Campbell

Organ courtesy of

Jan Campbell Music Company

Hunter/Miller Associates of Alexandria, Virginia.



**PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT**

**General Services Administration** constructed this Federal Building for MESA, under the direction of Mr. John F. Galuardi, Regional Administrator (GSA Region 3), with David Kassab and staff overseeing the work of. . .

**J. W. Bateson and Co.,** the prime contractors on the job, with Jack Waschitz, Project Manager for the subcontractors listed on the back page of this program, with funds provided by. . .

**The Congress of the United States,** upon the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee under the leadership of Senator Robert C. Byrd, and with the special support of. . .

**Citizens of the City of Beckley and Raleigh County, West Virginia,** on land donated by the. . .

<b>Raleigh County Airport Authority</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>Raleigh County Commission</b>
Charles S. Lewis, Jr.—Chairman		Minor L. Scott—President
Larkin S. Philpott		Walter James
E. V. Bowman		H. K. Manning
Harry W. Gilbert, Jr.		
Paul R. Hutchinson, Jr.—Attorney		

**Chatelain, Samperton and Nolan** of Washington, D.C., were architects for the structure; the interior was designed by. . .

**Hunter/Miller Associates** of Alexandria, Virginia.



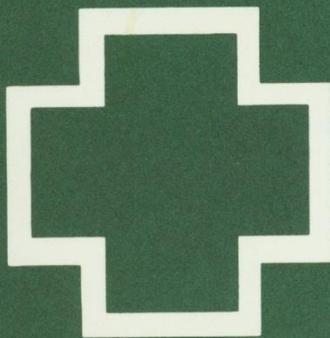
## THOSE WHO BUILT THE ACADEMY

**J. W. Bateson and Co.—Prime Contractor**  
**Zando, Martin and Milstead, Inc.—Inspectors**

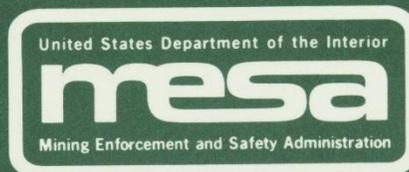
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NATIONAL MINE HEALTH  
AND  
SAFETY ACADEMY



GENERAL CATALOG  
1976-77



## PHILOSOPHY AND AIM

Great strides have been made in recent years in the improvement of the health and safety conditions in U. S. mines. Additional improvements must be made, however, before mining is removed from the list of high risk industries. These improvements can only come about through the establishment of effective accident prevention programs through the industry.

The National Mine Health and Safety Academy has been established to provide an effective background in mine health and safety subjects to those appointed to inspect mines, render technical assistance, and train the Nation's miners. The 6-, 12-, 24-, and 36-week resident programs, and the seminars, short courses and the continuing education courses have all been developed with one idea in mind—the improvement of the health and safety conditions in mines through education and training. This is our goal. The extent to which we are successful will be reflected in the gains made by the Nation's mines in reducing accidents and unhealthful conditions in future years.

Michael G. Zabetakis  
Superintendent  
National Mine Health and Safety Academy