

## Project Teams and Capabilities

### CURATION/COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

#### Assessment of Archaeological Collections

- Determine collection size and character, and compare condition against federal standards

#### Rehabilitation of Archaeological Collections

- Catalog and rehouse collections to conform to federal standards

#### Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

- Identify and inventory human remains/associated objects; consult with Tribes as required by law; prepare draft documents for submission to NPS

#### Evaluation of Repositories for Housing Collections

- Assess capability of facilities to curate federal collections

#### Long-Term Management of Archaeological Collections

- Maintain collections according to federal standards

### ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

#### Records Access and Management Plans

- Identify requirements, options, and costs for addressing an agency's records

#### Archives Development

- Prioritize, systematize, and organize original archaeological records for easier use

#### Archives Rehabilitation

- Catalog and preserve/conservate records to ensure their longevity and accessibility

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### ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN – CURATION FACILITIES

#### Facility Design

- Archaeological Collections Processing Laboratories
- Curation/Long-Term Storage Facilities
- Museum/Exhibit Facilities
- Visitor Centers

#### Architectural Plan Review

- Partial and full plans review
- Design Specifications

### GENERAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

#### Field Support

- Archaeology, archives management, Native American consultation

#### Information Management

- Develop and manage databases for curation and collections management activities

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# Curation and Archives Analysis Branch

**Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation  
and Management of Archaeological Collections**



*Preserving the Past...  
for the Future*

## Background

MCX-CMAC is the largest single organization in the Department of Defense dedicated to addressing the curation of archaeological collections on a national scale. MCX-CMAC maintains state-of-the-art technical expertise in curation of archaeological collections, collections management (including database development), and special purpose design and construction requirements of curation facilities.

## MCX-CMAC Expertise

Archaeologists                      Collections Mgmt Specialists  
Archivists                              Cultural Anthropologists  
Physical Anthropologists

## General Legislative Authority Mandating Archaeological Curation

### Laws and Regulations

1906 Antiquities Act  
1935 Historic Sites Act  
1966 National Historic Preservation Act, as amended  
1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act  
1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)  
1990 36 CFR Part 79 (Curation of Federally-owned and Administered Archeological Collections)

## A Proven National Federal Archaeological Curation Strategy

- Identify and Assess Collections
- Identify Potential Partnering Institutions
- Develop Guidelines for Future Collections
- Develop Databases
- Implement Partnerships
- Rehabilitate Collections
- Conduct Long-Term Management

## MCX-CMAC Areas of Expertise and Customers (1991–2006)

### Archives Management

USACE, St. Louis District  
USACE, Buffalo District  
*USACE, New Orleans District*  
*General Services Administration*  
Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office

## MCX-CMAC Areas of Expertise and Customers (1991–2006)

### Architectural Design – Curation Facilities

General Services Administration  
*Bureau of Reclamation*  
Department of Defense  
Rhode Island Department of Transportation  
Eaker Air Force Base, AR  
Fort Carson, CO  
Edwards Air Force Base, CA  
Fort Sill, OK  
Warren Lasch Conservation Center (H.L. Hunley)  
USACE, Detroit District

### Curation Assessments/Collections Management

*General Services Administration*  
*HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)*  
Department of Defense  
U.S. Air Force, Air Combat Command  
U.S. Air Force, Air Mobility Command  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Land Management  
*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*  
U.S. Navy, Atlantic Division  
U.S. Navy, Western Division  
U.S. Navy, EFA Chesapeake  
U.S. Navy, Pacific Fleet  
*National Guard Bureau*  
USACE, Little Rock District  
USACE, Mobile District  
USACE, Savannah District  
*USACE, Walla Walla District*  
New Jersey Army National Guard  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH  
Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL  
Fort Carson, CO  
Fort Bliss, TX  
Fort Riley, KS  
Fort Benning, GA  
China Lake Naval Weapons Station, CA  
Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region  
Yuma Proving Ground, AZ

### Partnership Studies

General Services Administration  
Department of Defense  
HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Projects in *italics* are current (2006)

### NAGPRA Research and Compliance

*HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*  
Bureau of Land Management  
Army Environmental Center  
*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Region*  
U.S. Navy, Atlantic Division  
U.S. Navy, Western Division  
USACE, Walla Walla District

### Collections Rehabilitation

Department of Defense  
*USACE, Tulsa District*  
USACE, Vicksburg District  
U.S. Air Force, Air Mobility Command  
*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Region*  
Fort Lewis, WA  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH  
Fort Benning, GA  
Yuma Proving Ground, AZ

### Field Technical Support

U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory  
*USACE, Kansas City District*  
*USACE, St. Louis District*  
*Department of Justice*

### Plans and Support Documents Development

U.S. Navy, Pacific Fleet  
Yuma Proving Ground, AZ  
Department of Defense  
USACE, St. Louis District

### Native Peoples Consultation

*HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*  
*HQ, U.S. Marine Corps*  
*USACE, Memphis District*  
*MCAS Beaufort, SC*  
*MCRD Parris Island, SC*  
USACE, Galveston District  
Army Environmental Center  
Fort Huachuca, AZ  
Yuma Proving Ground, AZ  
*Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD*  
*Redstone Arsenal, AL*

### Database Development

HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Department of Defense  
Fort Carson, CO